



Summertime Joys



The Jubilee tea party crowd didn't miss the special fly past by David Earl, who arrived even though rain was threatening.



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DM-R



'Guardsman' Henry Taylor, proudly saluting! Spot him, again saluting, in the photo above, at the singing of The National Anthem.



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A colourful flotilla of boats, out to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, took place on a glorious evening on our beautiful river.



Two Golant girls, Meg (*left*) & Alice (*right*), tied the knot in June, adding to the many joyful summertime events which feature in this latest issue.



FROM THE EDITOR

Summer... Whilst our readers may or may not have been enjoying our recent heatwave, my heading on this issue's cover – **Summertime Joys** – is clearly reflected in the happy photographs of village events Golantians have enjoyed since the beginning of June.

I note that one dictionary definition of '**Summer**' is '*A time of blossoming or great happiness*', and as '**Jubilee**' means '*A time of rejoicing*', I need say no more, as our village celebrations of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee were such joyous occasions.

Carol Gabb has written about the Jubilee Street Tea Party on page 6, but Fayre Hardy wishes to add the following praise to her: "*Carol's organisation was second to none, much like a battle plan. There were lists of lists, and everyone was directed as to where they were (and what they should be doing when they got there!)*"

It was especially interesting to receive an article from a participant of the GBOA Jubilee Flotilla who had an active role from a very different viewpoint (*page 11*).

In addition to these Jubilee events, there were the lovely weddings of two young village girls, Meg Elworthy and Alice Robins (*pages 3 & 15*).

And now, we have further joyful events to look forward to. By the time you are reading this, the Flower & Produce Show will have been held. I have placed an extract from a newspaper article from 100 years ago, reporting on the success of an earlier Golantian who won prizes at a similar local show (*page 13*).

Once again, we are looking forward to our annual Sports & Carnival Day, followed by our unique Madness in the Pill event. Due to Covid, we haven't enjoyed these occasions since 2019, so Peter Edwards has written a few reminders on page 9.

As always, there is the antithesis to these happy events, and two late residents, Lorna Vivian & Paul Stevens, have recently died, both fondly remembered in our village. On page 13 you can read appreciations recalling their lives and time in Golant. Sarah, one of Lorna's daughters, writes of her mother, "Hers is a life to be celebrated, not mourned". So despite the sadness, it is the memories that bring the joy...

Gillie Harris

TAKING THE PILL

Well – **Taking Two Pills** on this occasion!



KM-R

Debbie Marshall-Reeve and friend Jackie recently enjoyed a day trip, via the Scillonian, to the Isles of Scilly with their husbands Kevin & Neil, and had remembered to take their recent *Golant Pills!* They were enjoying a good read in the sunshine at *Bondy's Café, Tolman House, Old Town, on St Mary's, looking towards St Mary's Old Town Church.* (*Right*)

*It's been a long time since we had an example of this occasional feature, aptly named **Taking the Pill.***

*Where do you take your Pill? Pack a copy of *The Pill* in your holiday luggage and record yourself in far-away venues (should you ever get there!)*

Ed.



Chairman's Report

The Pill committee has had two recent retirements. Robert Dunley was a founder member of the committee, and in the early days he not only drummed up advertising to ensure that *The Pill* was viable, but also used to print copies from his study at *Rose Cottage*. Robert was also responsible for several calendars, and his entrepreneurial approach kept us on our toes. Often we would collate and staple the copies by walking round Robert and Vilma's magnificent dining table, and they were always very generous hosts who ensured that we were well hydrated by the end of the process!

Karen Wells-West was also a founder member, and helped Mike and Gillie enormously in the early days, assisting with the lay-out and grappling with the computer software necessary for producing each edition. Karen then took on the advertising, and she has streamlined the process and ensured that we continue to be well-supported by our loyal advertisers.

We shall miss both of them enormously, and as we approach a century of editions they can look back on a job well done. We are delighted that Sharon Leonardi has agreed to take over the advertising role from the end of this year.

Simon Funnell



**The Grand Unveiling of the U-Turn Round Post
and the GHG interpretation board
Golant Village Green:
Saturday 6th August at 1.45pm
(To precede the children's sports)**

GHG wishes to thank all the generous sponsors whose donations made it possible to purchase and install the **U-Turn Round Post**: Green & Rock, The Golant Pill, Fowey Harbour Heritage Society, St Sampson's Parish Council and The Fisherman's Arms.

How does **the U-Turn Round** work? Simply select a topic, turn the handle and listen to snippets of conversations recalling Golant's heritage.

We are also indebted to Karen Wells-West for producing the layout of the **interpretation board** for us, and to Harvey Dunstan for the drone photography.

The board is designed to give a bird's eye view of the village, and features significant places of historical interest.

**'History of Houses in Golant' Project
The South Side: Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th
September in the Village Hall, 10 am – 4pm**

Following the wonderful response to Sue's first display which focussed on the north side of Golant, we are now eagerly awaiting her follow up which focusses on the other side of the village- i.e. properties on the south side of Water Lane. Sue's research has been relentless, with many a twist and turn, full of surprises and rich in detail. One surprising factor being just how much of Golant, and in particular Fore Street, was once under the ownership of Manelly Fleming, St Veep, on the other side of the river.

Curious to know more? I know I certainly am!

If you have any stories or photographs relating to properties in Golant which you think might be of interest, it would be wonderful if you could email a digital copy to sue.reardon2@btinternet.com

Alternatively, contact us and we will record your reminiscences!

Penny Parsons, GHG chairman



A boat decorated for the Jubilee on the village green

Megan Elworthy

On Saturday 25th June, my beautiful, thoughtful & kind daughter married the very charming, polite and loving Kiefer.

