



# Out of Village Solution



Another 2,200 gallons of 'Golant Solution' about to start its journey to Par

## South West Water's Crowning Glory

South West Water, Cornwall County Council (who gave planning permission) and all supporters of the sewage scheme at Golant must be feeling rather smug. 'Out of the Village' was the cry, and as can be seen above, 'out of the village' it now is.

The RBC units, tastefully sited within two hundred yards of Golant's only Grade I listed building, have not worked for several months now, thanks to the carefully planned ingress of salt water into the system. The odour control units at the top of the village and at the pumping station below were ingeniously fitted to ensure that they could never be operational. The two huge pumps have finally caved in under the pressure of pumping a small amount of sewage and a large volume of surface water three hundred feet into the air, so that this mixture could pass through the two defunct RBC units.

So opponents of the scheme are left with egg on their face. Arguments against the electricity consumed by the pumps, about their noise levels, and the environmental cost of the scheme cut no ice now that the pumps are silent and energy neutral. Instead, *five tankers a day*, including weekends, glide down Water Lane, manoeuvre silently outside the gallery, pump two thousand gallons quietly out, and, unnoticed, steal out of the village to Par.

So Golant can join the ever-growing number of jewels in the South West Water crown of failed sewage schemes. Beware Boscastle, beware Tintagel! Learn from Golant, Mevagissey and others that money alone will not guarantee success; what is required is a fundamentally good design and an eye for detail.

Each tanker visit to Golant is a reminder of two million pounds of public money well spent. Thank you, South West Water.

## From the Editor

Welcome to the second year of *The Golant Pill*!

I am sorry to report that Alice Hunter, our sub Editor of the children's page, has been unwell for some weeks with 'post viral fatigue' which is similar to glandular fever. We hope that she recovers her strength and vigour soon. Jack Elworthy, bless him, has stepped into her place and, with the support of his family, has done a splendid job at short notice. With Alice & Jack in control, who knows how that page could develop in the future?

Recently someone criticised *The Golant Pill* for having few contributions from villagers. From the start I have invited anyone to submit articles and letters each month. I am pleased that we have had an even greater response this time. I have actually received more than we can use in this issue, which is great! I think that you'll agree that there is quite a variety of topics this time and even a contribution from an ex-pat living in France who has found memories being stirred up as she has read our publication. As I wrote in the first issue, this is *your* newsletter, so let me have your contributions, please!

I make no apologies for thanking once again those people who have continued to give donations. Thanks to your support we are still 'in the black' according to Robert, our Treasurer. The SE Coast Community Consultative Committee have shown their enthusiastic support to this newsletter by awarding a grant of £250.

In our first issue we celebrated the opening of the new toilet at the church. In this issue we have a letter about the nuisance caused by a certain dog, a report from Dan Palmer on one type of output from cows and then there's the front page.....Both Simon Funnell & Richard Strode spoke with eloquence on Radio Cornwall last week about what is undeniably an unmitigated failure—the new sewage system. I am informed that the firm who is taking our effluent to Par five times a day have nearly two dozen tankers doing the same thing for other failed sewage systems throughout Cornwall.

Our major concern should be about *health*. As someone who was serving on committees involved with SWW and its plans I can only say that the shambles comes as no surprise. There were some really pleasant, capable people from SWW, but those who made the ultimate decisions showed more than a touch of arrogance which has now turned to rank incompetence in my eyes.

SWW's statement to Radio Cornwall implied that they

expected even further failures in our system in the future. The majority of the St Sampson's Parish Councillors who were serving at the time, County Councillors & our MP all supported the scheme. So what are those supporters who, incidentally, went against the concerted opinion of the village at the time, going to do NOW to remedy the debacle?

We want ACTION!!!

*Mike Harris*

### Stop Press

Bridge Repairs (p 10): unforeseen problems will delay the opening until at least March 9th.

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### Village Hall Committee Report

Tickets are selling well for the Cheese and Wine evening to be held on Saturday February 2nd, during which Simon Funnell will be giving a talk- '*Tristan & Iseult- the local legend?*' Tickets are £6 which includes a glass of wine with a plate of cheese and biscuits. You are welcome to bring additional wine. If you would like a ticket please call Estelle van den Broek (833707)

The response to the recent Carn to Cove shows has been disappointing and so the committee is reviewing their future viability. The recent show starring Cherrington and Ward was well received by those who did attend but this was a private arrangement made by Mike Freemantle. They were excellent performers.

The Village Hall Committee would welcome ideas for future events, so please do let us have them, and if you know of a good speaker then we would be pleased to be advised of that as well.

