



Bygone Golant



This prominent village landmark, *Island House*, captured on canvas 160 years ago, is one of a pair of riverside paintings recently acquired by picture expert Dendy Easton, whose exclusive article may be read below-

Rare Views of Golant in 1857!

“A few months ago I was contacted by a good friend of mine, who was restoring a pair of pictures of Fowey by the artist William Pitt.

He knew I had an interest in the area, and furthermore that I already had a picture by Pitt of *Prime Cellars*, Fowey dated 1861.

He kindly emailed me some photos, and to my amazement they were a pair of views of Golant inscribed, ‘St Sampsons on the River Fowey’ and ‘Near Fowey on the River Fowey’, both signed and dated William Pitt 1857. If you look carefully you will notice that they are of Golant Pill, before the railway line was built.

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Both pictures were painted from where the village green is now, one looking up the river towards Cliff and Lerryn, the other looking towards Island House. They are incredibly accurate considering that many artists in those days used 'Artistic Licence'.



Pitt often painted on small canvases, and I am sure these would have been started off in situ and finished in his studio, hence the accuracy. Interesting to see the two different quays, one at the top end of the Pill and the other off *Island House*...no canoes in those days!

William Pitt was born in Birmingham and painted in the mid 19th Century. From my experience of handling his work during my 30 year career at Sotheby's, his best pictures were painted in the 1850-60 period which fits with these. Many of his paintings were of the Westcountry rivers like the Dart and Tamar, and this shows he came to Fowey/Golant at least a couple of times."



Dendy Easton

BACKALONG

The Railway Line, which runs along the riverside from Lostwithiel to Fowey, took six years to build, and was finished in 1869, a mere 12 years after these William Pitt paintings were completed.

In the booklet *Looking Back- Golant & the Railway*, published by the Golant Heritage group in 2013, and available in the church & the pub, John Kift writes, "In January 1864 when the embankment was being constructed in front of Golant, villagers were upset because the view of the river was being obstructed, and they insisted that access must be allowed for them to take boats from the shore out into the river."

Thus, the line now passes over a short viaduct here, and this created the Pill, an enclosed stretch of water inside the embankment. The word probably comes from the Cornish *pol* - a pool, pond or enclosure of water.

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FROM THE EDITOR

The influence & importance of our village bordering the River Fowey is certainly apparent and celebrated in this issue.

I was disappointed not to be able to accept the invitation to attend the Volunteer Watch Award Ceremony at which, to our surprise and delight, *Golant Boatwatch* was given the prime award. What a wonderful recognition of the concerted efforts of GBOA members and the police over more than 25 years. I am sure that you will enjoy reading about it on page 10.

I was fascinated to read (p4) that the *Golant Heritage Group* plan to investigate the River as their next theme. I am sure that it will be as successful as their previous investigations into both the Railway and Apples. Penny Parsons highlights, also, the interest in John Fuge's input with the original Troy boats.

I recall with great pleasure conversations with John especially when I spent some time with him at work whilst I was completing a series of black and white photographs. Ted Luck & Peter Williams have successfully followed careers in boatbuilding which they learnt under the watchful eyes of John. We hope that the plan to make a film about the Troy craft featuring John, Ted & Peter will come about.

Which brings me to our exclusive front page article:

One of our favourite television programmes since it began all those years ago is *The Antiques Roadshow*. Thank goodness they have not changed its format! We love the way they speak directly to younger people with no dumbing down. We especially admire the particular experts who give opinions on Chinese & Japanese objects, Jewellery & Art. One of the latter, Dendy Easton, visits his family home in Golant whenever he can. Imagine our delight when he rang recently to ask if he could pop up to see us with a couple of early Victorian paintings he had acquired featuring views of Golant before the railway was built. I have to admit that I was flummoxed at first as to where the artist had sat and then realised that it was painted before the railway, including the embankment, was built. The paintings are in excellent condition and have given rise to people asking when and where they can see them. I hope that we can arrange a time for them to be on display. They are not large, but the size at our disposal on A4 certainly does not do them justice, as you can imagine. Watch this newsletter for details of a possible viewing in the near future.

Heartiest congratulations to the organisers of the Alternative Events (p8). In spite of the incessant rain spoiling the Sports & Carnival, they turned disaster into supreme success. Fantastic— but that's Golant for you!!!

Mike Harris



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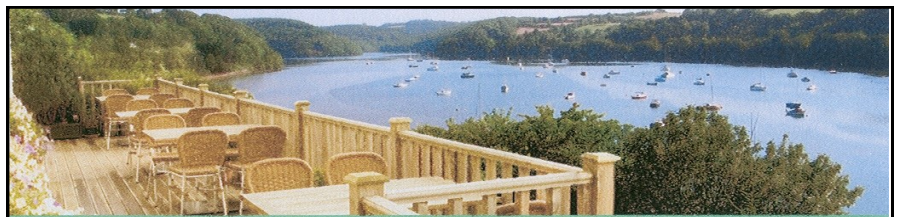
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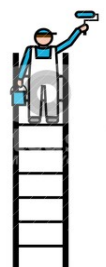
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It is rather an exciting time for those interested in researching the history and heritage of Cornwall. The poky *Cornish Records Office* in Truro will be packing itself up at the end of the year and reinventing itself in Redruth. *The Old Redruth Brewery* is being redeveloped to become **Kresen Kernow** (Cornish for Cornwall Centre), the new archive centre for Cornwall. It will bring together, into a single building, collections of books, maps, photographs and other documents concerning Cornwall, its language and people, currently housed in various locations around Cornwall, including *Cornwall Record Office* and the *Cornish Studies Library*. The historic brew-house is being creatively converted into engaging public spaces including a café, learning rooms and exhibition spaces, along with a range of research facilities. Alongside, will be a two-storey extension, housing state-of-the-art strong-rooms, providing energy efficient environmental conditions to care for the archive material. The iconic chimney has been beautifully restored and will form a striking feature as it stands tall inside and up through this section. From what we were shown at a recent site visit with *Cornwall Archives Network*, it certainly promises to be a centre worth visiting once it opens in 2018, whether or not you are on a research mission; and whilst parking is part of the plan, it is but a gentle stroll from Redruth station.