I discovered I was pregnant with Meg the day George & I exchanged contracts for the *Cormorant Hotel* in 1995. Jack was only 6 months old, so we knew it would be a busy time ahead! Meg was born in the *Cormorant Hotel* – a true Golant Girl- on 13th February. Her first few months were spent being carried in a sling whilst I cleaned bedrooms! Ian & Brenda Page's daughter Jo became a god-send, as not only was she a fantastic worker in the hotel, but also an amazing comforter to the rather clingy Meg! I could always rely on Jo to pacify Meg whilst I served guests – quite an important role, considering the restaurant was directly below our accommodation.

Meg & Kiefer met over 6 years ago at a bus stop in Charlestown, where Kiefer's mum & Meg's dad live. And so the romance began. Distance between them whilst Meg studied at Brighton University and Kiefer in Bristol couldn't deter this lovely couple. They finally ended up working and living in the same city until lockdown altered plans, Meg moving back to Golant in November 2020 and Kiefer joining us after Christmas.

It was a truly special time for Andrew, Millie & I having them to live with us at *Myrtle Cottage*. They got engaged in October 2021, and many memorable evenings were spent planning & discussing the forthcoming wedding.

St Agnes Church was the chosen venue due to their mutual love of the north coast and being one of their favourite villages. Family & friends joined them for their reception in an incredibly beautifully decorated tepee. Flowers, foliage, lavender & rosemary from Golant gardens were contributed, for which we were so grateful.



Meg & Kiefer unexpectedly but fittingly found a perfect home to rent in St Agnes, and are now incredibly happy & settled there.

Estelle van den Broek

NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH

On Sunday 5th June a large congregation gathered for a service of thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Four splendid hymns and plenty of congregational participation ensured that the service was enjoyed by all. The choir, augmented by the Noble family, sang *If Ye Love Me*, composed by Philip Wilby, with James Funnell at the organ. A rousing National Anthem was followed by *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*, and the service concluded with Prosecco and a toast to her Majesty. A great start to what was a memorable village day.

On Sunday 24th July we had another celebration: St Sampson's Day. Fortunately, the choir was again augmented by the Noble family and friends, and a very good congregation again sang the saintly hymns with enthusiasm. The anthem was Herbert Howells' setting of Robert Bridges' poem, *My eyes for beauty pine*. It was a suitable climax to the choir year, as August is traditionally a holiday – while we are all busy looking after visiting family and friends!

It was not easy to begin singing again after the various lock-downs, especially as many members had to catch up on family visits. The last few weeks have seen the choir go from strength to strength, though, and Sheila, with a little assistance from her brother Michael (a professional choir trainer) has worked her magic and ensured that the choir deserves its break.

As you read this, we are approaching three years in transition – that is, without a vicar. It is remarkable that we have maintained our numbers so well (other parishes tell a different story), and we must thank all our visiting priests. In addition to regular visits from the Reverends Carrivick, Browning, Loewendahl, Symes-Thompson, Funnell and Bowers, we have also welcomed Angela Butler and Paul Zaphiriou. Many thanks to them all for ensuring that we can worship every Sunday in our lovely church.

The big bells have been ringing recently, as well as the handbells, and both contributed to the Jubilee service and St Sampson's Day. We will re-convene after August, and before we know it we will be playing Christmas Carols!

Many of you will remember Lorna Vivian, who lived in the village for over 40 years; her funeral will be at St Sampson's on Wednesday 10th August at 2.00pm.

On Thursday 22nd September in the morning, there will be a flower arranging demonstration, given by Ruth Varco – do put this date in the diary.

Finally, we are making some progress towards a new priest for St Sampson, and I hope that by the time I write the next church news I can bring good news – but nothing is certain!

Simon Funnell

Not to be outdone on Sunday 5th June...



St Sampson's Church was determined to join in with the decorated buildings in Golant, proudly flying the Union Jack from the tower in honour of Her Majesty the Queen, and also sporting a colourful string of bunting along the hedge boundary...

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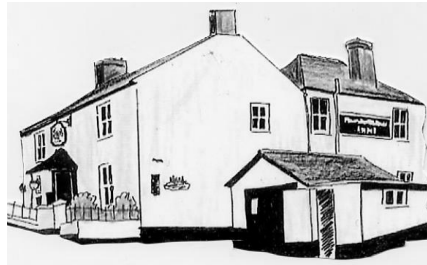
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Golant's Joyful Jubilee Street Party

Golant put on a fine street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council & *The Fisherman's Arms* the winners of the best crowns were awarded a commemorative mug by Ann Budd & David Jenkinson, and all children under the age of 14 were given a pack of jubilee seeds and chocolate.



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The Parish Council also funded Caroline's cupcakes and afternoon tea for those in the village unable to attend the street party; these were superbly prepared by Cris Dodridge and delivered by Sue Reardon & Louise Jordan. Caroline's cupcakes were also enjoyed by those attending the street party. *The Fisherman's Arms* was beautifully decorated in red, white & blue, and those attending followed suit with lovely decorated tables and some very fine china on display.

Nick Budd gave a toast to the Queen and led the singing of 'God Save the Queen', followed by three cheers. Nick's choice of seven decades of music was excellent, as so many of us knew all the words. What will be memorable was to watch Henry Taylor in his smart uniform and busby marching along the water's edge to the Band of the Grenadier Guards. (*See the cover!*)

Golantians as always were so generous with their time & energy, volunteering and very gratefully thanked. The superb photos, to be found here and on the *Golant Pill* Facebook page are thanks to Claire Lower, and will be added to the historical records of Golant Village for generations to come.



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Carol Gabb

← Unconfined Joy!!