It was good to see the *Thursday Kitchen* return on 24th January. Because Vilma had not been at all well since Christmas this popular lunch had not taken place. We wish Vilma good health for the future. She and Paddy are the stalwarts of this get-together, and we know just how much it is appreciated and has been missed.

I'm afraid I don't have any news on 'Bats' to report. We are still trying to negotiate with an independent inspector.

Although 24th May seems a long way off, in terms of plants it could be the beginning- i.e. being planted as a seed, taken as a cutting or split from a parent plant. So please bear our Plant and Book Sale in mind when you are gardening. As far as books go, please save only good quality, up to date ones.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 2nd April.

Janet Gore

### Golantagrams Competition (Issue 6)

Many thanks for the improved response to my last competition! Of the 8 entries submitted, 6 were fully correct, and at the Thursday Kitchen on 24th January, these names were put into a 'hat', and the winner's name drawn out by Paddy.

Congratulations to Liz Burrow (of Tywardreath Post Office), who wins a bottle of wine!

The correct answers were:

1	Spindrift	12	Primrose Cottage
2	Bodriggan	13	White Gables
3	Ebb Tide	14	William's Acre
4	Menethryn	15	Rose Cottage
5	Orchard View	16	Appletrees
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11	Arneys		

Gillie Harris

### 'Under Milk Wood'

'Under Milk Wood', Dylan Thomas's comic masterpiece about a day in the life of a small village, is full of eccentric characters and strange goings-on. So the **Golant Very Amateur Dramatic Society** thought it might appeal! As a 'first' for this group, we shall present a reading of this 'Play for Voices' (designed for radio, not the stage) on Saturday 15th March, and on Friday 14th March if demand warrants. It will be an evening of wine (bring your own if you would like more than a glass!), cheese, and dialogue as warm and witty as the ale they sell in Welsh pubs.

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### 'Taking the Plunge'

Everyone has a dream, whether it be travelling to faraway exotic countries, learning to scuba dive or tap dance! Most of us dream of giving up work, impractical for the majority of the population and a luxury for some. There are so many factors to take into consideration. What will the kids think? How will we survive? How will the kids survive? But we did it anyway; we took the plunge. After many years of 'ifs', 'buts' and much deliberation, we both gave up very secure jobs and a comfortable lifestyle to become our own bosses. SCARY!

We first visited Golant, a place we had never heard of, in early September 07. We were both convinced that we were on another wild goose chase, having previously viewed many businesses which our commercial agent had described as 'little gems', but which turned out to be the complete opposite of what we had originally specified-*ie: 'Pub/Hotel/B&B; rural location; definitely not in a town; ideally close to water with sea views; within our price rangell'* So it was with low expectations and with a certain amount of sulkiness on my behalf that we arrived in Golant. My mood began to lift as we drove down through the woods towards Golant. "Looks promising," I thought to myself, "but let's not get too excited." We passed all the houses dotted around and I caught my first glimpse of the river. It was like a mill pond. The sun was shining and glistening on the water, the canoeists were out in full force, and it looked idyllic. From that moment I felt at home. I hadn't even looked inside the pub. The rest is history. After making sure that our teenage daughter Becky would be happy living in a small village, having grown up in a city, we all made the move to Golant.

Having experienced our first Christmas and New Year here, are we happy???? Over the moon! We have been overwhelmed and very touched by the warmth and generosity we have received from the local community, and would like to take this opportunity to thank *all the Villagers of Golant* and regular customers to the *Fisherman's Arms* for welcoming us to the village and for supporting us through our first hectic months. We are both sure we have made one of the best decisions of our lives, and look forward to spending many a Happy New Year in Golant.

Kind regards, Anne, Steve and Becky

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### Advance Notice

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It would be great to have entries from a large number of people. So, come on, remember that camera when you next see something which takes your fancy! Why not take the camera with you when you walk the dog? Even when the skies are black with rain, there are often some startling images to capture. Save those pictures and wait for an announcement later in the year.

We look forward to a large entry from lots of people of all ages. We want to make it a really hard job for the judges, whoever they will be.....



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## **GOLANT'S NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST!**

I was reading through the Queen's New Year Honours List, which, with other award ceremonies, is a feature of the end of every year and I thought that it would be fun to have a few awards for the village. I have put a few of my own together.

There are two ladies who have defied the odds and so I believe that Andrea Barker and Sue Strode deserve *The Determination and Courage Medal* for their fight against illness.