Meanwhile, back in Golant . . . I am sure that most of you are aware of the Troy sailing boats, unique to Fowey in every way, which are raced twice weekly during the summer season and throughout Fowey Regatta week. But were you aware that two of these very special craft were built in John (Ike) Fuge's boat shed, now *Encounter Cornwall*? Under John's close supervision, Troy 20 was worked on by Ted Luck, and Troy 22 by Peter Williams. We have some wonderful video footage, filmed by the late Barry Trust, which charts the construction of T 22 from the first plank to the final nail. This scenario has caught the imagination of a local film maker, Shauna Osborne-Dowle of *CAVA (Cornwall Audio Visual Archive)* who plans to make a short film telling the story of Golant's part in the building of Troy boats. Set within the context of what the Troy sailing boat is all about, we hope to capture the significance of the two built in Golant. To help complete the picture we would love to hear from any Golantian who has owned or raced in a Troy, or has a Troy story to tell.

This venture has prompted us to explore the idea of our next creative project being based on the theme of *Golant and the River*. It would be wonderful to catch the imagination of the whole community, in the way that the Apple Heritage Project did, and we will be looking for creative ideas and collaborative suggestions to help us to formulate a plan. Look out for more information in the autumn!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 5th September, 2pm in the Village Hall. Why not join us?

Penny Parsons

A HAPPY DAY

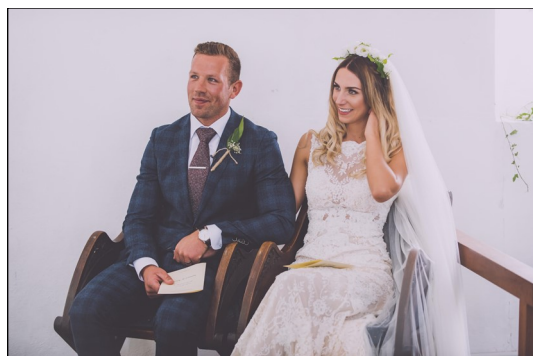
The sun came out for the most special day of our lives, after a night of crashing thunderstorms.

St Sampson's Church looked stunning as the light beamed down on us, and the service was nothing short of perfect.

Personal touches completed the occasion with Philip's humorous reference to rugby in his message to us, and Kirsty's horse, Tigger, waiting to greet us as we left the church. That was a wonderful surprise.

Golant will always be home, and both Kirsty and I are grateful to have been able to tie the knot here.

Sam & Kirsty Parsons



The bride & groom, listening attentively to the vicar's message...

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The posters will be out soon! The hills will soon be alive with *The Sound of Music*, our Pop-up film on the Village Green on Friday 15th September at 7.30pm (dusk), featuring the von 'Broek' family on vocals. *Doe a deer...* Why not bring a picnic? Don't forget your own seating, too.

Golant C-Film Club continues on 29th September at 7.30pm with *Eddie the Eagle*. Doors open at 7pm. Bring your own refreshments.

Following our successful Book Shelf Bring & Browse, we are creating a new book display area. This regular event continues on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month, from 10am to 11am, with coffee and a chance to chat. There is always a good gathering, so please come along and bring any books you would like to contribute. This is a great fund-raiser for the Village Hall coffers.

Paul Meredith, Chairman

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Golant Summer Produce and Craft Show

This is a gentle reminder that the annual Show will take place on Saturday 12th August, and in particular to encourage lots of entries. You will have received, or will do shortly, the complete schedule and hopefully there will be some classes you would like to enter. Remember this is a Village Show and **not** Chelsea! So look around your garden, look at your photos and crafts, paintings you have produced, and we know there are some excellent bakers, jam makers etc out there. The Limerick is always popular - "They say if you talk to your plants....." plus we would love to see more children's entries.

Our catering team would welcome cakes/biscuits on the day and, also, the Committee would welcome raffle prizes. Alastair does a sterling job approaching local businesses, but we are grateful for any other donations.

Another plea- please could we have back any **Trophies** from last year's winners- otherwise there will be some disappointed winners this year. Please give to me asap or at the latest by **Wed 9th August**. This is also the date for your entry forms to be sent to Mary-Jane Hunter at *St Carroc*, School Hill or by email to- memarehunter@gmail.com Entry forms will be accepted on the day but it really helps to have them early. **All entries to be set up in the hall between 8.30 and 10am on 12th August.**

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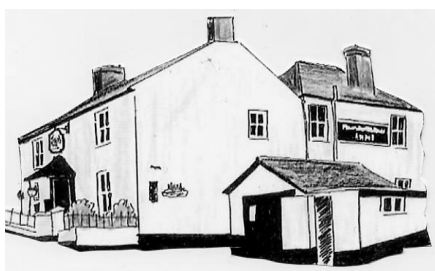
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Sybil Linda White 1923-2017

A Shortened Version of the Tribute given by her son, Greg, at her Memorial Service on July 10th at St Sampson's Church

Sybil was born in West Bromwich, and not long after, the family moved to Shrewsbury where she attended a convent school and then Shrewsbury High. She was not too keen on the nuns at the convent and refused to dip her finger into the 'dirty' holy water. She excelled at writing but mathematics seemed to pass her by. She was very protective of her younger sister Muriel and was involved in several scraps with tiresome boys, allegedly locking one miscreant in the potting shed. She graduated to the Technical College to take a secretarial course and worked briefly for the council before joining the Fire Service.