Jubilee Beacon Jolly

The Jubilee Beacon was a great success, from an initial idea to have a bonfire to the roaring furnace-like creation on top of the hill, it demonstrated the best of community life. A scratch team of builders, led by Paul Meredith & Steve Phillis, constructed a substantial pile of pallets and waste wood. With local cuisine and splendid views a jolly good time was had with 120 people.

We spotted at least 7 other beacons from St Neot & Lostwithiel around Lanreath, Polruan and Stenalees with smoke from Lanlivery, we felt we were part of the wider celebrations, literally 365 degrees of wider!

The bonfire lit well and blazed up very quickly, right on cue at 9.45pm. The heat pushed people further from the flames, the gathering was memorable and the roar and sight of the furnace was a spectacle to behold.

Bridget Whell



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Saturday 10th September at Fowey Town Hall

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GROUP

Fowey Port User Group are seeking a Chair

The Fowey Harbour Commissioners answer to their Port Users who shape their policies and strategic direction. To facilitate this, the Commissioners work closely with the Fowey Port User Group (PUG). They are an independent group, and their members represent the varied stakeholders using Fowey Harbour, including commercial and leisure interests and local and parish councils, to name but a few.

The group are seeking a Chair and request applications or nominations for this position. The person should be comfortable to run proceedings and have a neutral status to ensure the meetings remain unbiased.

This is a voluntary role, without remuneration. The group meet formally twice a year with additional meetings as necessary. The group are provided with administrative support by Fowey Harbour Commissioners.

The input of the Port User Group is highly valued by the Commission and is used to shape the policy and strategic direction of Fowey Harbour. The group are a statutory consultee to the process of producing General Directions; this was formalised through the Fowey Harbour Revision Order.

Further details about the Port User Group membership and minutes of recent meetings can be found at:-

www.foweyharbour.co.uk/port-user-group

Expressions of interest to be sent to admin@foweyharbour.co.uk or 01726 832471

Closing date: 31st August 2022

Cornish Dialect names for Fish

Cuttle fish - Cuddle, coodle, goil
Dog fish - Dogga, morgy, murgy
Halibut - Jew's fish
Mackerel - Brale, breel, brithiel
Red Herring - Sodger
Sea pike - Long nose
Sprat - Herring bairn

From 'A Cornish Hotchpotch' by Kathleen Hawke

Cornish Language words relating to the Water

Boat - Scath, scathow
Fish - Pysk
Fishing Boat - Cok, cucow
Harbour - Porth, porthow
River - Avon, avenow
Sea - Mor, morow
Wave (sea) - Ton, tommow

From 'A Short Cornish Dictionary' by Christine Truran



A Busy Summer on the Water

This summer has seen a welcome return to high levels of activity on the water, and it is splendid to see so many leisure and sporting vessels in the river and at sea. But we must all remain vigilant about the risks that water can present - it has been a busy summer for the Fowey lifeboats. The inshore and all-weather lifeboats have both seen a number of call-outs recently in response to issues with people and vessels. There is information on these call-outs on the Fowey RNLI Facebook site. It is important to remember when going out to sea to ensure that you have a means of calling for assistance with you.

We should all also recognise that the excellent work done by the RNLI is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions. So please remember to support the RNLI through membership, purchases at their shops, donations, attendance at events & volunteering. If you would like to see round the lifeboats, the all-weather lifeboat will be open to visitors every Wednesday & Saturday, from 10.30am to 3.30pm for the summer season. The inshore boat can be seen in the lifeboat station in North Street, Fowey...and the RNLI shop is next door, so you can stock up on presents and cards!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Flotilla

The weather was perfect on 14th June for our Flotilla patrol to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had another magnificent turnout of around 25 boats and 70 people, with both boats and crews dressed for the occasion. For this special occasion we were joined by paddleboards and kayaks from Encounter Cornwall.

After going down river for a circuit of Fowey harbour, we returned for a sailpast of Golant Quay with the salute taken by Henry Taylor (*below*). Judging of the best dressed boat and crew was admirably performed by Chris and Annie Budd, and we then rafted up just off Quay for a loyal toast, proposed by Chis Taylor. The occasion was given an extra boost with a flypast by David Earl, who has described the event from the pilot's perspective on page 11 in this issue.

An event much enjoyed by all, and providing another strong showing of the Boatwatch presence. There is a second flotilla planned for August 9th. Due to the tidal pattern this year, the flotilla start time will be earlier than usual, and the event will be Afternoon Tea on the River (other beverages will be allowed). Details of this event have been e-mailed to members.

Let's hope for good weather in August and for excellent, safe, times on the water.

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch



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Golant Quay Users Association

We had a very successful Pill clean-up weekend on 11th and 12th June, made all the more palatable by the free bacon butties and coffee supplied by Nick and the crew at the *Fishermans* before we started.

There were a few incidents where folk got a bit up close and personal with the mud, but overall, everybody who helped stayed relatively clean. Many, many thanks to all those who helped, too many to mention, but you know who you are and how valuable your contribution was. We also managed to locate the stern line chain that was laid many years ago along the Beach area, so that should make anchoring boats easier, and we will consider where else we can lay chain in the other areas.



We held our AGM on 7th June when the committee and company directors were all re-elected. Stuart Young took the opportunity to resign from the committee, and we thank him for his years of contribution including three as our Treasurer.

We continue to work away at tackling the derelict boat issue, and have issued several non-renewal notices to members asking them to remove their boats by 31st July, as we are not renewing their membership. This has caused a significant retaliation by some of them and a degree of unpleasantness. We understand that our tougher stance with members who are owners of unseaworthy boats and getting stricter with applying the Rules is not appreciated by some members. (Which is a bit of an understatement!) However, the committee feel that our actions are justified if we are to stand any chance of getting the Pill clear of unused and derelict boats and bring order to the berthing arrangements.