*The We'll Defeat Anorexia Award* must go to Paddy Shelley and Vilma Dunley for their sterling work with the Thursday Kitchen. In the same vein Simon Funnell and Phillip de Grey-Warter must be recognised as Trenchermen who do not like to see any food left on the tables!

*Indefatigability Medals* should be awarded to Djon Crichton and Kath Slater for not letting a fall stop them.

Obviously young Alice Hunter deserves *The Cub Reporter of The Year Prize* for all of her efforts to keep the junior page of *The Golant Pill* going.

Steve, Anne-Marie & Becky could be awarded *The Smile Commendation* for bringing cheer back to The Fisherman's Arms.

Ted South should receive *The Most Decorated House at Christmas Cup* and Annie Barker deserves a *Good Round of Applause* for organising the erection of the Christmas tree on the Green and the singing of carols. Ted also deserves *The Golant in Bloom Award* for keeping the boat on the Green always looking nice.

We have spent some time this year with Robert Gore either fishing, trying to watch badgers in his garden or driving to see the starlings come in to roost at Marazion, all with little success. Indeed I have seen more 'flocking birds' on John Varco's fields. I therefore nominate Robert for the *David Attenborough Don't Watch Nature with this Man Award*.

I think that the editorial team of *The Golant Pill* deserve *The Periodical of the Year Award* for their work in producing the newsletter and keeping us all informed.

The year's *Cross Dressing* winner must be Alastair Barr for his portrayal of the Sugar Plum Fairy on New Year's Eve. He was truly a sight to behold but he does need somewhere else to keep his wallet!

*The Bab Humbug Medal* should be awarded anonymously to whoever it is keeps defacing or removing signs or notices around the village. The signs that were taken from The Quay were found – more by luck than judgement – at St Andrew's Pond. I agree that there are too many signs

in the world these days but dumping them in the wetlands is hardly environmentally friendly!

Finally I believe that one man who is involved in most things that go on in the village and always with a smile and a joke deserves to be awarded *The All Round Good Egg Cup*. Of course it is Simon Funnell.

The list is not exhaustive and I am sure that others will have different nominations – hopefully with a bit of humour.

Maurice Parsons, QPM



The disappointing turnout, and loss of money, for *Bark-belly & Other Terrific Tales* was more than made up for on 19th January, when *Cherrington & Ward* went down really well with the 21 who supported the event. This was not part of Carn to Cove, but was taking advantage of artists who were appearing at Bodmin Folk Club on the Friday night, who would do another gig at a reasonable price. I hope to repeat this on another suitable occasion.

Looking forward to the Spring, Kevin Tomlinson is returning with his show *On the Edge*. He came earlier this year with *Seven Ages (of Man)* and was very popular, so let's fill the hall for him on 26th April.

June may seem a long way off, but not for Cornwall Songwriters, who are rehearsing their new show, *Cornish Lads*. There are eight singers/actors and there will be songs reflecting the mining history and landscape of Cornwall. Judging by their previous shows, *Cry of Tin* and *Unsung Heroes* (about the gardeners of Heligan), it will be a great night to remember and to join in, as they love a good chorus. They are in Golant on 7th June.

Mike Freemantle

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Golant Residents,

I write to request, in the strongest terms, that whoever is letting their dog defecate in my driveway desists at once!

On repeated occasions I have found dog mess on my drive, right where I get in and out of my car and right outside my front door!!

As it is the middle of winter and we do not have many visitors I can only assume this is a local dog.

Please help me fix this problem and re-establish my faith in small community living, where neighbours look out for each other. I know that this is not just happening on my property. If we help each other we can stamp out dog mess in Golant, making it a nicer place for residents. What a shame that one person is causing all this grief.

This is the polite version of what I want to say. *The Golant Pill* would not have been willing to publish what I would really like to write. Suffice to say that, as you will probably understand, this disgusting problem is really starting to get on my nerves!

Kathy Ogg, Old Post Office, Downs Hill, Golant

The Youth Hostel will shortly have an excess of bed linen to dispose of. It will be single duvet covers and pillowcases in a couple of different patterns- one is dark green with small gold leaves and the other is a brown/orange abstract design. All are clean and in relatively good condition although the green pattern is newer, being only a couple of years old.

If anybody would like some, be it for use on beds, for dust sheets or dog beds or anything else you can think of, or you know a charity who could use some, please give us a call. We anticipate that there will be over 100 sets to get rid of, so please don't be shy, as long as you can pick them up you can have as many as you like!

We don't have a date as yet, but let us know if you're interested and we'll contact you when they are available.

We would also be really interested if anyone in the village has any old photos of the hostel, particularly from before YHA bought it, which was about 1969. We are hoping to put up a nice history display in the hostel and would be grateful for any help or suggestions on where to look.