She married Norman in 1942 in Shrewsbury Abbey. Norman at that time was in the Pay Corps. It was felt that because his rifle shooting was so atrocious, he would be a danger to his own side – so the Pay Corps was the safest option. Immediately after the wedding Norman was drafted to India where he became a Christian and sent Sybil a bible – much to her consternation. On his return in 1945 they moved to Southampton, and Norman worked for the Customs and Excise. The gift of the bible and the change in Norman persuaded her that being a Christian was really a rather good thing. In 1946 I was born, and in 1951 my brother Michael, and shortly after the family moved to Bristol. Life in Bristol mainly involved her in looking after us and our many friends who always seemed to gravitate to her house. Sybil worked part time at the PDSA in Bristol.

On Sundays she would often invite boys from the Muller's Orphanage to tea. Several became friends of the family and lodged in the house when they had reached the age to leave the Orphanage and find work, and were supported by my parents during that transition. In some cases it was a lifelong friendship, and Chris Ley and his wife Jude looked after her in France when Michael was having treatment on one occasion. They also visited her here in the last few months.

I left home 1965 when I went to University, and in 1969 moved to Cornwall. In 1972 my parents moved to Blackwater where Norman was part of the newly formed VAT office in Truro. Sybil had always loved holidays in Cornwall and now she was living the dream, walking Kim the Dalmatian on the cliffs above Chapel Porth. Kim was an opportunist when it came to food would eat blackberries from the brambles and when on the beach, toddler's ice cream cones were just the right height to be snaffled. Buying replacement ice creams became quite expensive.

I mentioned that Sybil's ability in Mathematics was not the best. When more than a few were being entertained for Christmas lunch, counting the right number of plates left my father short of his dinner. Her solution was to quickly borrow a parsnip here, roast potato there, until he had his dinner. Occasionally items of crockery were accidentally broken and Norman unwisely once asked, "How did that happen?" Sybil replied by picking up a cup, dropping it on the stone floor where it smashed and said, "Like that!"

While at Blackwater and later at St Agnes, Sybil looked after John and Julia Cran's children; Alexander, Katy and Cici. We were very touched to receive a letter from Cici after Sybil died; she wrote, "I was very lucky to spend quite a lot of time with Pip (Norman's nickname for Sybil) when I was growing up. I look back on my childhood with huge fondness and like to think some of the person I am today is thanks to her. She always made me laugh, encouraged me to question things and not to take any nonsense from anyone."

Norman died in 1996 and soon after, Sybil moved to Tywardreath. Sybil drove a Honda Civic and was soon giving lifts to the 'old' ladies of Tywardreath to visit the Doctor's surgery, Vets and the Garden Centre for coffee and cake. Not long after, Lucy Pretty moved into the same estate. Sybil and she became great friends – they went to any organisation where food and drink were part of the proceedings; it didn't matter whether it was the Methodists or C of E coffee mornings, quilters, knitters or sewing groups. If none of these organisations were available on the day, they particularly enjoyed *Marsh Villa Gardens*.

In 2010 my brother Michael moved to Caylus in Midi Pyrenees, France. Sybil sold her house in Tywardreath to go to live in France with him. A combination of a quick sale and the house in France not being quite ready after extensive renovation, meant she stayed in Golant with us for 9 months before her big move. In France she enjoyed the two dogs, Nicko and Zara, went shopping in the local markets, read books and made phone calls to her friends in England in the afternoon because calls were 'free'.

In 2012 she had a heart attack, fell off her bed and broke her femur. She was rushed to Montauban hospital by ambulance, but told the medics to slow down as she was feeling sick what with them 'driving like lunatics'. She recovered, and her break was fixed with a metal plate. Her French GP gave her a pink sparkly walking stick which she treasured. Unfortunately, Michael was diagnosed with prostate cancer and died in 2014.

She returned to live with us at Golant and joined in with our lives. She attended church here and enjoyed Wendy's small group sessions. It seems she related to whoever sat next to her stories about what a terrible a child I was and what I got up to. I am sure most of you heard the same stories several times!

We all knew our place; we were just a little lower on the scale than her doggy friends.



Greg White

Golant Sports & Carnival

It rained! Well it did eventually... Having watched the forecast on Thursday, for the marquee building on Friday, we postponed that until Saturday morning, and then watching the forecast for Saturday we began to wonder what our options were. Having decided to hold the Teas in the Village Hall and the Fancy Dress in the Pub Marquee, because all the forecasts showed it raining heavily from 10am onwards, the rain didn't actually arrive until nearer 4pm, by which time we were beginning to pray for it to justify our decision!

In true Golant community style the whole thing was a tremendous success, and we must thank everybody involved in the switch of venues for the innovative thinking and effort of making it a success. You are all too numerous to mention, but will know who you are, and hopefully you all enjoyed it too.

Many people commented how good the busy and buzzing atmosphere in the Village Hall was, and how well it worked with brilliant teas and cakes and a few small games. Someone commented that as soon as they thought they had sold off some cakes, more arrived. So a big thank you to everybody that contributed a cake. The teas made just over £200 and Gail's tombola £109.70; she kindly donated it to the Carnival coffers- a tremendous effort, and huge thanks.



