



April Fools?!



Four members of Ruth Taylor's winning team *The In Breads*, and Steve Phillis, sporting an tasty-looking carrot hat, all willing to look somewhat foolish... but why not? Easter Day did, for once, fall on the 1st– April Fool's Day!



Easter Funday



Rain! The morning had been dry and it looked relatively settled. The forecast was for rain late afternoon so all hopes were up, but at 1.30 p.m. it started raining and that was it.

Nothing daunted, the Funday event went ahead, albeit somewhat restricted and quickened. The decorated eggs were displayed under the covered terrace, while the Easter Bonnet competition was held inside the pub.

Unfortunately, but undoubtedly because of the weather, numbers were down, but it did not seem to stop those who were there enjoying themselves. Even the egg rolling, egg and spoon races and egg throwing competitions were held in the rain to much hilarity.

Congratulations must go to Steve and Anne-Marie (good to see her out and about and looking better), Gail, Ben Critch, Cris Dodridge and Liz Anderson. They all worked so hard making the arrangements and selling raffle tickets, raising £260 towards next year's event. Thanks also to Gerri and John Pomeroy who, with Ben's assistance, performed the unenviable task of judging.

Nick Budd slaved with his team behind the bar whilst Anne and Chris did a sterling job cooking the barbecue. Thanks to Nick for the prizes for the decorated egg and bonnet competitions, as well as others who donated some Easter Eggs. We were also grateful to *Davey's Eggs* from Trerulefoot who kindly supplied all of the fresh eggs for the egg and spoon races and the egg throwing.

Continued overleaf with the full results

FROM THE EDITOR

In this, my first issue as Editor, having taken over from Mike (though we do still work as a team!), I am plunged in to the usual mix of village news – sadness alongside fun has been very evident recently. We are happy, as always, to report those extremes; life goes on, as they say...

Just as we were going to press with the last issue, the sad news came through that Bunny Minter-Kemp had died, and we were able to briefly report this. Since then, there has been another sad loss within the village, of Pat Robins. We have dedicated two full pages in this issue in celebration of their lives, with eulogies written by their relatives, albeit carefully abridged.

What a harsh winter we've experienced! I would like to reiterate Robin Anderson's thanks he has made, on behalf of the Parish Council, to all those who helped in this wonderfully caring village of ours. Snow was cleared speedily and other kind deeds were done with such thoughtfulness. Whilst it would not be right to mention particular individuals, let us say that those well-known village tractor owners were particularly helpful where there were snowdrifts...! Also, let us not forget those valiant folk from *Tywardreath Village Shop*, who not only came delivering to housebound Golantians, but when they found that Water Lane was really icy, returned with bags of salt to sprinkle on the worst patches. Whilst there is little spare space in this issue, I've slipped in a few of Robin's 'Golant meets the Beast from the East' photos!

With a bi-monthly newsletter, there is the inevitable problem at times of covering events so that they are relatively fresh! Because Easter has fallen this year at the end of March/beginning of April, just as we would normally have taken the copy to the printers, we made the copy date a little later, to allow for reports on Easter events. We are so grateful to Maurie for sending in his usual report on the village Easter Fun, and wish him well with his treatment programme. It is lovely to welcome Spring at last, and to look forward to all those summer events that cheer us in our village...

Gillie Harris



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RESULTS

Decorated Eggs

0 - 5 years

- 1st Charlie Edwards with 6 Cress Eggs
- 2nd Ladybird – unclaimed
- 3rd White Painted Egg - unclaimed

6 – 12 years

- 1st Millie van den Broek with Olympic Legends
- 2nd Eva & Joshua Longman with Old McEggDonalds
- 3rd Jack Edwards with Fruit x 10

13 – 99 years

- 1st Francis Dufort with Stephen Hawkins
- 2nd Amanda Cross with Cadbury Crème Egg
- 3rd Viviane Barr with Egg on Egg

Easter Bonnets

0 – 5 years:

- 1st Jack Stone with Bird's Nest
- 2nd Eli Turner with Minion
- 3rd Freya Justice with Chickerman's Arms (Age error by Judges but made up by extra Easter Eggs)

6 – 12 years

- 1st Millie van den Broek with Hen Party
- 2nd Jack Edwards with Chocolate Egg
- 3rd Charlotte Richardson with Hydrangea Flowers

13 – 99 years

- 1st and Winners of the Gwenda Towell Ashtray – Ruth Taylor's Team with The In Breads
- 2nd Peter (Patrick's friend) with Ali Baba
- 3rd Penny Parsons with Real Flowers

The final competition was the egg throwing and for the prestigious Golant Easter Egg Cup. This was won by the defending Champions, Paul Meredith and Greg White, with a throw of 20.6 metres. Shorter than last year's win but in very tricky conditions. Congratulations.