Our contact details are- tel: 01726 833507 or email:

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Thanks very much,

Amy & Paul Eddington

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The kids' insight on Golant

## A note from the sub-editor's friend

As you might have heard, Alice Hunter (sub editor) has been really ill with a virus, so I (Jack Elworthy) am going to edit the page for you this issue.

## Life on the farm in January

We are busy at Leyonne at the moment. All the animals are in the sheds for the winter. They are fed every day on a winter ration of maize silage, grass silage, sugar beet and rape. Each milking cow eats 50KG a day and produces a lot of poo !! (about 25,000 gallons a week for the whole herd.) Our best cow, number 3, produces about 54 litres of milk a day. We have had 12 new calves born this month and we are milking 128 cows at the moment.

By Dan Palmer age 10

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## Joke

Two male flies are buzzing around, looking for pretty females. One spots a real cutie sitting on a pile of cow muck & dives down towards her. "Pardon me," he asks, "Is this stool taken?"

Elizabeth Swyer

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Year 4 of Fowey Primary school have been studying World War II, and here is a poem Megan Dean wrote :

## Not my kind of life

Bombs going down,  
Throwing up flames.  
Houses crumbling,  
Like biscuits in your hand.  
Evacuees leaving from London,  
Into places unknown.  
This is World War II,  
It's really not my kind.

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## Odd jobs

Is there a job you have to do which you just really HATE doing such as: dog walking, gardening, car washing, pet feeding when you are away? Well, you have found the right person. I (Jack ) am lucky enough to be going skiing on March 14th with my school, and I would love to have some spending money to take away with me. So if you are interested then call me on: 01726 833707 or email me @ jjj\_small@hotmail.co.uk

## Fancy a bounce?

As you might know, Meg, Hugh and I got a trampoline for Christmas. Well... I have heard that rumours are going round that some people have requested a go for themselves. So after deep discussions with my mum and Andrew we have decided... that if you fancy having a bounce then come on over whenever you want. You can either come for a private bounce by yourself or you can come over when I am there and I will give you front & back flip lessons!! Unfortunately there is one catch- there is a 15 stone weight limit.

A letter from Meg Elworthy:

## 2008 begins

I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing Alice Hunter a quick and healthy recovery into her usual lively, energetic self.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year. I'm sure everyone agrees with me that it is so nice to have a friendly smile when you walk into the pub. Thank you for bringing everyone back into it. It's great!

The Christmas lights this year around the village looked very pretty and so good that next year we should make them even more impressive by even more houses having lights.

## Children's Gleanings

*Rosie Andrews* has been awarded an ambassador card. This gets her into all leisure facilities in Cornwall free in recognition of her swimming. She had to prove she was a national level swimmer and was on a strict training programme.

*Mattie Andrews* plays second row for his school rugby team at Plymouth College, which is currently top of the West Devon league.

*Millie van den Broek* THE VILLAGE BABY has finally taken her first few steps!!!

## Did you Know.....

Collections of animals have been given some strange names in the English language. We correctly refer to:

a pride of lions	a tiding of magpies
a leap of leopards	a siege of herons
a knot of toads	a peep of chickens
a troop of kangaroos	an exultation of larks
a kindle of kittens	an unkindness of ravens
a leash of greyhounds	an ostentation of peacocks
a trip of goats	a skulk of foxes
a parliament of owls	a crash of rhinos

Any ideas what a collection of Golant residents could be called? Perhaps *a dinghy of Golantians!!*  
Elizabeth Swyer

## Christmas Competition

Elizabeth Swyer is the winner of Naomi Harris-Davison's CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH. She wins a £5 Book Token. Well done, Elizabeth!

The 15 words were:

party	candle	santa	star
manger	carol	cake	snowman
decoration	angel	ivy	holly
present	magi	crib	

## St Sampson Parish Council

A belated Happy New Year to you all.

The sewage system is the major issue. To put it bluntly, it doesn't work. The pumps in the pumping station are clogged with silt and have ceased to work, hence the need for tankers to be in and out of the village up to five times a day to pump out from near the Gallery, taking the waste away for treatment at Par Moor. There is also the problem of salt water getting into the system each high spring tide which kills off the bacteria in the treatment units near the church, necessitating reseeding. We are all heartily fed up with this situation. The council is increasing the volume of our complaints. As SWW are so unhelpful, we are in contact with the Cornwall Against Inferior Sewage Treatment website to coordinate our next moves, with letters going to the County Council and our MP in the meantime.