So the children didn't get much exercise and probably ate too much chocolate cake or Tombola sweets, and there were no Sports cups awarded, but we did have prize money for the games, so hopefully some of the children went home winners.

By the evening it was raining heavily. Yet again Golantians were undeterred, and the effort that went into the costumes was unbelievable. We had Isla Barton as a budding *Amy Johnston* in a 2 metre wide bi-plane, who



won *Best Child*, and Daniel Smith, Terry Rundle's great grandson, as a postman complete with his van who won the *Boy's Individual* class. Eva and Josh Longman won *Child Pairs* as a pair of huge flip-flops.

Child Groups was won by Evie, Alice, Ted, Millie and Mad-die as the *United Kidsdom*; Hugh and Joe won *Adult Pairs* with a demonstration of their beach ball routine.

What is it with those two that they have to keep getting their shirts off?

We had a bunch of witches entitled '*Every Witch Way AND Loose*', who performed a wonderful dance routine to carry off the *Adult Groups* prize, albeit that none of the broomsticks took flight. Chris Yexley from that group won the *Best Adult* prize.



The Golant version of *Strictly Come Dancing* by the Church Group won the *Mixed Adult Group* prize, & came with a demonstration of the Paso Doble- where even

the dummies had rhythm- professionally judged by Craig, Darcey, Len and Bruno, and hosted by Claudia and Tess.

This is clearly turning into a mini Revue, and it was such a shame that we had so little space and restricted viewing to gain the full benefit of such talented folk to delight us all. The judges did a wonderful job coping not only with the normal high standards of presentation, but also the restricted space and jumbled up classes; well done, and again huge thanks.

Many thanks also to Nick at the pub for letting us use his marquee and holding back the evening band whilst we held the Fancy Dress Competition.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Lostwithiel Town Band, so there was no Flora Dance this year, and many thanks to them for being so understanding in having to cancel at the last moment.

Peter Edwards, Carnival Committee

All photos by Robin Anderson

The Safari Supper

We know it started months ago-
The prepping and the fright
Of planning such an evening,
Of planning such a night.



Would the sun stay shining?
Would the rain pour down?
Would it work like clockwork?
Would people smile or frown?



I'm sure there were a few
Who gnashed teeth and turned to drink;
Some panicked; would the beef be cooked
Or would the soufflé sink?

Only time would tell
If there would be a glitch.
Well they really needn't have worried,
All went without a hitch.

We started off the evening
With Simon and Sheila (*really you two...couldn't you have names that rhyme with something!!*) serving fizzy with such grace,
And then were given invites-
Who goes with who, and to which place.



The night of course was epic,
The food sublime and drink flowed freely;
Our hosts were charm personified,
Could have stayed all week ideally!

Between courses lifts were sought;
Some hardy fellows chose to walk,
And all eventually arrived
At Penquite House and did we talk!!

A magnificent location,
A fitting end to such a night;
I descended on the puddings,
Well I had to be polite!



So hugest thanks to one and all,
Each and every one a **STAR**-
Far too many here to mention,
But you know who you are!



With the most heartfelt and grateful thanks to all concerned with making the 2017 Safari Supper such a wonderful and memorable occasion. Here's to 2019!!

From Fiona and all who
attended xxx



Fiona Westaway

Handbell Ringers Concert

On Saturday evening, 1st July, the handbell ringers treated us to a glorious evening of delightful music in a fabulous setting!

As the tide rushed in below us, and the sun slowly set over the water, three groups of ringers played with enthusiasm and vigour pieces which celebrated, amongst other things, Canada Day.

Simon regaled us with wonderful spirituals accompanied by the bells, which set the hairs on the back of the neck prickling.

I particularly enjoyed *On Ilkley Moor Ba't'at*, as this is where we lived before encountering the joys of Golant!

There were some tricky pieces played, but even *The Ash Grove* and *The Sailors' Hornpipe* went without a hitch, and *The Canadian Medley* which Simon had arranged especially for Maryjean was particularly enjoyed. It was also wonderful to see Estelle and Millie ringing, despite recent events leaving them short of practice – but no-one could tell! Nearly all the music was new, as were some of the ringers, and they all acquitted themselves splendidly.



As impressive as the ringing was the amazing venue of *The Boathouse*, which was filled to capacity, and for which we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Judy; everyone loves the opportunity to spend a little time in the building which was created by Anthony. It is wonderful to share in its beauty.

I'm already looking forward to the next handbell performance, as I might be permitted to take part (can you take a hint, Simon?!)

Becky Lloyd-Evans

See more photographs and read more on both these exciting events on page 15, where Simon Funnell writes the news from St Sampson's Church.



Golant Boatwatch Award

Probably the best news we have had in a while, when we were both shortlisted and then chosen as the winner of the prestigious 'Volunteer Watch Award' earlier in July, by the Devon and Cornwall Police. Most of you will have seen some of the details already, but I can confirm that the event was very special indeed, with a host of Senior Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Sheriff of Cornwall and many more, too numerous to mention. (See picture.)



A number of things came to mind that evening. One was the tremendous number (and very broad range) of volunteer groups around the South West, that help to make our communities better places to work and to live. And the other was the genuine feeling that the Police were determined that the volunteer groups realised just how much the Police value their input. It was an evening when the Police were able to say "Thank You" to the groups so closely linked to their own work. And I think this is especially so at the moment, when Policing at the sharp end (at community level) where "intelligence on the ground" is so critical to maintaining law and order, is being reduced, to both save money and to re-align the make-up of Policing overall. Critically, it means that our PCSOs have a much wider geography to cover, which in turn means that each of us has to take on a greater responsibility for our own safety and security. And groups like Golant Boatwatch need to play an increasingly important role in sharing that burden, on behalf of the community in which we live.

