



Splashing out, alfresco!



Graham Estlick & Co braving the elements



Leaden skies but smiling faces

It was a great idea of Tim Smit to envisage the whole of Britain stopping for a Big Lunch on a Sunday in July. His aim was “...to put a smile on Britain’s face...” However, there was a problem—the weather.

The rain had been hammering down since before dawn in Golant and most residents looked out of their windows and assumed that the picnic would be cancelled. They had forgotten the indomitable spirit so often shown on rainy sports & carnival days. The show must go on!

And so it proved on July 19th. We arrived just after the scheduled starting time and saw a small group near the human sundial, huddled under a couple of umbrellas cheerfully sipping champagne. A few more people joined us. There was certainly a positive attitude to the way the weather was shaping up. It didn’t matter that it was raining at that moment; the forecasters said that it would brighten up.

A few more people arrived as the sun tried to come out and then the rain lashed down again. We huddled under umbrellas again. Tony Jennings turned up with hoops and other equipment to play

croquet on the village green. Eventually, forty odd people, including a handful of children, were assembled and the real eating of the lunch began. Wine and champagne flowed; smiles grew on faces; laughter increased. The sun came out for a few minutes then the skies opened again. Siobhan & Colin Harper turned up with a very large homemade carrot cake, which was absolutely delicious, plus a mixture of very tasty puddings. We didn’t mind having a small assembly; it meant bigger helpings without guilt!

We were still getting wet and a kind offer came from Steve & Anne Marie at *The Fisherman’s Arms* that we could have the use of their marquee. But, stoically, we Golantians decided to stay put. The sun came out in response before doing another disappearing act! As the afternoon wore on, the weather improved and it was decided to go ahead with the planned game of rounders.

We left to the shrieks of happy children and adults. All of us *did* have smiles on our faces! Thanks, Tim!

MGH

From the Editor

I'm sure that, like me, you are hoping that the weather improves for the carnival weeks. I say 'weeks' because, having enjoyed our own carnival, sports & raft race, many of us then go downriver to enjoy attractions at Fowey during the following week. The favourite event for most people at Fowey is, of course, the display by the Red Arrows. The party atmosphere amongst all the boats is always memorable and the display, by what we would claim is the world's finest aerobatics team, is truly breathtaking.

Our *Backalong* item this time centres on a few carnival memories from Vic Tabb. No doubt it will conjure up memories in other people— let's hear about them!

Don't forget the Flower & Produce Show on September 5th (See facing page). Let's all make this another special occasion in the village.

I really like the idea from Joe Hunter on the *Sandbanks* page who has drawn up a list of interesting facts about Greyhounds. I was ignorant of most of the points made. He invites you to centre on another animal and facts related to it.

We are so fortunate to have Cornwall Air Ambulance at our disposal when there is an emergency. In the past few weeks, one visitor staying in Golant had an accident and was airlifted to Treliske Hospital at Truro. The goalposts, seats and fencing on the village green were not removed on that occasion; what skill that pilot had! Then a workman at *Fleeting's End* smashed an ankle badly. Again, a pilot manoeuvred his helicopter on to the green though this time the goalposts and fencing were moved by the injured man's workmates. Variations in wind speed and direction make such landings hazardous. The Air Ambulance certainly deserves all our support as it is run as a charity.

The computer program which was inserted into our laser printer worked last time! The price of each copy went down to about £1 a copy— a saving of 25%. We can't be precise as there is no accurate measure on the machine.

To all villagers, visitors & the many readers who have a *Golant Pill* sent to them, I wish you a great holiday in what is left of the summer.

Mike Harris

Calendar Competition

Many thanks to all those who sent in contributions. The team had a busy morning choosing from a large number, so apologies if your photo wasn't chosen.

We hope to be able to produce an A4 calendar, costing approx £5 (excluding postage). The more orders we can get, the more reasonable the price, so if you are interested would you please contact me with an idea of how many you would like as soon as possible—

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We also hope to be able to produce greetings cards from some of the entries that were not chosen for the calendar. The profits from these would be shared amongst various village organisations. If you sent in an entry, and would rather it wasn't used as a card please let me know.

Here are a few of the chosen photos to tempt you. If you want to see the rest, you will have to buy the calendar!