All Car Park charges by the riverside will remain the same as last year; people wanting season tickets should contact the Parish Clerk in good time.

I will be standing down from the Council in April. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last ten years. Being a parish councillor has been a most interesting and rewarding post. If you would enjoy the challenge of taking the village forward please contact the Parish Clerk.

Sue Reardon Chairman – St Sampson Parish Council

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# Golant Gleanings

## AN EMAIL FROM ANDREA AND COLAN

As many of you will already be aware, Colan proposed to me at midnight on Christmas Eve. Thank you all for your congratulations, cards and gifts. It certainly made it a very different Christmas to the one I had last year! We plan to marry sometime in the summer and will be whisking our families away to an exotic beach somewhere for the ceremony. Worry not, for we shall be back and celebrating in true Golant fashion with a huge post wedding party.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year. XXX Andrea Barker and Colan Dearman

## SOLAR HEATING

Diana Luck has recently had solar heating installed. She would be very happy for anyone interested in this eco-friendly form of heating to come and talk to her about it. (Tel: 833458)

## DEATHS OF VILLAGERS

We regret to record the death of David Scantlebury. Though tests had shown that David had serious problems to overcome, it was, nevertheless, a sudden death at the age of 62 years. The funeral service took place at St Sampson's and he was laid to rest in the lower churchyard. David was very generous with gifts to be sold for charity at harvest suppers. He had a variety of business interests, a great love of cats and a ready wit. He told, with relish, how the authorities had searched his van and found a large quantity of Viagra. When asked what he was going to do with them all, he claimed that they were for his own personal use. He got away with it!

What a sad time it has been for the McLeod family. In November Derek passed away followed, in December, by his brother Ian. Anne & Ian came to live at *Cheyles* in Golant nearly forty years ago. For many years they both ran the Foye Holiday Village (now Briar Fields and the doctor's surgery). This was a self-catering holiday business set up originally by Ian's father and his partners, all of whom retired. To say that the enterprise was successful is an understatement. People still talk & reminisce about it & miss its facilities greatly. Ian was a fine golfer who played at Carlyon Bay GC until he had a bad fall a couple of years ago. To Anne and her family we extend our condolences.

## NEIL ON THE MEND

Neil Lilley, who until eighteen months ago was the chef at *The Fishermen's Arms*, is recovering after a five hour operation on his back at Derriford Hospital. After a spell at Treliiske for recuperation, Neil is now home. We all wish him well and look forward to seeing him fit again.

## A ROUND DOZEN AROUND GOLANT

Simon Funnell's limited edition of poems sold out and, as ideal Christmas presents, have been sent to various parts of the country. The Church & Village Hall have received all the profit: £122.50 each. Thanks, Simon for the pleasure you have given as well as the financial support.....and we understand that there are many more in the pipeline. (*Perhaps, I shouldn't have used 'pipeline'.....!*)

## FOOD BARGAINS

I can assure you that we get nothing out of giving the following information:

- Look at the *Cormorant* advertisement: Golant residents '2 for the price of 1' during February & March.
- Go and look at the new menu & the Day's Specials on the board in *The Fisherman's Arms*.

## HIP, HIP, HOORAY!

It's good to see that Robert Gore and Paul Stevens are both recovering from their hip operations. There are rumours that they are planning a race there and back from their homes up and down School Hill on Easter Monday!

## GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (BOAT WATCH)

The very strong SSW wind that blew along the estuary on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January, took its toll on a number of boats. The jib of one boat became unfurled and shredded in the wind, the main sail cover on a second boat blew off and that sail started to come loose and a third boat had its cockpit canopy blown off. One yacht broke loose from its mooring and a small dinghy was holed and sank.

Marine crime still occurs even at this time of the year when many boats are decommissioned or laid up. The hydraulic winch controls (valued at £250) were stolen from a fishing boat and is the second time that this particular boat has had equipment stolen from it. Also two new frape ropes recently laid out from the quay were stolen.

Not all boat owners with boats moored on the Golant stretch of the estuary are members of Boat Watch, but we do not differentiate between members and non members when we report a problem, in the first instance to the owner, or if we can't trace the owner, the Harbourmaster's office. What does make the process difficult and time consuming for all is when a boat has not been moored on its assigned mooring.