This award was a fitting recognition of the many years of dedication by local residents to establish and then operate the volunteer Boatwatch scheme that we have today. Well done to them. This award is for you.

Political Meanderings

I don't know how many of us tune in to 'Prime Minister's Questions' during the week, but those of you that did recently may have noticed the mention of a name that is very familiar to us all. An MP invited the Prime Minister to recognise and thank the volunteer police force who specialise in marine crime, and specifically one Russ Hall. Many of you will know Russ, as the Marine based 'special', who has maintained his presence on the water (despite being retired), and for his many attendances at

Boatwatch AGMs and dinners. I don't know if this 'link' will still work, but here it is just in case. From minute 26:36 is the relevant part.

Prime Minister's Questions

05/07/2017: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08xhcky via @bbcplayer

And finally.....our thanks go to Steve Double (our MP) who also found the time and the inclination to write and thank Golant Boatwatch for their support of the local Police and community and in winning this award.

It is August

Be on your guard. It is the highest crime period of the year and thefts of engines have already occurred at Penmarlam. So be watchful and report anything unusual or suspicious.

David Jenkinson
Chairman Golant Boatwatch



To contact the **Police**, please take note of the new number **101** which you should use in a **non-emergency** situation.

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

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David Jenkinson (Boatwatch) 01726 832246

Golant Quay Users Association

It's that time of the year again when the bills to renew your berths have gone out, so please let me know if you have not received yours, as mistakes do happen, especially as I send them out. Your berth fees need to be paid by the end of July, and thank you very much to all those who pay promptly.

It will be *Madness in the Pill* on Sunday 20th August, and I will need to create the requisite space to allow the water sports fun to happen. I hope that those of you who have a berth along the road by the pub, won't mind me temporarily moving your boats; I promise to put them back.

The new seat to go on the quay has finally arrived and I would hope that by the time you read this it will have been installed and used.

The donation box on the quay seems to have resisted all temptation to end up in the river, and although there is only ever a few pounds donated in a week, so far I have collected £55.

Peter Edwards, Chairman, GQUA



**Friends of the
Fowey Estuary**

We hold our annual Marine Day during Regatta week on Tuesday

15th August, between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Town Quay in Fowey, where there will be Marine talks, chef demonstrations and children's crafts, and we hold this in conjunction with *Cornwall Wildlife Trust*.

Then, if you haven't taken the opportunity to visit *Fowey Aquarium*, Town Quay, on that day, we have a guided visit by Matt Salter from CWT on 13th September at 7.00pm. Matt is a very enthusiastic speaker on his love of marine life so this is an ideal event to introduce children & adults alike to the wonders of the sea, in a very local but interesting aquarium that not everybody is aware of.

Our last event to Tessa and David Guiterman's gardens in Milltown was a great success, with talks on improving habitat for hedgehogs by Elly and Nick, who had trapped some moths from the night before. They explained their habits and said that there are 2500 different species and only a few that eat your clothes! He had caught some which looked exactly like a twig. Rob then gave a demonstration of testing for water quality in streams, something some of our members are doing in conjunction with *West Countries Rivers Trust*. This gave us the opportunity to not only admire the gardens but to walk through the woods down to the stream. We were treated to Tessa's high quality tea and cakes and with a donation from FoFE raised £80.36 for their favoured charity, *Macmillan Cancer Support*. Tessa and Davis have their own annual Open Day, which this year is on 13th August.

You can follow us on facebook and our web site, friendsofthefowey.org.uk, where there is also a link to a membership form if you would like to join or give me a ring on 01726 833141.

Peter Edwards

POLICE REPORT

Our team has currently been reduced to just one PC (Andrew Barnicoat), myself and PCSO Ward. The three of us have to cover Lockengate, Lanlivery, Luxulyan, Lostwithiel, St Blazey, Par, Tywardreath, Fowey, Golant and Polkerris. As I'm sure you'll all realise, it is practically an impossibility to get out and about as much as we would like.

As for crime in Golant, I am delighted to report that it remains at zero since April. There was a report circulated about a missing boat, but I contacted Fowey Harbour Office and established that it had been moved by their patrol people.

I was delighted to see my colleagues at Golant Boatwatch rewarded for their efforts when they were given the Community Watch Scheme of the Year Award in the recent Citizens in Policing ceremony. I cannot express how much I value the commitment, and indeed friendship, of the Boatwatch people, and was delighted to nominate them for recognition. I understand that the trophy will be proudly displayed at the Boathut.

I will be continuing to run the monthly Police Surgeries at the Boathut, as I feel it is vitally important, despite all the cuts, that the people of Golant have a chance to have regular contact with the Police.

PCSO Lloyd Paynter

POLICE SURGERIES

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Tales from the Riverbank

Where does the time go? Here we are at the end of July – the summer is speeding by!

Our local flock of Redshanks are back in their usual place on the embankment. They arrived at the end of June – one, two, then six, twelve, and now we have about 23 of them entertaining our paddlers as we pass.



The Kingfishers have been very slow to get going, but now we are beginning to enjoy several sightings per trip. If we can get close enough, we can tell the sex by the colour of the beak – males have an all black beak, the females have a red lower beak, black on top.

The Black Headed Gulls are back, but their solid colour heads are already beginning to turn white again. They like

to hang out on a boat at Lerryn called 'Cornish Chough', and grace several smaller boats in the main river, no doubt to the annoyance of the owners!