Maurie Parsons

Below is a small selection of Robin's pictures, which capture the day so well. Look on *The Golant Pill* facebook page for many more. Who in this village cares about the rain...?



page 6). We are still collecting pictures, memories and anecdotes about Golant and the River up until the recent past.



As an example, Peter and I visited Daphne Rolling (née Saundry) of *Manelly Fleming Farm*, up behind Cliff on the other side of the river, where, along with husband Peter, she runs an accessible holiday accommoda-

tion enterprise, *A Little Bit of Heaven*, especially equipped for people with disabilities. The farm has been in Peter's family for several generations, and Daphne, one of thirteen children, grew up in Lostwithiel. She told us many stories of how even as a child she came down the river by boat to dig for bait and to fish off Golant. Her father often took her on visits to friends at Cliff from where she would walk, wade or swim across to Golant via a landing point somewhere near the end of the green. She recalls many happy hours spent in Golant as a child. Daphne also said that her

mother had wanted her to learn to play the piano and quipped, "If she'd put a piano in my boat, I'd have learned it!" Peter and Daphne are frequent visitors to the village and feel a strong, longstanding connection to the place.

Meanwhile, Sue Strachan and a happy band of embroiderers are enthusiastically putting together a wonderful quilted wall hanging depicting the river and its heritage. From what I have heard and seen so far it is going to look a treat. Mind you, I think the sessions also include plenty of tea, cake, fun and chatter!

Ian is moving forward on the idea of a wooden mural to be created out of marine ply, using a technique called intarsia. What we are looking for is an overall design that will reflect Golant and the river through history. Perhaps something showing the different sorts of boats that have used the river over the centuries, BUT we are open to all ideas. It needs to be simple and bold . . . **please do have a go**. The closing date for design ideas has been extended until **Friday, April 13th**. There are no prizes, but if yours is the chosen one you could have an artistic presence in the village for years! *Please send designs to Ian Laughton, either electronic ian@laughtons.org.uk or hard copy to Waters Edge.*

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Penny Parsons Chairman GHG



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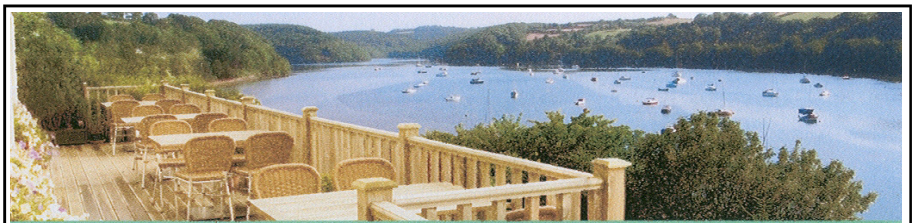
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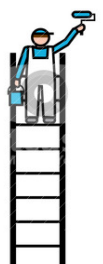
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Beginning our tale with Aunt Em (Estelle) and Uncle Henry (Alastair) trying really hard to count their animals, we met the heroine of our piece, the delightful Millie van den Broek as young Dorothy, the adorable young Toto played by Hugh Taylor and, of course, the “ever so simple” farmhand friends, played by Robin, Jeremy and Witold. All was well until the strange and scary Miss Gulch entered the scene, played worryingly well by Edie Owen, threatening the young hound. To our comfort she was only going to put him away rather than put him down, so maybe Toto's fate wasn't going to be as bad as we thought. That is, until he met the farmhand Witold, (an authentic but wonderful last minute stand-in for the cowardly lion) and got an accidental cuff round the head!

As ever, we were treated to items of political relevance such as temporary issues in the agricultural industry, like the use of the fantastic slurry spreader, which I may add has also been used to great effect on the way to *South Torfrey Farm*! Even the new concrete water troughs got a mention! Fortunately, I cannot recall all of the satirical descriptions of another well known local farmer, but John Varco took it all in good spirit, I am sure! The only truly quiet time from the audience, was when Millie performed *Somewhere over the Rainbow*. There might even have been a tear or two?