The Police have asked us to help set up a Boat Watch

### POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR INFORMATION

NBM Golant / Fowey / Lostwithiel / Luxulyan / Lanlivery  
**08452 777444** - Police Central Switchboard - advice & reporting non urgent incidents/crime  
**'999'** - Urgent police assistance (offenders still present or life/death situations)  
**0800 555111** - Crime Stoppers - To pass anonymous information.  
Email- [tim.rowe@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tim.rowe@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

### 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
- ▶ Robert Gore, Deputy Chairman 01726 832425

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scheme at Looe where marine crime has been on the increase. We have met with some of their committee and discussed every aspect of how we organise our watches and the work of the association. We hope that this is the start of a close working relationship between the two organisations.

Robert Gore

## GOLANT QUAY USERS' ASSOCIATION

Safety signs from the Quay were vandalised and removed at the end of the boating season by a person unknown but who obviously has no regard for little old ladies breaking their hips. However, by a bit of luck and keen observational powers by Gail Parsons, they were found in the Par pond. So they will be back up again soon, and with the new surveillance cameras installed we might get lucky and record our villain.

Peter Edwards



The bridge remains closed until 17th February 2008.

## **Cornwall for Beginners**

I give thanks each time  
I spell out our address,  
That we didn't move  
To Tywardreath.

Of course there's St Austell,  
St Blazey and Par-  
Straightforward, simple,  
Sound as they are.

And how to explain  
That Foy is Fowey-  
Rhymes with boy  
But not with Bowie!

And glorious Golant-  
No confusion until  
We were asked if we'd like  
A birth on the pill!

Please forgive  
If I fail to scan...  
But how do you pronounce  
Luxulyan?

*Chris Yexley*

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### News from St Sampson

We are grateful to those who made so many attractive items for the stall at the Christmas Fayre where we made a profit of £204.10.

As the choir sang the last carol under the tower at the Advent Carol Service on December 2nd, the lights slowly dimmed into darkness; the time for reflection leading up to the celebration of Christmas had begun. The service, compiled by Simon Funnell, was beautifully executed by the six readers and the choir and the congregation.

Later in the month there was a bumper turnout of families for the Christingle Service after which Philip breathed a sigh of relief because no one had had an accident with a candle! The collection of £94.94 was sent to the Children's Society.

The church was packed for the Nine Lesson & Carols on Christmas Eve! The lights shone brightly, the candles glowed and how people sang! It was a pleasure to play the organ for such an occasion. As always, I must thank the Choir for their splendid singing and all the lesson readers. There was a very good turnout for the Family Communion on Christmas Day though the singing lacked the verve of the previous evening; it *was* early in the day to be fuelled up, I suppose.....! The church flowers always look marvellous but were absolutely stunning this time and they lasted so long afterwards, too. Thanks to all who delivered and decorated the tree and helped in any way to make the season so very special.

The St Petroc Christmas Appeal realised £135.29 and the other collections totalled £246.25 which will go towards the essential repairs to the tower.

We had about sixty people on New Year's Day and many tried their hand at ringing the bells. It was a very enjoyable social occasion and it was good to meet some new villagers and friends. If anyone fancies a further try at ringing (no *strings* attached!), Ruth Varco and her team would welcome you at their practice on any Monday evening— 6.30-7.30pm.

On Good Friday at noon there will be a Service of the Cross. The choir will be singing excerpts from the ever popular '*Crucifixion*' by Sir John Stainer. The music is a very expressive, emotional interpretation of events as they unfolded on that fateful day.

### The Churchyard

Camellias are certainly flowering early this season. The *Elizabeth de Rothschild* by the porch is spectacular though the storms have torn away many of the pink flowers and carpeted them on the ground below. Who would have thought that it would look so lovely after we had to prune it so drastically a few years back? As we left the church on New Year's Day, we heard the sound of bees at work and were astonished at how many there were collecting nectar and pollen from that camellia. Others in the lower churchyard are coming into flower. The next spectacular show will be the celandines: a weed when it's in our garden but, en masse, in the churchyard — wow!!  
Mike Harris

### Cornish Snippets from Cousin Jack

#### REVIVALS

Cornwall was a happy hunting ground for the Revivalist up to 1900. Rarely did a Revival begin through a local person. Generally they were hired men from outside. Revivals never happened in summer, darkness and adverse weather conditions being necessary adjuncts. They were certain to follow mining booms, successful and lean fishing seasons, and provided a welcome change from the monotony of bed to work, work to bed, when hours were long, wages low, amusements few and leisure little.

The glib-tongued stranger provided sensation, the community singing provided a tonic and individuals were able to release pent-up energy and pass into a blissful state which made them forget their drab existences.

Revivals stayed longer in West Cornwall than East Cornwall. The fervour was accompanied by a rise in the birth rate and an increase in illegitimacy, often marked by the quick departure of single men to the United States. When the smoke had cleared away a few remained 'faithful' but the majority returned to their old ways until the next one.