We have also taken part in a county wide survey of seals – monitoring our local 'Serena' Common Seal, and reporting our sightings. It turns out that she is anything but common – she was the only common seal recorded along our coastline and estuaries so far; all the others were grey seals.



It's not just about the river wildlife – our paddlers have also seen Foxes and Deer, and we have seen Pied and also Grey Wagtails along the river banks.

We have reports of Cattle Egrets, in the fields above Penpol Creek; it's all interrelated – nothing is isolated, and the more time we spend on the river, the clearer this becomes.

Although not fishermen, we have seen shoals of fish accompany us upstream; they delight our younger paddlers when they leap out of the water! One disappointing note is the amount of rubbish building up again. We will hopefully tackle that with our band of volunteers in the Autumn.

Encounter Cornwall Plans

After a 3-month pre-planning consultation process, David and Karen at **Encounter Cornwall** have now applied for full planning permission to grow their business through the development of their land off Downs Hill - and in particular convert its barn into a small group activity centre.

The feedback from the village after their open day was very positive, with some 40 villagers attending - as was the Parish Council's decision to unanimously support the pre-planning proposal. As a result of the feedback from all parties consulted, which includes the *Planning Authority*, the *Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Planning Officer*, *Cornwall Wildlife Trust* and the village, they have adapted the plans to accommodate some suggestions and address concerns. The main change is that it will now be a single storey building significantly lower than the existing barn, with less glazing, wooden cladding, down lighting and a green roof; the idea being to reduce the visual impact and make the building blend into its surroundings. The new design has 4 rather than 5 bedrooms and the outdoor communal area will now be to the rear and north of the building, neither of which are visible from the village and will reduce the impact of noise.

Revised plans are available for viewing at *Encounter Cornwall's* Boatshed Base (open every day from 10am to 4pm through the summer). David and Karen are also happy to arrange visits to the site and the surrounding land (phone them on 01726 832104).

Plans can also be viewed on the Council's Planning portal application PA17/06249, where villagers have the opportunity to post comments if they have strong feelings either way on this proposal.

Many Thanks, David and Karen

Pill Paparazzi **in this issue**

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Golant Gleanings

A HAPPY EVENT

Edward & Emma Varco are thrilled to announce the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Lilia Sophia, weighing in at 7lbs 10ozs, on Sunday 2nd July.

Mum and baby are both doing fine. A gorgeous little sister for twins Sebastian and Tobias.

Ruth Varco

LXXX!!

May I thank everyone who sent cards expressing all their good wishes for my reaching the ripe old age of 80 years at the end of last month. It was particularly special to mark the occasion with so many friends at church together with appropriate drinks & special cake. I had a huge number of cards which I enjoyed opening on the day itself. I was overwhelmed with the generous gifts which I received, too. It has not been easy year but, by jingo, the sentiments expressed certainly lifted my spirits! Thank You!

Mike Harris

THANKS...

Thanks to all those who provided really scrummy cakes for the Teas at the soggy Carnival. Thanks also for the many offers of help, and to those who worked in a confined space!

Finally, a big Thank You to all who came and supported us. It was an amazing and happy village occasion.

Jacky Fletcher

FOWEY HARBOUR NEWS

Red Arrows Display Thursday 17th August at 6pm

The Fowey Harbour Commissioners have succeeded in bringing the Red Arrows back to Fowey Regatta this year in a new style display which conforms to new safety rules. The Red Arrows will thrill us with their close manoeuvres just outside the harbour in accordance with requirements to ensure a safe distance between the display and the viewing public.

The best vantage points for the display will be from Polruan and the nearby coast path, and in Fowey from Ready-money, St. Catherine's Castle, Alldays Field, Coombe and the coast path towards Polridmouth. All these areas have limited road access, and traffic management will be put in place to ensure the safe and most efficient access to these vantage points.

Viewing the display from small boats will also be popular; the movement of boats through the harbour will be managed and spectator vessels will be required to stay behind a buoyed line which will be marshalled using safety boats.

We are grateful to the local businesses which have supported the funding of the display which costs in the region of £25,000. We also need your support to help fund this year's display and secure it for future years, so please donate using the collection buckets on the night.

The display is in a different format with new traffic and safety arrangements and this, being the first year, will be testing of the management that has been put in place. Please adhere to the various controls; they are there for your safety and most of all, be patient, plan your day and above all, enjoy the display!

For more information please visit our website www.foweyharbour.co.uk

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ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

June 2017 – July 2017

Look at the state of the place!

Our new Parish Councillors have brought fresh eyes and energy to bear on the parish and found the state of affairs to be somewhat wanting. A walkabout with a camera captured a photographic record of much rubbish, poor maintenance, untidiness and general lack of care for Golant village in particular. Parts of the village, it has got to be said, looked shabby and uncared for, which reflects poorly on us all. We discussed this at length at our June meeting, and all the team felt that more could be done, and many tangible improvements could be achieved at low cost to parishioners or your council's reserves. The powers of a Parish Council are limited in many areas of community life, but there are some things we can and should be doing to make a difference to local quality of life for residents and our visitors.

Councillors have therefore taken up the challenge to encourage and give a lead, and in the past two months I am delighted to report how a number of residents – both full time and some who are not here all year round – have stepped up to alert us to concerns or help get things done. Our local community groups, businesses and clubs are also contributing in their own ways and the combined results evidence real improvements.