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Village Hall Committee

I should like to begin by apologising for any inconvenience caused by the change of date of the Flower & Produce Show. It became apparent that on the original date of July 11th gardeners had little produce ready for exhibiting. So the new date is **Saturday September 5th** from **2-4.30pm**. There will be a new schedule of classes delivered to every house in mid August. These changes will be in the vegetable and flower classes to coincide with the season. Otherwise, all children's classes, homemade jams and preserves, cookery and photography will remain the same. All entry forms must be in to **Anita Fuge** by **2nd September**. Please support this event by growing, cooking, taking pictures of village life and encouraging your children to enter their classes. Refreshments will be available and we would welcome garden-related prizes for the raffle.

The Village Hall is looking very smart now. Pete Stoddern did a great job in redecorating the toilets, and the hall will be redecorated when the heating and internal wall insulation has been completed.

Sue Reardon has continued to put a lot of time and effort into sourcing detailed options on various heating systems. After these detailed surveys were received, it has been decided to opt for two air to air heat source heaters which will not only be more efficient but will be more environmentally friendly. These will replace the night storage heaters. The

Xpelair system for two units will cost just under £5000, plus the cost of dry-lining the internal wall. Sue will apply for grants and fundraising will begin in earnest.

Some games at the Carnival will be provided by the Committee and if the weather is good, the books from the hall will be sold. If you need holiday reading material just ask one of the committee for a key and choose some books from the bookshelf in the hall.

The Thursday Kitchen team are taking a well-deserved break and hopefully will resume on 10th September. Please check the Village Hall notice-board nearer the time.

Janet Gore

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Janet Gore

(for the Village Hall Committee)

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Cream teas and wedding cake were then served and the evening was a lively one with a disco, and guests were tucking into hot pasties.

The celebrations concluded with a display of fireworks and the releasing of sixty Chinese lanterns across the river just before midnight.

Graham Estlick

HENRY ALLINGHAM

We were all saddened by the passing of Henry Allingham at the grand age of 113 years, Britain's oldest survivor of the Great War.

Robert Dunley, past Master Firefighter, remembers him as a firefighter who was stationed in Shaftesbury Avenue, in the centre of London's West End, both during and after World War II, and seeing plenty of action.

Six years ago, Robert assisted in presenting Henry to the Princess Royal when she rededicated the Firefighters' Memorial at St Paul's. Henry was a courageous man who served his country well. †RIP

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Sunday 8th November

Gordon Giltrap returns.

Many will remember this inspirational guitarist when he came 4 years ago and was single-handedly responsible for some people changing their view about an evening of guitar music! His relaxed performance gave us an insight into his superb skills as a musician and also showed that he was a really nice bloke.

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Please note that the [Copy Date](#) for the next issue is:

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GOLANT WILDLIFE

In early summer, in and around Golant, we all enjoyed the delightful spectacle of large numbers of Painted Ladies.

This year, massive numbers of these immigrant butterflies were recorded, with some reports of clouds of the insects, resembling locust plagues of biblical proportions, arriving over the English Channel.

In some clouds, it was estimated that there were about 18,000 butterflies!



Painted Ladies and some other immigrant species live and breed in North Africa where, after exceptionally heavy rain last season, thistles, which are the food plant of their caterpillars, grew in huge abundance, prompting a massive butterfly population explosion.

Sadly, these short-lived butterflies come to Europe simply to die, choosing to spend their last few months in a comparatively comfortable climate. We see them in a rather drab state towards the end of their life, whilst in their home territory they are much more vivid and colourful.

A vibrantly coloured specimen of a Painted Lady



Continuing the melancholy theme, I have to report that a rascal Magpie cleared out our House Martin nest early one morning. The adult Martins took flight but we were delighted to find that they returned and have begun nesting all over again.

The Red Kite is still making visits. It seems to be using the woodland in between Lostwithiel and Lanhydrock as its base territory, making forays over Bodmin moor and the farmland in between Lostwithiel and Fowey.

Graham Estlick spotted a Tern (Little Tern?) in the Pill recently, let's hope that it's the first of many of these gay little creatures to visit us. As I have previously reported, declining Sand Eel population is being blamed for the diminishing numbers of Terns and Puffins in the Southwest.

Barry Campbell-Taylor

The swallow returned to the nest in the church porch in the spring but disappeared. Another pair has taken over the nest and four (or is it six?) young are being fed at the moment.

Ed.

CORMORANT HOTEL PLEA

Does anybody have a spare double room that they would be willing to let to our lovely new staff member and girlfriend?