Digging in the Golant Pill

We are having repeated surface digging in the pill alongside the village green, bringing lots of broken glass to the surface. Paul has collected 3 large trugs of glass so far. This is a serious hazard for kids retrieving their football, dogs, and boat users. Any sort of digging or metal detecting is strictly prohibited by GQUA.

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Village Hall Committee

All of our Golant groups who meet in the hall have expressed how much they delight in the 'new' refurbished look.

The hall has been extra busy for the past months and is going to get even more so, as there is now a new weekly booking for yoga. If anyone is interested in joining the weekly or monthly events, please get in contact with me (Fayre on 833380) to get some further information, and I will steer you in the right direction.

We have the Flower and Produce Show coming up soon and the usual tea, coffee and chat morning on 5th August. There will be another Golant Heritage Group exhibition on two days early in September, and in addition we will hold the annual Film on the Green. Bring a picnic or nibbles and finish the evening off at *The Fisherman's*.

Our two new exterior doors are due to be fitted shortly, and anyone who has ever tried to pin a piece of paper on the outside notice board will be happy to learn that they will have a 'pin friendly' surface soon! The latter is being funded by the photography competition prize money which Robin Anderson won with the Village Hall's entry earlier in the year.

Fayre Hardy, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

CFYLM

Cfylm 2022 is midway through the year. So far, the programme has included Academy Award winning movies, revenging seamstresses, exhilarating motor racing, a musical, a Robin Hood taxi driver and a war thriller.

The autumn season will commence on Friday 2nd September with the annual Film on the Green, followed by the second half of the film season with a viewing of thrills, love, music & laughter.

The Fisherman's Arms will keep the pizza oven on, so film goers can enjoy a late pizza after the movie.

Carol Gabb

Sports and Carnival

The last Sports and Carnival was in 2019, so we may well have forgotten how it all goes.

Sports and Carnival is on **Saturday 6th August** and it may well be that this edition of *Golant Pill* will reach you after this date, but if it doesn't then please do all you can to be there to revive this bit of Golant's heritage and fun day.

At **1.45pm** there will be an unveiling of the Interpretation Board, the 'turn-around' post organised by Golant Heritage Group.

Sports will start at 2.00pm where there will be a variety of children's races for 5-14 year olds, and all can join in. The marquee will be hosting teas and cakes. Cakes donated by our local cake bakers are very welcome, and contact Jacky on 01726 832615 if you can help. Sports will include the Great Golant tug-of-war with the Residents of Golant versus the Rest of the World.

The **Carnival** starts assembling at 6.15pm with the Lostwithiel Town Band playing. The procession around the village will set off at 7.15pm followed by the traditional Flora Dance. *The Fisherman's Arms* is providing the evening's entertainment with *The Prevention* and there will be a BBQ.

Madness in the Pill is on **Saturday 13th August** (please note this year it's on a Saturday).

Starting at 4.30pm *The Fisherman's* has **Press Gang** singing some of Cornwall's sea shanty songs whilst the raft crews assemble and register for this very prestigious racing event.

It starts with the racing games which include the raft relay, raft tug-of-war, blind kayaking and any other game we can think up! These races will be on kayaks kindly supplied by *Encounter Cornwall*.

The Great Golant Raft race concludes the event, where crews who have made their own rafts and hopefully created fascinating fancy dress costumes, race to the end of the Pill and back. There are certificates to be won for the top team, best dressed crew, and the Great Golant Raft Race winner.

If not actually participating, this is a spectacular spectator event where you can have a pint watching from the *Fisherman's* terraces and avoid getting wet.

Peter Edwards

A larger dose of *The Pill*

As our issues are published bi-monthly, it is not possible to immediately cover all the happenings in our lively village.

So don't forget that you can catch up with more immediate village news in our ***Golant Pill* Facebook** page, put together by our team members Penny Parsons and Robin Anderson.

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One Man and his Dog!

Debby Marshall-Reeve captured this happy image of a recovering Golantian!

She writes:

"Great to see Terry and Socket out and about again".



DM-R

Golant Walking Group

The last couple of months have been very busy but we have managed to fit in two enjoyable walks. Our first in late May saw us assemble in the car park of St Just in Roseland church for a circular walk on the Roseland. Our walk began in the landscaped semi tropical gardens of the church from where we walked round the St Just creek towards Messack Point. From the hill on the approach to Messack point we stopped to enjoy the magnificent views over Carrick Roads, south to Falmouth and Pendennis, west to Mylor and rounding the point, we looked north to Restronguet. The walk took us through fields and woodland with beautiful country and river views. After 4 miles on our return to the car park we were further rewarded with tasty treats from the welcoming café.

More recently we dared to visit Red Moor and Helman Tor (*right*), hoping that the recent dry spell would enable us to survive without wellies. This is a delightful moderately easy walk through a wetland nature reserve. The name of the moor is thought to be derived from



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iron oxides, whilst the black muds are more likely to be linked to tin oxides. We made a 3 mile circular tour of the Tor through field, woodland and moor before climbing to the Tor itself. Here we could see for miles, coastline to the south, Dartmoor to the east and far into Cornwall looking west. Another day when it did not rain on Golant walkers!

We will take a break during August and have begun to think of routes for September and October – these include a trip to west Cornwall combining a walk with a visit to one of the NT gardens and another look at Cornwall's industrial heritage at Carn Brea. We will also include some shorter easier routes – which are your favourites? Let us know!