So, looking around this morning, I can point out that the Village Green now has a complete set of new timber posts for the chain around the grass area – almost half of the old telegraph pole posts were partly rotten. The “Human Sundial” on the Green has had a haircut and been restored to full working order – all it needs is some sun and a human to tell the time – who needs a smart phone! No doubt some of our visitors had not even noticed it was there when it was all overgrown! Perhaps the tame Astro scientist who has been known to frequent *The Fisherman's Arms* might step up to arrange some *Tell the time by Sundial* lessons for budding Astro Navigators.

At the other end of the village, the Quay now sports a new purpose-built all weather high durability bench seat which is actually comfy to sit on – well done GQUA volunteers. (The historic iron seat remains for those with enough personal padding to endure it – even more uncomfortable than some of the pews in the church!)

The main car park has been thoroughly weeded and cleaned from the canoe club to the quay, & white line re-painting is under way.

The Robin Leonard Gallery now sports a splendid array of hanging baskets and the *Encounter Cornwall Café* is both a practical and highly decorative asset.

Lots more little things have been done or are in hand – from new safety Playbark woodchip in the playground to

a lovely new village sign, with beautiful artwork to come by David Parry!

A big **“well done and thanks”** to all who are doing their bit to enable us to be proud of the state we are in!

Lastly, may I, in response to complaints for concerned residents, remind all, particularly with more visitors joining us over the summer, that the turning and passing places in Gumms Lane are to be kept clear of parked cars. NO PARKING in these places please – they are vital for routine deliveries and more importantly for Emergency Service Vehicles should someone need urgent help!

May I wish all very happy and safe holiday times before I write again.

Minutes of meetings are on our Parish Council website <http://www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Our Parish Clerk Sue Blaxley can be contacted on stsampsonpc@gmail.com for any further information or to raise issues of concern.

Robin Anderson, Chair

Next full meeting - Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 7.15 pm in Golant Village Hall. All are welcome.

There will also be an **extra ordinary meeting** on Thursday 3 August 2017 to discuss a recent Planning Application.

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News from St Sampson's Church

The **St Sampson Secret Safari Supper** took place on Friday 23rd June, and the weather, which had not been promising in the afternoon, came up trumps for most of that evening. Although I had promised to limit the numbers to under 60, it actually transpired that 64 people came to drinks at *Orchard View*, and then dispersed to 8 starter venues followed by 7 main course venues.

Then this large party re-formed at *Penquite Manor*, where Peter and Dot entertained us royally. If it began to drizzle outside, no-one noticed inside! The result was not only a hugely enjoyable evening, but also just over £1,500 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund. Sincere thanks to all the hosts for their hard work and to all the guests for supporting the evening. (See page 9 for a poetic reflection by one enthusiastic guest!)



Hard on the heels of the Safari Supper came the **Handbell Concert**, held for the second year in *The Boathouse*. This is such a lovely venue, and all that oak seems to resonate well with handbell ringing. It is safe to say that one or two rehearsals had not gone that well, but on the night the ringers rang as never before!

My thanks to Judy for providing the venue (which is the real attraction of the evening!), to the audience for being so supportive and enthusiastic, and to the ringers for playing out of their gloves (the handbell ringers equivalent of playing out of your socks!).



(See page 9 for a safari supper poem & handbell report with another great photo, taken by the busy camera-laden member of the Pill Paparazzi team, Robin Anderson).

Sunday 23rd July was **St Sampson Day**, and the handbell ringers and choir opened the service with Sheila's arrangement of *Jubilate* by Mozart. Mike Harris was back on the organ for some rousing and saintly hymns, and also accompanying the choir for Philip Wilby's lovely arrangement of *God Be in My Head*.

For some of us, there was a quick change in order to hoist the bunting, and then on to the **St Sampson Day Lunch** at *The Fisherman's Arms*. Over 40 of the church family attended, and Nick provided a splendid lunch which was enjoyed by all. It was a suitable 'end of term', as the singers and ringers now take a well-earned August break.



On the horizon there is **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 8th October**, so that is a date for the diary. Also, on **Sunday 5th November**, there will be a **Memorial Service** at the usual time of 9.15am. This will be an opportunity for those who have suffered a bereavement over the past few years to remember loved ones and to give thanks for their life. More details will follow in the next edition of *The Pill*.

The Sunday after this, November 12th, will, of course, be the **Remembrance Day Service**, starting at 10.50am at the War Memorial.

Simon Funnell

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

30th July & 6th August	Ruth & Gill P
13th & 20th August	Sue S & Sue T
27th August & 3rd September	Gillie & Mike
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UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

Now, I d'know they say that Cornwall will stand a shower every day, and two on Sundays, and I d'believe that there be an awful lot of truth in that statement, but I d'wish that Mother Nature would moderate the weather a bit and give us summat that both the plants and ourselves can tolerate. I mean, one day 'tis hot enough to make you looking for shade, and the next day 'tis aiving it down and you'm stanking 'round in your wellies with the water half-way up your leg!

Things have at last put on a spurt, trying to make up for lost time earlier when 'twas so cold and windy and I'm starting to fret over getting the veg. fit for the Produce Show (August 12th). Keep on feeding any of the vegetables and flowers that you may have earmarked for showing, and remember to tie up and support anything that may need it. For 'tis certain sure that if you leave it go, and we get a bit of a blow, and it can happen, and you can see everything all scat down, in one hell of a hogstog!