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The kids' insight on Golant

Hoorah! The summer holidays are finally here. No more school and loads of fun ahead! Have a great summer!

Alice Hunter



I was looking at the creatures.

Maddy Rose Hunter

Canoe Crazy!

Hugh Elworthy and Dan Palmer went to the Exeter Canoe Race last Sunday. They did really well and Hugh won his race with Dan coming a close second. Really well done to everyone who took part.

AH

Animal Facts

Figure of 8 Camp

Hugh and I took part in the cubs' 'Figure of 8 Camp.' It was a walking camp where we walked eight miles one day and four miles the next. There were loads of cub groups who took part from all over Cornwall and we all camped in the playing field at St Mewan School. It was really good fun but we were very tired when we got home!

Joe Hunter

If you have a pet or a favourite animal, email in with a funny or interesting fact and we will try and fit it in the *Sandbanks* page of the next *Golant Pill*.

This issue's animal is a **Greyhound**.

My School Trip

I went on a visit to Churchtown on my school trip. I went on the zip wire and I went on the climbing wall and I went to the top.

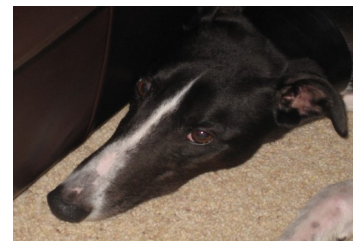
1. Henry VIII and Queen Victoria kept greyhounds.
2. Every year thousands of greyhounds are either drowned, poisoned, beaten to death, shot, starved or chucked out on the street.
3. Many greyhounds are sold to research labs.
4. My greyhound Jack can reach speeds up to 40mph.
5. Greyhounds commonly get ear infections.
6. The average retiring age for a racing greyhound is 3-4 years.
7. Greyhounds are the fastest breed of dogs on the planet.
8. Greyhounds are related to whippets.

These facts are by *Joe Hunter*.

This is a picture of me looking at creatures from the pond.



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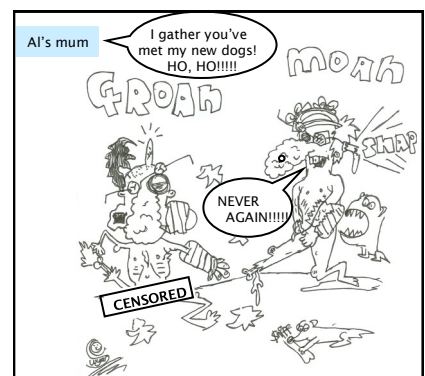


This is Jack, who is a retired greyhound.



ACCIDENTAL

'To Eat or not to Eat; that is the Question' by Charlie Swyer



LETTERS/EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

FISHY BUSINESS

Dear Editor,

I came across a word in the Golant Gleanings of the latest edition of *'The Pill'* that I had never heard before. It was the word 'jowster' used in relation to Pete 'The Fish' Randall.

I consulted my Shorter Oxford English Dictionary to find that there was no such word listed but I did find the word 'jowter' which, given its meaning as a hawker of fish, would appear to be the correct spelling. Before putting pen to paper to you I decided to consult the oracle, Pete the Fish. He informed me that he only knew the word jowter and not your misspelling!

I am sure that you will tell me that the word jowster is used in some hidden fishing village in the depths of The Lizard but I do think that we should use the more accepted spelling.

Whilst I was talking to Pete he told me a little tale about a lady who asked him for a pound of cod. He said that unfortunately there was no cod that day but he did have some lovely haddock. She said, "I want a pound of cod" but he again told her it was not available.

She repeated her request and he asked her to spell the word cod. She said, "C-O-D". He said, "You are wrong. You forgot the F." She replied, "There's no F in cod".

He said, "Madam, that's what I have been trying to tell you for the last few minutes!"

Maurie Parsons

It was not misspelling, you cheeky devil!! In his latest book, John Jenkin has a picture of and references to 'a jowster.' In her book 'Mousehole Childhood,' Lily Grose includes a comprehensive list of Mousehole dialect words including 'jowster- a fish hawker.' The late Professor Ken Phillips, the leading authority on Cornish dialect, recorded many variations of words across the duchy. Eg groushans (dregs of tea in West Cornwall) becomes grouts (mid and East Cornwall). I feel an article coming on somewhere.....Ed

A PLEA FROM GAIL

My boss is going to Sierra Leone mid August and is wanting to take any unwanted pairs of spectacles and hearing aids with him, as these are very high value and much needed out there.