Transported through a hurricane to *Munchkin Land*, a new rather entertaining characteristic was given to Toto by Caroline that I had never seen before, but with him constantly peeing on everything I'm not sure we had the same need to protect him as we did for Hugh! Aunt Em becomes Glinda the Good Witch, with Estelle perhaps finding her true theatrical vocation! The Munchkins (Gabriel, Ted, Hugh, Henry and Millie) were all thoroughly edible, aside from the crazy curly hair which I reckon would be a bit scratchy on the way down, and what big words for such little Munchkins! The Wicked Witch of the West had such a scary laugh I can still hear her in the dark of the night and I will have to look at crows in a new and amusing light, having had the excellent ‘rawk rawk’ interludes by Abi and Beth Whell. Tremendous performances from all.

We followed the emotional journey of the Scarecrow (so well played by Jeremy, and very apt that he had to correct the line about the “square on the hypotenuse” in the original film). A very slinky performance from Robin who in those trousers, had too much oil been dispensed upon his person, would have slid straight off the stage, but could have been stuck well back on it by the sheer stage love of Carol Gabb and Sue Reardon, cutting the luvviest performance of the night! Maddy-Rose Hunter (the very essence of a leading lady) did real justice to the teenage Dorothy. The commitment by the younger talent was clearly evident, particularly when in true panto style we were all shouting to the two mice that the owls were behind them, and they (Gabriel and Ted) very dutifully did not squeak nor did they scurry, despite our warning, and just stood there, waiting to be eaten! The Emerald City Girls (Kaye, Tauniua, Debbie, Liz and Becky) gave us a very sassy performance, and although not an item in the original film, were a treat for the audience, with their feather dusters and dainty aprons.

All ready now after a quick spruce up by the aforementioned Emerald Girls, the all powerful Wizard of Oz (Maurie) – who knew he was hiding in *The Fishermans* and as Neil?!- is finally able to offer all that our searchers need to help them realise that they already had all they needed in the first place.

Three clicks of the red shoes and we're back at *Leyonne* again....

Emily Jenkinson



This photo of Caroline as mature Toto, with Maddy-Rose as the teenage Dorothy, taken at the dress rehearsal, shows one of the two wonderful scenery backgrounds painted by the talented Ruth Taylor.



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Great news- we will shortly have a new Treasurer. Fayre Hardy is joining our committee officially at our next meeting. Welcome Fayre.

We were very pleased with a fantastic *Wine Tasting Night*. The night started with a introduction about *Wine Investment* by Jeremy, then the corks popped, tasting and laughter began, with Sparking Wine followed by Whites and Reds. There were quizzes, crisp tasting and a raffle (thanks to Estelle) to keep the fun rolling through the evening. Specials thanks to Jeremy and Simon. (*See below*)

The Golant C- Flym Club had a good audience for *Vic-toria and Abdul*, and we continue on Friday 27th April with *Film Stars don't die in Liverpool*, starring Julie Walters.

We have organised more FREE Computer training sessions over 6 weeks with *The Cornwall Rural Community Charity* on Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th June and 3rd & 10th July, from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

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Wine Tasting Night

The *Wine & Cheese* party was a great success, attended by nearly 60 imbibers, and organised by Paul & the Village Hall Committee.

Jeremy Pearson gave a most interesting talk on the ways wine was prepared and sold to the market over the last

30-odd years, to much amusement and horror!

He then introduced a wine-tasting contest of 7 different wines for grape/style & origin, won by Dorothy de Gris. We had further tests of our wine knowledge and experience, and an amusing crisp-tasting quiz.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening for all, with a modest benefit to funds.

Robert Dunley

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A Note of Thanks

As many of you may know, I have been the Publican at *The Fisherman's Arms* now for over a year; and in that time, I have implemented many new functions and events, and revived some old favourites and your continued support of these events means that after the usual summer festivities, we will look at creating even more events at the pub for the winter season.

I wanted to take some time to thank everyone in the village that has supported me in my first year of operation. To name these people would mean naming most of the Village and I am not sure that *The Pill* is quite big enough. So thank you all for your support, and making the quiet winter months not so quiet. I look forward to seeing you all enjoying the summer on the River, and in the Beer Garden.

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John Fuge Westcountry Boatbuilder

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We are looking for photographs and recollections of the work done by John in building new boats, and repairing and restoring existing craft. If you have anything that might be useful, please contact either:

Penny Parsons, 832727, (pzparsons@yahoo.co.uk) or
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All contributions will be acknowledged and any material loaned will be returned.