#### Special Services at St Sampson

##### March

2nd	9.15am	Holy Communion	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
9th	9.15am	Holy Communion	<i>Passion Sunday</i>
16th	9.15am	Holy Communion	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
			NB- <b>Not</b> Evensong
21st	Noon	Service of the Cross	<i>Good Friday</i>
23rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	<i>Easter Sunday</i>

#### Confirmation

On May 18th there will be a Confirmation Service at St Fimbarrus for St Sampson and Fowey Parishes, led by Bishop Roy, the Bishop of St German's. If anyone is interested in being confirmed or received into the Church of England please have a word with me some time before the end of February.

Philip de Grey-Warter

01726 833535 [email: vicar@foweyparishchurch.org](mailto:vicar@foweyparishchurch.org)

#### Women's World Day of Prayer

This annual event will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm at St Sampson's Church. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Guyana and the speaker will be Bryony Goodwin-Hudson. She and her husband (Revd Peter) spent a number of years working in Chile. So please do join us and many women world wide for this service. Men, too, are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church.

#### St Sampson's Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

February 3rd & 10th	Gillie & Sheila
February 17th & 24th	Carol & Valerie
March 2nd & 9th	Taunia & Gill B
March 16th & 23rd	Penny & Viviane
March 30th	Jacky & Trish

My sister-in-law, Mrs Ann Dixon, kindly sends us *The Golant Pill* to our home in France. Reading and enjoying your publication has prompted the following:-

### **FROM YORKSHIRE TO THE OLD SAWMILLS 1955**

Destination The Old Sawmills, arrival Golant 28.03.55- tide out! Anxious to start moving in as soon as possible, we were able to ferry our first load of furniture down to Sawmills by moonlight as soon as there was enough water in the creek. My father managed to manoeuvre the 'Kathleen', our 14ft clinker built runabout, towing a most unwieldy, heavily laden pontoon down river against the tide from Golant, under the bridge into Bodmin Pill and up to the quay where my mother had thoughtfully placed a candle in a jam jar to help us! So we had arrived in our new home- The Old Sawmills.

We were almost the first 'foreigners' in the village, but made so welcome. We shopped with Mr Charrington in his shop by the Green (then known as the Dump) and with Arthur Geake at the Post Office up by the Chapel. As my father had decided we had no need of a car- no road to Sawmills- all other shopping was done by boat in Fowey. We had permits from BR to walk the railway line when the tide was out, or we could walk to the village by way of the Downs- beautiful, but took longer. The little steam train which ran from Lostwithiel to Fowey was manned by two gifted drivers, one who produced the most wonderful paintings and the other who could spout Shakespeare for a pastime. Occasionally, my brother and I rode in the engine, blowing the hooter as we passed Sawmills, and sometimes the driver would stop the train (if there were no officials about) so we could get off at the creek, thus saving a walk back down the line. This was a very special time, not something that would happen nowadays!

I was soon introduced to Scrumpy and loved it- also joining in at Reg Tabb's to help make up the 'cheeses' and drink the fresh apple juice through real straws as it ran into the granite trough. Only to be advised in small quantities!

Our first carnival was a revelation- the afternoon sports, the race to Hardground and back (later to be run round the village); the tea with jam splits and Cornish cream. My brother that first year won the Sports Cup and I had a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize dressed as Nell Gwynne carrying an enormous basket of oranges! What memories!

A highlight for me was when the Vicar asked me to play the organ in Church when our elderly organist was on holiday. I had a bit of a problem with the Psalms at first, but May Phillips led the congregation gamely, always singing half a tone out and more slowly than I played! I played for years after that- my psalms improved!

I remember Leonard Blowey giving me a sixpence (old money) for driving two loads of seaweed from the slipway up to his garden on Downs Hill with Peter Vincent's pony and cart. Douglas Rendall (whose father had been

a coachman at Torfrey) helped me break in my first pony which I had bought from Dartmoor. Timmy tipped me off nearly every time I rode him, but we did win a prize at one carnival where we appeared as Dick Turpin and Black Bess, and he behaved impeccably when standing close to the brass band.

These times are now long gone- much water has passed under the bridge- but the memories remain and have been revived by reading your *Golant Pill*.