My plea is that if anyone out there has any unwanted pairs of spectacles, irrespective of magnification and size, or unused hearing aids, please could they let me have them to give to my boss who is flying out as part of a relief mission to Sierra Leone mid August. Many thanks in anticipation.

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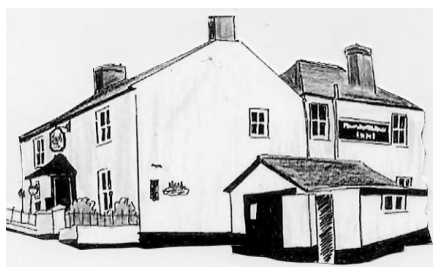
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No members of the public attended the July meeting, and therefore proceedings began at 7.15 p.m. No planning applications had been received, the Village Green and playground are in good condition, and apart from one minor act of vandalism on the ticket machine the car park arrangements are also going well with takings ahead of last year.

Sincere thanks were expressed to those who had strimmed the Upper Downs Path – David Johns, Barry Campbell-Taylor, Bruce Fletcher, Sue Reardon, Terry Rundle and Simon Funnell. The Probation Service has approached us with a view to maintaining this path to give those repaying their debt to the community something useful to do! The Parish Clerk is arranging a trial week, and, if successful, then this will become a regular project which should benefit all parties.

The very poor condition of Church Hill has been reported, as well as the sunken drain outside the Post Office.

There was a long discussion on the status of the footpath (if it is an official footpath) from Torfrey Cross to Fowey via Lanherriot Farm, and the present lack of signposting. Further enquiries are to be made.

The Village Hall is seeking to install a more efficient form of heating, and the Parish Council is keen to help. A stumbling block has appeared out of the blue, in that we are more constrained in the donations we make than we thought, and every effort will now be made to find a way round the present restrictions. It is unusual for such a small Parish Council to have a reasonable extra income – thanks to the car park – but now that we have sufficient reserves to pay for the re-surfacing we are anxious to continue to make substantial donations to community projects. As we own the playground, we are not limited in what we give to this, but this is not true of the Village Hall. I am confident we shall find a solution!

Finally, unless a crisis occurs, there will be no meeting in August, and the next meeting will be at 7.15 on Wednesday 23rd September.

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Golant Sports, Carnival and Raft Race weekend

August 15th & 16th is the weekend to book into your diaries as once again Golant stages these magnificent events.

Saturday 15th : Sports start at 2.00pm on the Green with delicious Cream Teas served during the afternoon. We would be very grateful if the village ladies could bake a cake and either bring it down to the marquee on the day or deliver it to Suzanne at Hillcrest.

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

Carnival judging starts at 6.45pm, so please arrive well before that to ensure you get into the correct category and get the best chance to bribe the judges.

St Pinnock Brass Band play during judging and will then lead the procession round the village. This will be followed by the Flora Dance.

Evening entertainment is provided by the Fisherman's Arms featuring live music from 'Miss Scarlet and the Candlesticks'. Great food and Ales will be available.

Sunday 16th sees the **Great Golant Raft Race starting at 12.30 pm** at the Slip & Quay, so get your teams organized to build the best raft. Tom Parsons is in charge and is looking for more raft entries than ever, so get your team

organized or miss out on the fun!!

Entry forms can be obtained from **The Fisherman's Arms**, who sponsor this event.

Help to raise the flags and erect the new bunting would be welcome on Sunday 9th August at 11.00 by the Green.

Many thanks must go to the Parish Council for purchasing the new bunting. We will also need help to erect our marquee on Friday 14th at 3.00pm on the Green.

Carnival Committee

Golant Carnival in days of yore



Who is this saucy village lady in the 1976 Carnival and who is the young girl dressed as Miss Salad?!!

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BACKALONG

We popped in to see Vic & Pam Tabb recently to find out about carnivals over the years in Golant. We've chatted to them before about them but needed more information. They have quite a collection of photographs many of which belonged to Vic's late mother, Esther.

The first carnival held in Golant took place in 1952 when life was still fairly austere after the war years. Many things, including sweets, were still rationed. The idea of having a carnival to cheer people up seemed a good idea.