Anne Bonsall

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Golant Table Tennis 'doubles' Open Gardens Tournament

Various gardens around the village in the sunshine.

Sunday 14th August 2pm - 6.30pm

The Finals at *The Fisherman's Marquee*
with a BBQ to complete the day

Grab yourself a partner and have some fun!

Contact Paul - 07976757076

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The Pilot's Perspective

When I was asked to do a flypast for the world-famous Golant Flotilla, I had two concerns - one was to find a suitable aeroplane to use, and the other was to arrange for the airfield to remain open a little later than usual so that we could put the aeroplane away in its hangar after landing.

Thanks to some co-operative friends, all was arranged so that we could go ahead - the only possible problem being the weather. However, to the considerable good fortune of us all, the weather was perfect on the day!

Carl, the aircraft owner, had only recently passed his test for a pilot's licence - and as I was the one who had passed him on his final test he was happy to agree to this flight! So after we set off from Bodmin Airfield we took the opportunity to check some of the aircraft's navigation equipment with Newquay air traffic control, and then flew for an hour or so giving him the chance to practise navigating around Cornwall and then to Plymouth. From there we flew down the coast to St Austell Bay and prepared to adjust our timing to ensure a precise arrival time of 6.30pm over Golant. In the event we may have been 30 seconds early - I will try to do better next time! I recall Carl went rather quiet as we descended to a low height running in towards the flotilla, with the trees on our left looking quite close - the training syllabus for his licence did not include this sort of flying! We soon caught sight of the colourful flotilla just where I had expected it to be and made the first pass, but I had always planned a second pass in case the first one had not been quite right. So I pulled up and dived back down, with Carl bravely managing to keep his eyebrows short of his hair-line - it all reminded me of when I used to do flying displays in Nimrod aircraft. So it was all great fun, and from what I have heard it was appreciated as much as I had hoped. Here's to the next time...

David Earl



Wendy Earl caught this striking image of the aeroplane, clearly visible against the cloudless blue sky, as husband David, together with Carl, presented their flypast over the flotilla to great excitement from the watching boat owners.



Top hat (& high viz tails?!) for Pill Paparazzi Robin...



A copycat seagull, determined to get in on the flypast act, was here neatly captured by Robin Anderson.

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Nature Notes

As I write this it is actually raining, which is so welcome after so much dry weather - not a sentence I normally use! Although Cornwall has been cooler than most parts of the country, we have had a prolonged period of high temperatures and no rain - great for visitors, but not so great for growing plants.

Interestingly, since starting to use the 'no dig' method for growing plants, I haven't watered anything - the exception being my containers. To water the polytunnel I have used up all the water from the many water butts that I collect, but there is still some rainwater in the old baths that are part of the veg garden. Is this weather a fluke event? We used to call it summer! Or is it the beginning of a change of climate that will need us to find ways to adapt?



KW-W

How will it affect the wildlife? There has been the national Big Butterfly Count this month, so we have been looking out for as many as we can. Although we have had beautiful sun and the buddleia plants ('butterfly bush') are in full flower, there are very few of the 'usual' butterflies about- Peacocks, Red Admiral - we had a huge amount of Painted Lady butterflies a few years ago, but I think that was a freak event. In our meadows we have loads of Ringlets, Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, along with Marbled Whites, small Skippers, just one Comma, small Copper and Fritillary (not sure exactly which!). We have increasing patches of birds foot trefoil which we have been told is the favourite (only?) food source of the common blue butterfly, but it hasn't found us yet! We also found a self seeded Mullein (*Verbascum*) was covered in brightly coloured caterpillars of the Mullein Moth (*left*) - have never seen them before.....we have also had numerous visits by the Hummingbird Hawk Moth - so dainty and beautiful!

One of the tasks I set myself this year was to try and take a photograph of everything that I have found, particularly insects, as I know very little about any of them! So I was delighted to find that a Lesser Stag-horn Beetle was chilling out on my hose-pipe near the greenhouse (*right*)...



KW-W

Having more beetles about, and a Toad in the polytunnel has definitely resulted in far fewer slugs and snails. I have also been watering directly through 'funnels' made from the plastic bottles that guests leave (Grrrrrr!) so the plants get water to the roots and the soil surface stays dry and rough - not appealing to slugs...

Another trial this year was to stop feeding birds (we were having problems with rats attracted to the seed - even if it was off the ground), and instead let a variety of plants seed, such as thistles - not everyone's idea of fun I know- but the amount of birds have not decreased, and there seems to be plenty about for them to forage. It's also a bonus to watch so many Goldfinches bouncing about on grasses, thistles and generally having fun. We've watched Blackcaps eating the wild cherries (why they don't start at the top and leave us the ones in reach is a mystery!), and Bluetits feasting on aphids, saving me the bother of doing something about them! The Blackbirds and Thrushes keeping flying out of my fruit patches, but seem to be going for more slugs and snails, rather than my prized currants.....It's not all good- the Corvids have already started to peck random holes in our apples - they don't eat one at a time, just sample each one as they go along- and the rabbits have managed to excavate long 'great escape' style tunnels right deep under my carefully installed wire fencing... They have acres of space, but they choose the only space I'm using!

Karen Wells-West

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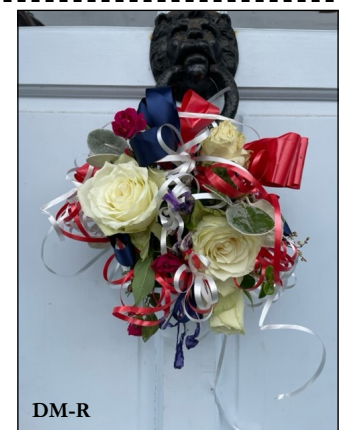
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DM-R

One of the Jubilee decorations!