HELP! LOST BOOK

Many years ago, I was given a little book called *Cruising in the Kid* by Nautic. R.N. Retired.

It relates, in a kind of doggerel verse, the author's small-boat trip with his dog, from Babbacombe to Golant. The end paper is embossed with the name and address of the Hoyt family who lived in the Bungalow, Water Lane. There is also an ink dedication from the author to the Hoyts dated 1919.

I was hoping to use some of the material in the book for the forthcoming Heritage Group's project on *Golant and the River*. However, I cannot find it now and have vague recollection of lending it to somebody locally, but I cannot remember who!

If anyone has it, please get in touch. Thanks.

Stuart Young 833688

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Bunny Minter-Kemp 1935-2018

The following memories of Bunny have been taken, much abridged, from the Eulogy presented by Mary and Clare at Bunny's Thanksgiving Service held at St Sampson's Church on the 24th February.

Elizabeth Anne Colley was born in Sidcup, Kent on 7th February 1935. Her parents Bob and Maime joked that she looked like a little rabbit and that is how the nickname 'Bunny' was born. When war broke out in 1939, Bob sent his family to live with his mother on the Island of Jersey, thinking they would be safer there. However, in 1940 the German Army invaded the Channel Islands and for the next five years Nazi rule prevailed. The last communication Bob received for two long years was a telegram of 7 words letting him know his family were safe. Then just before Christmas in 1943 he received a photo in an envelope via the Red Cross of Bunny and her sister Rosemary sent by a neighbour who had been deported to Germany. She had bravely smuggled it out in the lining of her coat. The photo was found recently in one of Bunny's old diaries – with the stitch marks clearly down its side.

After the liberation in 1945 Bob took his family home to Kent. Bunny missed the sea but found solace in visits to her Godmother who had a house in Fowey. Many years later on a visit to Cornwall Bunny heard about a holiday house for sale in the village of Golant. By then newly married to Mark Bredin, a pianist and pilot in the BOAC, they decided to put in an offer on *Tanhay House*, which was accepted. A year later in 1959 Bunny, Mark and their newborn daughter Jane moved in. Quite soon after that Mary and Clare were born. Six years later Mark stopped his flying and made the decision to pursue his career as a Musician in London. It was a tough time for Bunny but she was determined to remain in her home with her 3 daughters.

In 1972, Bunny was asked to a dinner party with old friends and there she met Martin Minter-Kemp a sailor, an ocean racer and an officer in the Special Air Service. Soon they fell in love, and 5 years later they married on the Isles of Scilly. Bunny became a tireless organiser behind the scenes of Martin's many marine exploits. Not a natural sailor herself, Martin joked Bunny was more likely to reach for her lipstick than her lifejacket! But together they sailed the oceans, visiting far-flung islands including St. Helena, Tristan da Cuna, and the Azores. Later in life they travelled to South Africa and New Zealand where Bunny was invited to ring the Bells in Christchurch Cathedral. It was a highlight of her bell-ringing career that had begun many years before in St. Sampson's.

Bunny was an optimist. In her world any barrier could be overcome no matter how great; and her daughter Jane's Olympic career gave validity to this philosophy. Watching Jane rise to greatness as an international dressage rider and following her around the globe including the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 and Beijing in 2008, brought her immense pride and pleasure.

Over the years Bunny was also involved in many good works, from fundraising for the RNLI and Church to becoming a trustee and founder member of the Gaia Trust, a Cornish charity which promotes socially responsible farming and stewardship of land. She was responsible for securing their first bequest of woodland across the river at Penpol creek. She also loved being part of village activities such as bell-ringing, cider making and of course the Carnival! Many will remember her in fancy dress of all types including a seagull, a terrorist, a bat in the belfry, a dog warden, a floozy and the Queen!

Bunny will be remembered for her generosity. She was always there for people no matter who they were. After a visit to *Tanhay* you would leave feeling uplifted. She believed in simple acts of kindness; such giving you a cup of tea, a cake or a bottle of Tanhay cider.

Bunny was also an adoring Grandmother who took an active part in all her grandchildren's lives. Along with watching them grow up, she found time to fulfil her dream of creating her garden into a place of beauty and memory. In her final days Bunny told her family, "I've been blessed with a wonderful life".

It was her wish to die at home, close to the things she held most precious: her family, her garden, her river and beloved church St Sampson's. On her last morning Mary and Clare threw open the windows of her bedroom so she could hear the church bells ringing out across the village over the dear people she has felt such a part of down the years. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.