Vic was entered as Sir Gordon Richards, who was the great jockey on the flat at that time. Riding his Uncle Les Tabb's pony, *Tuly (Tulip)* he won the first prize of 2 shillings (10p). Tuly was a working horse. A small saddle was scrounged from somewhere though Tuly wasn't used to having any saddle at all. Maureen Etty entered the carnival with her horses over succeeding years until it was deemed that horses could pose a danger to bystanders.



The village green was known in early days as *The Dump* and was a little smaller than it is now. It was not as bad as its name suggests—only green waste was thrown there. A marquee was erected where the cars park today. George Luck, as managing director as St Austell Brewery, arranged for pop to be provided for the children, a tradition which has continued

to the present day. Trestle tables were brought from the village hall to the marquee and were loaded with cakes galore and Cornish splits with jam & cream. Later on it was decided to have the teas in the village hall.

Sports were laid on for the children. A favourite was the obstacle race. This included having to negotiate crawling under a large tarpaulin and going through the bars of a ladder. The problem was that it was a fruit picking ladder which tapered towards the top so the bars were not all the same distance apart. Some got stuck in the ladder. Vic always heeded his dad's advice, "See which end the ladder is widest and go for that!"



Vic & Mark Tippetts as *Tweedledum & Tweedledee*; Mark's mother, Betty as *Alice*. (The Tippetts lived at Tanhay House)

The founders of the carnival all those years ago certainly did a great job with the format! Hardly anything has changed—the carnival, the procession around the village behind a band, the sports, the teas.

Oh, please can we have some better weather this year?!

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Answers to the identity of the two Carnival participants on page 9:
Left: Anita Fuge *Right: Angela Forsyth (nee Tabb)*



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Golant Gleanings

Congratulations

Penny Parsons is retiring having taught at Fowey Primary School for over 31 years. Richard Gabb, who shares the same birthday, is retiring, also. They will be celebrating the beginning of their new lives in a traditional Cornish way with live music for dancing from '*Cara Cana*' (Cornish for 'Love of Music') followed by Cornish singing, on the Sunday of the Beer Festival in *The Fisherman's Arms* over the August Bank Holiday weekend. This joint celebration, to which anybody is welcome, has been aptly named '*Nos Lowan*' which is Cornish for 'Happy Night'!

See the Calendar on the back page for full details.

August is ruby coloured for Geoff & Carol White, and some ten years behind them are John & Ruth Varco. Barry & Judith Campbell-Taylor celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in July.

Prudence, the Shetland pony owned by Pam Tabb, came 2nd to the leading colt in the country at the Liskeard Agricultural Show (2 and 3 year old mini Shetland class). Apparently, the leading colt has never been beaten in competition. At the Royal Cornwall Show Prudence came 4th in her class.

Paddy's son, Piran Shelley, has now gained his doctorate in biochemistry, and is working for a multi-national pharmaceutical company in Europe.

Rave Reviews

Following rave reviews about his book *Newlyn, A View from Street-An-Nowan*, John Jenkin was interviewed for Radio Cornwall. The recording was made into five separate items which were broadcast during one week recently. The only trouble was that they failed to tell John that they were being broadcast at that time! All hundred copies of the book are now sold. There are already a number of disappointed people who wanted a copy; John is keeping a list in case he decides to reprint.

Thanks

A van failed to negotiate the entrance to *The Cormorant Hotel* recently. It took out the gate and the electricians and was stuck there for over four hours. Meanwhile, the hotel guests were trapped. Mary Tozer, the owner of the hotel, wishes '...to extend *The Cormorant's* thanks to those gallant chaps who did their best to help solve the problem for us. We appreciate their attempts to clear the drive. The locals were very helpful, trying to help the driver with his problem...'

Death

Wallis Pearse of Tywardreath died on July 24th after a long battle against prostate cancer. He showed great courage in the face of a variety of treatments to combat the onslaught of the disease. Wallis was a founder member of GBOA (Boatwatch) and remained on the committee until the end, even though the illness had forced him to sell his beloved boat, *Stray*, some years ago.

A Model Example

At the recent flower festival at St Sampson's Church, considerable interest was shown in a model of the church made by a frequent visitor to Golant, Rachael Bromley. Two of the national dolls' house magazines are willing to do an article about the little church. Rachael is confident that, when the model is situated in the church, it will generate some visitors. The magazine, *Dolls' House & Miniature Scene*, is preparing a three page spread for publication in mid September. Rachael plans to be down again in September and hopes that the model will finally be complete.