Golant Gleanings

IN MEMORY OF TWO LATE VILLAGERS

Lorna Vivian

It is with sadness that we had to announce that Lorna Vivian passed way on July 5th 2022 at *Falkland Grange Care Home* in Newbury at the remarkable age of 97 years. Lorna moved to Golant in 1977 with her then husband Richard “Dick” Kirby to *Bloways* in Downs Lane. Lorna was keen to settle into village life and in spite of working full time, she quickly became a regular churchgoer, joined the choir and also became a bell ringer.

Lorna enjoyed having family to stay, particularly the grandchildren, and took great pleasure watching the younger generation begin their love of Golant and sailing. Dick sadly died in 1984 and Lorna spent many years on her own in the village, but was very much part of the community. She continued to work in Social Services but also remained committed to the village and the Church.

Lorna remarried in 1993 to Grahame Vivian who was a family friend. After some years at *Bloways* they moved over the road to *Ebb Tide* and spent many happy years together, both embracing their extended family. Lorna always put family at the forefront of her life; it was central to her sense of well-being and happiness. This belief never wavered or changed. In April 2015 Lorna had a ‘surprise’ 90th birthday party at the *Fowey Hall Hotel* where friends and family celebrated with her, including her great grandchildren.

Sadly, Grahame passed away in July the same year and after consideration Lorna left Golant to move in with her daughter and granddaughter in Newbury. The move enabled much greater contact with family, but Golant was never far from her thoughts. She moved into *Falkland Grange* at the end of 2021 and soon became a firm favourite with both the Care team and residents, fondly known as the “lady with the pearls”. Thankfully, family were allowed to visit daily.

Lorna has now returned to her beloved Cornwall and will finally rest at St Sampson's, overlooking the wonderful Fowey Estuary. Hers is a life to be celebrated, not mourned, although she will be missed by many. Her death marks the end of an exceptional era. Many do not enjoy the privilege of growing old, but Lorna was a survivor: she embraced life and held her head high... So raise a glass and remember a life well lived.

Sarah Lee, Lorna's daughter

Paul Stevens

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Paul Stevens of *Austens Cottage*. Paul and Sandy moved into *Austens Cottage* nearly twenty years ago. Although it was their second home, they immediately joined in various village activities and were regular worshippers at St Sampson's Church whenever resident in Golant. Paul could often be seen attending to his beloved roses and chatting to passers-by on School Hill and Water Lane.

Paul was a successful business man and the third generation of his family to run the commercial property investment company which his grandfather started. At the time of his death Paul was still chairman, and took an active part in the business which is now run by his eldest son. He was a gifted linguist who spoke fluent Russian, Spanish & French. He was still working on his Cornish! He was a Cambridge boxing blue and remained a fighter to the end, always following the Queensbury rules!

A true gentleman who almost made his 90th birthday.

Vilma Dunley

Extracted from an Article from the *Cornish Guardian* on 18th August 1922

*In anticipation of our annual village **Flower & Produce Show**, which will have taken place by the time you read this, but which just missed our deadline for this issue, here is a snippet of one **Golantian's** successful placements in a similar Show in neighbouring **Tywardreath 100 years ago!** J S Langman was probably John Stanley Langman, who in 1911, according to the Census for that year, was a Roadman, aged 35, living in **Tinneys** with his family. Being one of the oldest properties in Golant, but now sadly demolished in recent years, Tinneys' garden was obviously very fruitful- if indeed the family was still living there in 1922...*

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best kept & cropped cottage garden (Golant)

J S Langman, who won varying prizes for the following vegetables-
Kidney Beans, Dwarf Beans, Leeks, Onions, Yellow & White Turnips, Cucumbers, Parsley & Lettuces
And 'A Collection of Vegetables' for which he achieved 2nd. in the 'President's Prizes'

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL**Devolvement:**

The best news we have had for a while is the proximity to the legal transfer of the car park and the toilet block to this Council, from Cornwall Council. The TRANSFER document has been written up and signed by us, and when dated by our solicitor will be complete. We are just now waiting for the Rowing Club and Cornwall Council to clarify the ownership of the small patch of land north of the toilet block so that we can complete the legal process.

Toilet Block:

On the basis that we will shortly 'own' the redundant toilet block, we need to start thinking about its future use? We will obviously keep open the current 'disabled' toilet, for villagers and visitors alike, but we will have the opportunity to use the remainder of the building for some other useful purpose. So far, there seems to be a growing desire for a kayak rack or similar for village use, but if anyone has any bright ideas, then please let me or any of the Councillors know.

Highways:

After a comprehensive campaign from the Parish Council, our Parishioners, and our Cornwall Councillor, I am delighted that most of the roads around the village have recently been 'patched' with tarmac, which should keep us going until Water Lane (specifically) is re-surfaced. But in the meantime, please continue to report potholes (on the Cornwall Council web site) as and when you see them.

Cormorant Development:

I have recently been advised that the first 'owners' move onto the site during August, with 4 out of the 9 properties being virtually complete. The remainder need some final internal work to finish them off completely. Landscaping will be completed during August and there will be some minor 'snagging' during early September! Openreach have also reported that the installation of Superfast fibre "to the premises" is now complete to the Cormorant site.

New Councillor:

Following his application, I am delighted to confirm that Chris Taylor has been co-opted onto the Parish Council at the Council meeting this week.

Planning Applications:

Since the last issue of the Pill, the following applications have been considered:

PA22/05047
PA22/05142
PA22/ 05346

Details of the above can be found on the Cornwall Council web site (under Planning) or by reading the Parish Council meeting minutes.