Patrick Thomas Frederick Robins (Pat) 1927-2018

This has been abridged from the Eulogy read at the Service of Celebration for the life of Pat on 26th March at St Sampson's Church.

Pat was born on 23 November 1927 in Kilburn, London. He was one of thirteen children. At the age of 12, Pat and his younger brother Ken, then 7 years old, were evacuated at the outset of WWII to Harpole, a small village some 4 miles west of Northampton. Life at Harpole was very different to that of Kilburn. They were billeted on a farm, and Pat often reminisced fondly about his time at Harpole, telling stories to family members down the generations.

On his return to London, Pat joined a local youth club where he was able to practice snooker and table tennis and importantly learnt to dance to American big band sounds played on a radiogram. He also really enjoyed cycling, and joined a cycling holiday to Cornwall with club members and siblings; this visit created a lasting affinity between Pat and the county.

Pat made lifelong friends with fellow evacuees. In late 1946 Pat was called up at the age of 19 for National Service. He was based in post war Germany until being demobbed in 1948, having reached the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Pat then returned to London and held many varied jobs, such as postman, greengrocer, milkman & tool maker. In 1951 Pat met Doreen at a ballroom dance; the attraction was immediate & mutual- those dancing lessons came in useful after all. They married in 1952, and in 1956 the first of their two daughters, Joan, was born.

In 1958, with Pat's strong desire to return to Cornwall, he suggested a holiday in the county, and accompanied by his brothers Dick & Arthur, they shared a holiday cottage at Treknow overlooking Trebarwith strand. Doreen didn't need any more convincing; a move to Cornwall was definitely on the cards. Planning for the family relocation to Cornwall began. Now with two daughters Joan (8) and Val (4), the move to Bodmin completed in 1965 except for one thing - Pat, was still working as a post sorter on the night mail train between Paddington and Penzance, only managing to be with his family on alternate nights. Eventually Pat was able to find full time employment in the County within the Civil service based in St Austell; the family move was now finally complete and they were all together. The next move was to his beloved Golant in April 1972 to *Highwater*, where he lived for 44 years. *Highwater* holds many fond memories- Pat really enjoyed entertaining family members from far and wide who would come and stay. As an amateur chef and with an absolute passion for all cooking methods & recipes, he would serve a variety of dishes.

Pat soon became interested in boats and fishing, starting out with a small dinghy, fishing for flounders in the estuary; this was a favourite pastime. He purchased *Jupiter*- his pride and joy. Pat derived much pleasure from messing around on the river. However, there was one occasion when messing about on the river became in the river, when he was luckily rescued by a passing boat.

Family were always top of Pat's priorities whether a whole family gathering for Christmas celebrations or New Year parties at Golant, anniversaries and birthdays; there was always room for good food and a party. Pat was proud to walk his daughters down the aisle- firstly Joan, who married Robert in 1975 at St Sampson's and Val, who married Peter in 1985, also at St Sampson's.

He retired from the civil service in 1987 and was now able to indulge his hobbies and grandchildren- Adam, Rebecca, Nicole and Michael. They spent many happy hours with Pat & Doreen at *Highwater*, playing on the sand bar and sleepovers, plus trips to Bodmin Moor. Pat was always a loving and attentive grandparent. His inventions and storytelling entertained and amused the grandchildren for hours. Gardening, although not in the top 10 favourite hobbies for Pat, facilitated some horticultural education for the grandchildren in the form of 'wigwam' building to cultivate runner beans, along with copious lessons as to why this was the proven method to produce the best crop.

Sadly, in 2005, Doreen passed away. Pat continued to live at *Highwater*, regularly visited by family and friends. In 2015 Joan sadly passed away. This hit Pat particularly hard; however his strong faith and Christian beliefs helped him through these very difficult periods in his life, and he continued to attend Sunday services at St Sampson's.

Latterly, Pat was able to enjoy the company of great-grandchildren Joni, Freddie and Rosie. He celebrated his 90th birthday at *Highwater* surrounded by close family and friends. Pat was a loving husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather; a gentleman who always saw the best in everyone. He was an intelligent, generous and kind hearted man, and will be lovingly remembered by all who had the pleasure to make his acquaintance.



Taking the Pill



Rather appropriately for this issue, Chris Yexley recently took her *Pill* to Easter Island!

Where do you take your *Pill*? If you remember to pack an issue in your holiday luggage, send us a photo...