The tomatoes in the greenhouse should now have 4 or 5 trusses set by now, and should have their growing tips pinched out. People ask about taking off some of the leaves to help the fruit ripen. They leaves be there for a reason, and that is to turn carbon dioxide in the air into starch and sugar. So as long as they leaves are healthy, then leave well alone. Dreckly in the season, say about September time, then if you want, you can take off some of the lower leaves and this will help air to circulate and the sun(?) to get at the fruit. Keep a good lookout for any signs of blight on the leaves, and when watering keep the water off the foliage. Blight dearly likes conditions when 'tis some warm and moist, so by letting the air get in and around the plants, you will be reducing the chance of blight setting in.

The soft fruit harvest should be in full swing by now, and you should be putting any surplus fruit in the freezer or turning them into jam. If you'm growing loganberries and blackberries, then after you've got the fruit, cut off the old growth and tie in the new young canes as they appear. Don't leave it go to sort it out, and this applies especially to the cultivated blackberries. This is definitely not a dreckly job, because as they grow, they get stiffer to handle and can be right blimmers to handle, as they've got a brave strew of thorns all along their stems, and it can lead to blood letting and bad language!!

'Tidn't too late to put in a few seeds of stump rooted carrots or french beans, but be prepared to aive some cloches over them later on if there be a chance of frost.

Plant up snowdrop bulbs that have been dried off now, but if you'm thinking of moving any plants in the garden then that's best done just after they've flowered.

And keep the hoe going. There's nort worse than trying to sort out a garden when it's covered in weeds. The old saying of "one year's seed, then seven years' weeds" has a brave lot of truth in it.

Nort

*Confused by some of Nort's dialect words? Check out his **Garden-ing Year** book— there's a comprehensive index!! See opposite where to buy, and note that Baileys have recently kindly agreed to John's request to have them for sale. None of the outlets is charging us for this....!*

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

One of the Air B&B visitors to River Retreat this summer was an Italian, who shared some of his recipes with me, so here is an authentic Italian recipe for Tiramisu according to Alberto!

TIRAMISU (serves 8 people)

300g/11oz *Savoirdi (Lady Finger Biscuits)*

4 free range Eggs

500g/18oz *Mascarpone Cheese*

100g/4oz *Caster Sugar*

300ml/1/2 pint of a good Coffee

Cocoa Powder to sieve onto the top



1. The utensils used and the eggs should be very cold, so put them in the fridge for at least half an hour before starting.
2. Separate the egg yolks and the whites and put them in different bowls.
3. Using an electric whisk, beat the yolks and slowly add 50g/2oz sugar until the mixture is pale. Then slowly add the mascarpone cheese. When you have incorporated all this, put the bowl to one side.
4. Clean the whisks very well. If there is any grease left on them, the whites of egg will not be firm enough. Beat the whites and slowly add 50g/2oz of the sugar. Keep going until they are firm (a meringue-like mix). You should be able to turn the bowl upside down and the mixture will not drop!
5. Take a generous spoon of the beaten egg white mixture and add to the creamed yolk mixture. Using a metal spoon, fold one into the other. Continue adding the whites to the main mix slowly, so little air is lost.
6. Then spread a generous spoon of the creamed mixture onto the bottom of a serving dish (approximately 30cm/12" x 20cm/8").
7. Dip the finger biscuits into the cold coffee. You can add sugar or a liqueur such as Kahlua, Tia Maria or Baileys— your choice. Do this as you use them, or they may break up.
8. Put the soaked finger biscuits into the cream, so you have a first layer.
9. Top up with a layer of the creamed mixture.
10. Repeat with a second layer of biscuits and then more creamed mix.
11. Sieve cocoa over the top. You could also add some after step 9.
12. Keep in the fridge for about 4 hours so that the finger biscuits are well soaked & smooth, otherwise they may be a bit hard.

Paddy Shelley

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AUGUST

Sunday 6 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 6 th	8.00pm	Folk Singing	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 9 th	10am-12 noon	Police Surgery	Boatwatch Hut
Saturday 12 th	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Flower & Produce Show	Village Hall
<i>Entry forms will be delivered to each house prior to the event and available from the Pub or from Mary Jane Hunter (32206)</i>			
Sunday 13 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 20 th	3.30pm (ish)	Madness in the Pill	
		<i>Followed by BBQ</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 20 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Friday 25 th – Monday 28 th		Beer Festival	Fisherman's Arms
		<i>Live music and BBQ Friday & Saturday evening</i>	
Sunday 27 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 27 th	8.00pm	Folk Singing	Fisherman's Arms

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 st	10am-11am	Book Shelf Bring and Browse	Village Hall
Sunday 3 rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 3 rd	8.00pm	Folk Singing	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 5 th	2.00pm	Heritage Group Meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 10 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 12 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 13 th	10am-12 noon	Police Surgery	Boatwatch Hut
Friday 15 th	7.30pm	Pop Up Cinema – <i>Sound of Music</i>	Village Green
Sunday 17 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 19 th	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 23rd	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	<i>golantpill@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Sunday 24 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 26 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
		<i>(The public is invited to take part until 7.30pm)</i>	
Tuesday 26 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 29 th	7.30pm	C-Fylm Club - <i>Eddie the Eagle</i>	Village Hall
		<i>Ladies – look out for 'Ladies Nights' starting again this month.</i>	

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Sunday 1 st	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 3 rd	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 6 th	10am-11am	Book Shelf Bring and Browse	Village Hall
Sunday 8 th	9.15am	Harvest Festival (Choir)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 10 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 14 th	TBC	Last Night of the Proms	Village Hall
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's

*If you have any item you wish to be entered into this Calendar of Village Events, please contact **Penny Parsons**, the Parish Diary Member of our team, (tel: 832727) by the Copy Date shown on this page of the newsletter, and we will try to include it.*