David Jenkinson, Chairman St Sampson Parish Council

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Wednesday 28th September

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Friends of the
Fowey Estuary

Earlier in May we had a wonderful bluebell walk in Lantyan Woods, and many thanks to David Guiterman for leading that. Wonderful carpets of bluebells and wood anemones were right on our doorstep.

In June we had a visit to the Cornwall Wildlife Beaver Project hosted by Chris Jones at *Woodland Valley Farm*, Ladock. Unfortunately, we didn't get any sightings, but we had a lovely evening hearing of the work done and about the complete difference the beavers have made to the enclosed valley that they are in, fully explained by Tom Shelley from CWT and Chris. It is well worth a visit and bookings can be made on the CWT website.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust put out an appeal for help to raise funds to buy the remaining part of Helman Tor on Bodmin Moor that they do not already own. It is 97 acres surrounded by their Helman Tor nature reserve. They plan to expand and connect woodland and wetland habitats that are vital for some of our rarest and most threatened wildlife. Our committee thought that this was such a worthwhile cause that we agreed to donate £500 towards it, and appealed to our members to consider their own donation.

Our next event is a Rockpool Ramble at *Readymoney Beach* on Friday 12th August between 12.00 and 2.00pm, followed by a zoom presentation from *Prickle and Paws* on Hedgehog rescue and welfare at Lerryn Memorial Hall on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm. We chose a zoom event because it gives us the opportunity to see around their facilities and to meet many of the current rescues.

Some of our members recently took part in Shoresearch Survey training led by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to monitor rocky shore habitats and species- a project our group has been involved in for over 10 years at Readymoney. To support this, we have recently purchased some scientific equipment to allow our volunteers to undertake these surveys more often across the year to look at seasonal trends. If anyone is interested in taking part, please get in touch.

Claire Hoddinnott & Peter Edwards

Pill Viewing Platform Project

Most villagers will have seen Gail's Maurie Mail seeking small items that could be included in jam jars for a Tombola Stall at the Golant Sports & Carnival Day.

The stall will be raising money to be put towards the cost of timber and materials for a viewing platform to be located at the north end of the Pill, situated in such a position that it will offer good views down river towards Fowey Docks. Hopefully the platform will be approximately 11 ft. long by 4 ft. wide and 2 ft. 8 ins. high, with a wheelchair access ramp at the western end. We envisage that the bench that is currently in the location may be able to be placed on the platform. There will be a safety railing all around. Costings for this will be carried out over the next few weeks.

Donations of items that may be included in the jam jars will be gratefully received either at *Cosel*, Tinneys Lane, or at *Encounter Cornwall* where Jules has kindly offered to accept them. If anybody feels like making a monetary donation to the project this will also be gladly accepted.

Maurie Parsons

Alice Robins

We would love to share our joy of our daughter Alice's wedding.

Alice married Alex Tarroni on June 25th 'down west' in one of Cornwall's most beautiful spots, Morvah.

It was an incredibly personal humanist service where they exchanged some very poignant vows. Alex had saved Alice's life in 2018 after she suffered a cardiac arrest.

After much drying of eyes, we set off along the coastal path. The wedding celebrations included canapes & Pimms in a field seated on hay bales.

The most magical part of the day was a Wedding Parade clambering over rocks to a secluded idyllic beach. Albert, of 2½ years, was carried most of the way!

Alice is incredibly grateful for the many Golant donations of flowers and foliage, which certainly added to the magic.

A huge thank you.

Michelle & Simon Robins





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Here they are again!



Noticed and captured by Debby whilst gardening for us – a pair of regular deer visitors exploring the bottom of our paddock.

Gillie Harris

UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

For they that 'ev bin wishing for some warm sunny weather, well, I d'ope you'm some happy now. I do admit to being quite partial to a bit of warm weather, but Mother Nature be 'aving a bit of a joke just of late, when she d'open the furnace door and then turn off all that summer rain we'm so used to!!

I 'ev been quietly wishing for some sunshine to ripen some of them vegetables that I 'ev bin wanting to take to the Produce Show, and now I'm running around like summat I doan't know what, aiving water that we do save from the house on plants just to keep them going. The water butts 'ev all run dry, so 'tis some jakes here at the moment.

Any road, that may be as 'tis, and now on to things that need some attention. As usual, there be plenty of they beastly little pests still hanging around; they blimmers doan't seem to be worried at all about this yer weather. The teddies 'ev had their tops taken off to stop the blight, and a weather eye is being kept for fear 'twill surface on the tomatoes. One good thing is the fact that the slugs and snails must be as fed up with this 'ere weather as me-self, for they've really gone into hiding.

It doan't seem possible that we'm already nearly in August; that be 8 months gone nearly about and 'twill soon be time to think about harvest. That's when you can see the results of the work that's bin put in over the previous months, and in today's climate 'tis brave and important, especially with the price of the veg going up all the time.

For they that do dearly like the snowdrops, crocuses and fritillarias, then now this month is the time to get them planted. If there be a shrub or geranium in a friend's garden and you lust after one similar, then there be a good chance that a cutting will take easily now. Summat for nort! For they that do grow their own tomatoes, let them grow on to have four or five trusses that 'ev set, and then pinch out the growing tips of the plant to stop them getting any larger.

As the grass cutting gets less, lift the mower blades up a bit and stop scalping the turf, and not leave the bottom of the grass exposed to the sun's rays. This will help stop that beastly sight of yellowing where it should be as green as a leek!

There's one plant, well bush really, that will flower all the summer, and that is the botany bay or hydrangeas. They'm well suited to we down here, for they won't stick much in the way of frost, but dearly like the usual summer wet. So if this yer they gurt flower heads be on the small side, 'tis a certain fact 'tis only due to the lack of rain. To keep they flowers blue, then water in some of they slug pellets that contain sulphate of ammonia, but doan't 'ee do it in a drought.