GOLANT QUAY USERS ASSOCIATION

Renewal fees are due in by 31st July, so if you have not paid yet please don't forget them.

The land purchase process is ongoing with a company 'Golant Quay Users Ltd' being formed to own the asset.

Many thanks must go to Gail and Maurie for organising the Ascot in Golant Ladies Evening, not only for an entertaining evening but also for the significant donation of £250.00 towards our land fund.

Please be reminded that theft is at its highest at this time of the year, so don't leave any petrol or other valuables on board.

Peter Edwards

GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

To be honest, we weren't looking forward to spending eight hours running a Boatwatch display at the Safety Day at Eden last month. How wrong we were! Time passed very quickly because it was so enjoyable. Parking & entry were free and everyone, especially families, had a great time. There were some exciting events in the arena. Next to our Boatwatch display was a police car and youngsters loved sitting in it, pushing buttons and turning on the flashing lights. The rock climbing tower always had someone on it. It is reassuring to know that there are so many people out there who are ready to save lives. The whole event was organised by our local police at St Blazey— well done! There'll be a similar event next year— don't miss it!

Last year quite a number of outboard engines were stolen in Golant. The prime time for theft is about to happen! To protect your outboard, why not invest in a special cover which has been proved to deter thieves? These are being produced by the Devon & Cornwall Police. When you moor up, you remove your hard cover and take it home. You replace it with a white, lockable plastic cover which has police logos plastered all over it. Also provided is a FREE microdot kit which is used to mark your outboard, fish finder, radio etc. Contact me for further details (01726 833897). Prices of the covers INCLUDING the microdot kit: £15 (small) £20 (large).

Mike Harris

Fowey Estuary News August 2009

Fowey Regatta – all the fun of a busy harbour

Fowey Regatta Week marks the culmination of the summer season in the harbour, with all the visiting boats, sailing races, ship movements, waterborne events and the odd cruise liner thrown in for good measure; the port is a very busy place.

The 2009 Regatta Week (16th – 22nd August) will be no exception; in an average year we expect 800 visiting craft with about 2000 visitors onboard, in addition to the many resident boats which join in the fun. This year we are also welcoming the cruise liner 'Columbus' to the port on Tuesday 18th August (0800h – 1800h); at 144 metres in length she will make an impressive presence in the lower harbour.

The influx of visitors and the numerous parties inevitably creates a great deal of waste. Over the week the Fowey Harbour Commissioners afloat waste facilities alone collect approximately 30 cubic yards of general rubbish, about 2 tonnes of glass bottles and plastics too! So please do your bit to keep our beautiful harbour tidy and dispose of your waste correctly.

Fowey Harbour Commissioners are greatly involved in the manning of all the waterborne events during the week to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment, and Harbour Master's Notices are issued to make sure all are aware of arrangements; these are available on our website.

The fun and frivolity of the week has to work around the statutory duties of the harbour, and the commercial shipping is escorted through the busy lower harbour to maintain the primary purpose of this working port.

So when you're out on the water enjoying the week, please be aware of all that is going on around you and appreciate all the time and organisation that it takes for everything to happen, but most of all, the Harbour Commissioners wish you all a fun, safe and tidy Regatta!

Claire Hoddinott

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- ▶ Mike Harris, Chairman of Boatwatch 01726 833897

News from St Sampson

The external work on the tower is completed. The workmen are to be congratulated on the high standard achieved. We had been planning to have an occasion on St Sampson's Day to welcome everyone up to the church to have a look and celebrate but we were not sure when the scaffolding would actually be removed. The new pointing really does look super. It's had colouring added to blend with the granite. Coarse grit has been added to the lime mortar which should help it to counter the extreme weather conditions for many years to come.

Meanwhile, the work inside the tower cannot be done because of the few lesser horseshoe bats who have taken up their usual residence. Work will resume when they leave for their winter quarters. The bats have always been happy to live with the disturbance of bells ringing in their ears so I am not sure how workmen would affect them. Are they allergic to Radio 1? Mind you, I don't think that the workmen wanted to be up in the chamber with bats flying around! But the penalties for disobeying the rules are very stiff so we must conform. Incidentally, where do those bats go for the autumn and winter each year? Do they use St Sampson's Cave?