Maureen Ettey, originally Maureen Duckworth when at The Old Sawmills

### **OLD GOLANT**



Graham Estlick was clearing his father's effects in 1990 when he came across this postcard of a view from the railway line in Golant

He writes: "On the back was a Par postmark, and it was sent to my father congratulating him on passing his final pharmaceutical exams. The sender of the postcard was a *Joan E Hooper*. He took his final exams in 1928, which roughly dates the sending of the card. Unfortunately, my father became an avid stamp collector in latter years and was in the habit of removing the stamps by soaking them off the card or envelope, which not only removed the date but devalued the postcard! I wonder if there is any person in the Tywardreath and Par area who could be descendents of the card's sender. It would be interesting to know."

*Notice the path running alongside the railway on the far side of the road- Ed*

### **OLD PHOTOGRAPHS & POSTCARDS**

**Jimmy Fisher** is always interested in purchasing old photographs and postcards of Golant to add to his large collection. He may be contacted at:  
23 Moorland Road, Par (Tel: 813810)

### **Golant Village Website ([www.golant.net](http://www.golant.net))**

The webmaster can be contacted in any of the following ways:

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Telephone- 01726 832326

Post- 4 Riverview Terrace Golant PL23 1LL

## Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

### SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE

This is the time of year that Seville oranges can be found in the shops. They are sold for a very short time, and are definitely worth buying.

Here is the recipe that I make in the Aga, but the oranges can be simmered on the hob of other stoves.

#### Ingredients

3lbs (1.5kg) Seville Oranges

Juice of 2 lemons (the peel will discolour if cooked for a length of time, so should not be used)

6lbs (3kg) sugar (a jam sugar helps reduce the boiling time & gives a good set)

4 pints (2 litres) water

#### Method

1. Put the oranges & lemon juice in a large pan and add the water. If necessary, put a plate on the oranges to keep them under the surface. Bring the pan to the boil, cover, then put the pan into the simmering oven overnight, or cook gently on the hob for about 1½ hours, or until a sharp knife can be pushed easily into the fruit.
  2. Lift out the fruit into a colander, saving any juice that runs out. Leave the orange liquid in the pan. When cool enough to handle, cut the oranges in half. Scoop out the pips, pith and any fruit and add this to the liquid in the pan. Boil for 6 minutes with the lid off.
  3. Strain this through a sieve, pressing through as much pulp as you can. This is high in pectin and helps set the marmalade. Pour half the liquid into a jam saucepan or other large pan.
  4. Cut up the peel so that it is finely cut or as chunky as you like, then add half of it to the pan. Add half of the sugar. Stir the pan on the heat until the sugar has dissolved, then boil quickly for 15-20 minutes until setting point is reached.
  5. Pot, seal and label, and repeat for the other batch.
- By making the marmalade in two halves, you will get the best results.

Paddy Shelley

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## CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Saturday 2nd	2pm	Rugby 6 Nations	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 2nd	7.30pm	Cheese and Wine evening with a talk by Simon Funnell 'Tristan & Iseult- the local legend?' <i>Tickets from Estelle Van den Broek :833707</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 3rd	9.15am	Holy Communion ( <i>Education Sunday</i> )	St Sampson's
Wednesday 6th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 7th	12-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 10th	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 12th	8pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 14th	12-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Thursday 14th		Italian Night ( <i>3 course meal £12.95-please book</i> ) <i>Valentine's Day</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 20th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 21st	12-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Thursday 21st	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 24th	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 26th	8pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 28th	12-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall

### MARCH

Sunday 2nd	9.15am	Holy Communion ( <i>Mothering Sunday</i> )	St Sampson's
Sunday 2nd		Mothering Sunday 3 course lunch ( <i>£12.95- please book</i> )	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 5th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library ( <i>St Piran's Day</i> )	End of Green
Thursday 6th	12 -2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 7th	2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	St Sampson's
Sunday 9th	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion ( <i>Passion Sunday</i> )	St Sampson's
Tuesday 11th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 13th	2-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 14th & Saturday 15th	7.30pm	'Under Milk Wood' (see page 3) <i>Tickets from Viviane Barr: 832454</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 16th	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion ( <i>Palm Sunday</i> )	St Sampson's
Monday 17th	Evening	<i>St Patrick's Day</i> Irish Shindig	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 18th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 19th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 20th		<b>NB- No Thursday Kitchen today</b>	
Thursday 20th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Friday 21st	Noon	Sung 'Service of the Cross' ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	St Sampson's
Sunday 23rd	9.15 am	Sung Holy Communion ( <i>Easter Day</i> )	St Sampson's
Sunday 23rd	From 2pm	Decorated egg competition, egg rolling, Easter Bonnet competition and egg throwing	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 27th	12-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 30th	9.15am	Holy Communion ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )	St Sampson's

### FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 1st April	8pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Plant and Book Sale	

*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.*