Nort

As Nort has so eloquently put it, Mother Nature certainly "opened the furnace door" at the time of our heatwave.

*We recently picked up the Cornish dialect word **pilmer**, which means a **downpour of rain**. We could certainly do with one of those...!!*

Ed.

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

We all had an enjoyable Street Tea Party in Golant for us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Caroline from Moons made Cupcakes for us all, and here is my take on her very welcome addition to the afternoon.

FAIRY CAKES

(makes 18)

125g/4oz Butter

125g/4oz Caster Sugar

2 Eggs (beaten)

125g/4oz Self Raising Flour (sifted)

1. Pre heat the oven to 190°C/180°Fan/375°F/ Gas Mark 5.
2. Cream the butter & sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Beat in the eggs gradually with a little of the flour.
4. Carefully fold in the remaining flour.
5. Spoon into 18 paper bun cases set in bun tins.
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until well risen and golden.
7. Cool on a wire rack.

Icing

Equal quantities of Mascarpone Cheese & Icing Sugar

1. Beat well together and either pipe or use a teaspoon to spread a generous amount on top of the cakes.

Decorations are left to your imagination. It could be grated chocolate, chocolate curls or chips, hundreds & thousands, strawberries or other fruits. It's all up to you!

Paddy Shelley



One of the striking & scrummy cakes made for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee street tea party...

Ukraine Mission

I arrived in Przemsyl just after the lice outbreak. The whole side of the abandoned Tesco was lined with pallets of blankets, and room 13 where I slept, piled high with mattresses, all in quarantine. The lights never went out, and over a small wall of bottled water, were about 650 people living in camp beds.

Systems and structure were lacking, and as more volunteers arrived, I moved fluidly; through cleaning, providing hygiene and toiletry products alongside the Mormon church; people occasionally fighting over the random bag that would get donated and very few people remembering the teenage male in their clothing and product donations; to supporting the logistics function by attempting to facilitate the coordination of multiple organisations, delivering directly in to Ukraine.

Warehouses everywhere dried up to 15% capacity, some of which are now closed down. Core groups of individuals from Przemsyl moved into Ukraine. These same individuals have now moved further east, essential for hubs collaborating individual silo efforts. The large aid agencies are not visual in many places and fuel has been a significant issue for weeks.

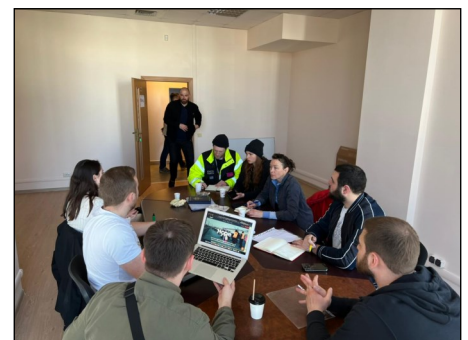
I've continued- remotely facilitating evacuations, visa sponsorships, arranging donors for filling supply lists I still have coming in, and facilitating last mile supply deliveries. Being in the UK, out of a war-speed hamster wheel can be frustrating, particularly having been offered thousands of hospital beds, working out logistics of getting them from site to the far east of Ukraine supported by multiple individuals and organisations, only to have the offer rescinded, forcing me in to debating these things with parliamentary contacts at a time when we effectively have no PM.

On my return to UA, I want to support commercial exports and hope to have the first truck of Ukrainian wine in bond in the UK very soon and ready for sale.

Donations from UK I'm seeking to take out with me, are laptops, tablets and phones especially old analogue ones. Hundreds.

Feel free to contact me- esjenkinson@protonmail.com

Emily Jenkinson



Emily is seen here supporting Hope UA. Her article above is based on the one we promised in the last issue of The Pill, when we did not have sufficient room.

What an inspiration...

Ed.

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

AUGUST

Friday 5 th	10.30pm	Bookshelf, coffee/tea and chat	Village Hall
Saturday 6 th	2.00pm	Golant Sports and Carnival <i>(See page 9 for further details)</i>	Village Green
	Evening	Live music: <i>The Prevention</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 9 th	3.00pm	Boatwatch Afternoon Tea	On the River!
Saturday 13 th	4.00pm (ish)	Madness in the Pill Live music: <i>Pressgang</i> (shanty group) <i>(See page 9 for further details)</i>	(from) Fisherman's Arms Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 14 th	2pm - 6.30pm	Golant Table Tennis Tournament <i>(See page 10 for further details)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 21 st	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Fri 26 th /Sat 27 th /Sun 28 th		Bank Holiday Beer Festival (BBQ Fri/Sat nights) Live music: Friday - <i>The Countrymen</i> Saturday - <i>The Buzzards</i>	Fisherman's Arms
	Evening		
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2 nd	10.30am	Bookshelf, coffee/tea and chat	Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	8.00pm	Film on the Green (from 7.30pm BYO picnic)	Village Green
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sat 10 th /Sun 11 th	10am – 4.00pm	GHG House History Exhibition - <i>The South Side</i> <i>(See page 3 for further details)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 13 th	2.00pm	GHG meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Saturday 24 th	10.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 27 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 28th Copy Date		<i>The Golant Pill</i>	<i>thegolantpill@gmail.com</i>
Friday 30 th	7.30pm	Cfylm Club	Village Hall

OCTOBER

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Friday 7 th	10.30am	Bookshelf, coffee/tea and chat	Village Hall

*If you have any item you wish to be entered into this Calendar of Village Events, please contact
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