There used to be a flagpole on the tower in past times and, whilst the scaffolding was in place, the opportunity was taken to place a fibreglass pole on the south-west corner parapet. Appropriately, on the Feast of St Sampson, the Cornish flag flew from our tower once again.

We are sorry to lose Tony Dando who has played the organ for the first Sunday each month. Tony and Catherine are moving back to Devon partly for family reasons. Our thanks, best wishes and prayers go with them.

The **Harvest Festival** this year is on the last weekend of September. It was really splendid to see the church last year. It not only looked lovely but it smelled great as well! This year, on Saturday 27th, we hope that many people will bring offerings to the church— fresh fruit and vegetables and flowers. Do please stay to help decorate the church, if you can. Unless they are really fresh, such offerings can go off a little by the time of the Supper on the Monday. For that reason, we would appreciate lots of tins and packets as well. On the Sunday, we shall hold a special service at 9.15am when there will be participation by various members of our community. The Harvest Supper will be on 29th at 7pm in the village hall. Entry by tickets only. Please buy your ticket early; none will be available on the door. Please do not bring wine; we sell wine under licence with a very modest mark up, the profit of which goes to charity. We will be supporting *Harvest for the Hungry*. There will be no auction this year. Instead, goods will be pre-packed into bags & boxes and numbered with a ticket. A payment of £5 will buy you a ticket to claim one of those bags— everyone a winner! We invite the men to bake a loaf which will be eaten at the supper— no competition for the best baker this year.

Before:
The shrouded tower in the Spring



After: The flag of St Piran flying proudly above the newly re-pointed tower.

MGH

St Sampson Secret Safari Supper: 24th July

A fine Friday evening saw 53 people gathered at Orchard View for a drink and instructions as to where they should go for their starter. Soon they were off to Hillcrest, Riverside, Tanhay, Bellsat, Mimosa Cottage, Cozel and River View Terrace (well, to one of those), for excellent first courses, one of which was royally laced with crème-de-menthe, I believe.

Then further instructions were received, and guests walked (mostly) to Penquite Farm, or Rose Cottage, or Torfrey or Wild Thyme Farm for a main course of venison, beef, or fish. Finally, as one of the highest tides of the year flooded into the Pill, these happy (and by now rather full) diners rolled down to the Old Cider House for a staggering display of puddings, accompanied by a delicious dessert wine. Every one seemed happy, every one seemed well fed, and the Golant Obese Society had several new members. By late evening it was not only the display of desserts that was staggering. Those who have not yet tasted the delights of a St Sampson Safari Supper have missed a gastronomic treat.

Enormous thanks to those who acted as hosts, and to all the guests; thanks to their good humour and generosity just over £1,100 was raised for the tower project, and, in the process, I think I can confidently state that an exceedingly good time was had by all!

Simon Funnell

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

Aug 2nd	Ruth & Gill P
Aug 9th & 16th	Kate & June
Aug 23rd & 30th	Vilma & Paddy
Sept 6th & 13th	Gillie & Sheila
Sept 20th & 27th	Jacky & Trish

Ascot in Golant

The lower terrace of the *Fisherman's Arms* garden was transformed on the evening of Saturday 4th July into a **Royal Enclosure à la Ascot** for an evening of racing, drinking, food and fun.

Our nattily dressed publican Steve, welcoming the punters to the Royal Enclosure!



The marquee had been decorated and tables were adorned with red cloths, candles and wild flowers. The weather had threatened rain but fortunately stayed dry for the whole evening. In fact it was so bright early on that there was some difficulty in being able to view the races, which were projected on to a screen that was erected on the bandstand. This did not affect the enjoyment although the cheering was a little subdued, probably because it was not easy to identify which horse was carrying your money.

Eighty people came to the Royal Enclosure with the majority dressing up in 'posh' racing clothes. The ladies all looked gorgeous in the frocks and hats as can be seen from the photographs. Some men even went to the extent of getting out their tails, but Alistair Barr outdid them all with a topper!



Three elegant ladies.....

The superb food was provided by Steve and Anne-Marie from the pub with Pete the Plasterer acting as a BBQ chef. He certainly scrubbed up well and looked resplendent in his black tie although he occasionally reverted to type by putting on a risqué pinafore. Anne-Marie also concocted some jugs of cocktails and these proved to be very popular.

There were eight races during the evening and these were kindly sponsored by *The Cormorant Hotel*, *The Fisherman's Arms*, *The Golant Quay Users Association*, *Thursday Kitchen*, *Kittons Butchers*, *Richards Greengrocers*, *Four Turnings Garage* and *Val's Place Fish and Chips*. In addition the *Golant Firework Fund* sponsored a bottle of champagne for the winning sponsor in the last race and this was taken by Paddy & Vilma of *Thursday Kitchen*.

Betting on the races was fast and furious and a number of people seemed to do very well (although I wasn't one of them – anybody got a shirt?) Each winner received £5 and they were Janet Longman, Malc Crisp, Christopher Barton, Estelle van den Broek, Robert Gore, Martin Goddard, Geoff White and John Varco.

Racing finished just after 9 and the evening was then completed by Rick and Tim of *The Bucket Boys* playing good dancing music.

All in all it was a very successful evening with over £500 being raised. This was split between the *Golant Quay Users Association* for their fund to purchase The Pill, and the *Golant Firework Fund*, with a small donation being made to the Village Hall who kindly loaned the tables and chairs.

Maurie Parsons

...and a suave Maurie and elegant Gail, who put on many successful events in our village!

Ed





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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

We served this at one of our June Thursday Kitchens and had several requests for the recipe. The great advantage of a dessert such as this is that it can be made two or three days before you need it, as it keeps well in the fridge.

LEMON TART (Serves 6-8)

Pastry Case

200g (8oz) Plain Flour
50g (2oz) Ground Almonds
2 tbsp Icing Sugar + extra to dredge
125g (5oz) Butter
2 medium free range Egg Yolks
1 medium free range Egg White (beaten)

- 1 To make the pastry put the flour, ground almonds, sugar and butter in a food processor and mix until it looks like fine breadcrumbs. (This stage can be just as easily done by hand).
- 2 Add the egg yolks & 2-3 tbsp of cold water. Mix to make a dough.
- 3 Shape then roll out to fit a 20cm round fluted flan tin. Chill for 30 mins.
- 4 Heat the oven to 190°C/Gas Mark 5. Bake for 5 minutes.
- 5 Brush with the egg white and bake for another 5 minutes.

Filling

200g (7oz) Golden Caster Sugar
4 medium free range Eggs (separated into yolks & whites)
142ml (¼ pint) Double Cream
Grated zest & juice of 2 Lemons

- 1 Whisk caster sugar & egg yolks until foamy. Add the lemon zest & juice.
- 2 In a second bowl beat the cream to the soft peak stage and add to the above mixture.
- 3 In a third bowl whisk the egg whites until stiff & gently fold these in.
- 4 Pour the combined mixture into the tart case and return it to the oven (heated to 150°C/Gas Mark 2) for 40-50 minutes until just set.
- 5 Cool, then dredge with icing sugar. (If leaving the tart in the fridge for a day or two, leave the dredging until it is served). *Paddy Shbelley*

THURSDAY KITCHEN

After a well-earned rest, Paddy & Vilma hope to resume their culinary skills for the second Thursday of September (10th)!

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 5th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Sunday 9th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Saturday 15th	2.00pm	Carnival	Village Green
Saturday 15th	8.30pm	Live Music- <i>Miss Scarlett & the Candlesticks</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 16th	12.30pm	Raft Race	Quay
Sunday 16th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 19th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Sunday 23rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Friday 28th-Monday 31st		August Bank Holiday Beer Festival	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 28th	8.30pm	Live Music- <i>Ramblin Minor</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 29th	8.30pm	Live Music- <i>Fifth Column</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 30th	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Sampson's
Sunday 30th	7.30-9.30pm	Penny & Richard's joint celebration of Cornish dancing & singing (<i>see page 11</i>) Live Music- <i>Cara Cava</i>	Fisherman's Arms

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Saturday 5th	2-4.30pm	Flower & Produce Show	Village Hall
Sunday 6th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Thursday 10th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Sunday 13th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 16th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 17th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Sunday 20th	2.00pm	Dog Show	Wild Thyme Farm
Sunday 20th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 23rd	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 24th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Friday 25th	10am-12noon	World's Biggest Coffee morning <i>For Macmillan Cancer Research</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 26th	10am onwards	Deliver harvest produce &/or decorate the church	St Sampson's
Sunday 27th	9.15am	Harvest Mattins <i>Harvest Festival & Back to Church Sunday</i>	St Sampson's
Monday 28th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	Village Hall
Tuesday 29th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 30th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green

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.