Spot the Pseudo Narcissus Lobularis!

Thanks to all those who helped plant the thousand Cornish wild daffodils two autumns ago.

They are starting to bulk up and are springing up all over the village. The warmer weather has helped to bring them out into the open.

The variety is smaller and more delicate than the domestic variety, so keep your eyes peeled and hope that the squirrels haven't nibbled at too many!

Liz Anderson



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The Weather:

In the last *Pill* entry, I began by stating that it didn't seem much like winter, with no frost, nor indeed any likelihood of snow!!! So much for *my* weather predictions then! The downside of our most recent spell of "proper" wintry weather, means that many of those winter jobs, like antifouling, varnishing and painting, have had to wait until the weather is both dryer and warmer. And not before time, because the seasonal moorings are available from April 1st when most boats go back into the water!

Security:

I know this is an oft repeated message, but please do remember a few of the basic rules on avoiding lost equipment:

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- Record any serial number.
- Fasten your engine securely to your boat or remove it each time you come in.
- Never leave "loose" equipment (oars, lifejackets etc.) on your boat unattended.
- Double check mooring tackle and your own knots when mooring up. And replace worn or damaged ropes.
- If you see something suspicious or lose anything, then make sure you report it quickly and accurately to the Police. And finally.....
- Join Boatwatch to help reduce Marine Crime, the more the merrier! Talking of which.....

Spring Get-Together:

Well, we had a great evening at our annual dinner.

Nick from the pub supplied our buffet and the committee members provided the arms and legs to make it all come together, with the free raffle and then, ultimately, the draw for David Parry's painting (*see picture*).

What a pleasure to see one of our long standing members (and ardent supporters) win the wonderful picture, which was already hanging in 'pride of place' by the following day!



This event is just one of a number of social occasions during the year and together with the AGM and summer River event, provides the glue that keeps the Association together. So if you are not a member.... why not join? You would be very welcome indeed (and no boat required!).

David Jenkinson
Chairman Golant Boatwatch

Golant Quay Users Association

All is well at Quay Users, but there are no happenings, so there is nothing to report!

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm in Golant Village Hall.

Peter Edwards
Chairman GQUA

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

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The **Plymouth UK Border Force** is 01752 689 200.



The Beast from the East!

Fun in the Sun!

Early Warning of Dates for this Summer's Fun...!!

Madness in the Pill
Sunday 12th August 2018 at about 3.30pm

Sports & Carnival
Saturday 18th August 2018 at 2pm



**Friends of the
Fowey Estuary**

We have recently held our AGM and all our committee members were re-elected and the accounts adopted. So a big thank you to the committee members for all their hard work, and to Stuart for producing the accounts and to Tony Strachan for auditing them.

At the AGM we had a brilliant talk by Rupert Kirkwood, a very keen kayaker who has paddled the entire West Country coastline including going into all the estuaries, river tributaries and paddling back from the Scillies. We were treated to an incredible photographic presentation of his encounters with a whole range of wildlife including seals, whales and dolphins. He brought his wife and daughters along, as this was his last talk of the season, and because the daughters hadn't seen his presentation before, so we even had some family insights and laughs.

Rupert generously waived his talk fee and we will put this towards the cost of refurbishing the artificial osprey nests being organised in conjunction with the *National Trust* and *Cornwall Wildlife Trust*.

It is the season of membership renewal, and we would urge you to renew your membership as we have an exciting new Events programme that includes a trip to Looe Island in conjunction with *Looe VMCA*, a return trip to *Lethyep* wildlife gardens but a different time of the year, a talk by the BTO Regional representative on surveying your local birdlife and a visit to the Duchy of Cornwall's *Restormel Estate* to learn about their activities. See the opposite column for full details of our events being held in April and May.

Peter Edwards

Forthcoming FOFE Events

Tuesday 24th April

Film – 'FISHPEOPLE - A film about lives transformed by the sea'

Raising funds for the Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust

Time: 7.30pm

Meet: Trenyhton Manor Hotel

Cost: Entry fee £5 per person

More info: Peter 01726 833141

Tuesday 22nd May

Talk – Surveying the Birds of the Fowey Area

By Simon Taylor, BTO Regional Rep.

Time: 7.30pm

Meet: Trenyhton Manor Hotel

Cost: Free to members, £2.50 for non-members

More info: Peter 01726 833141

Sunday 20th May

Visit to Looe Island—limited numbers but open to all on a first booked basis

Time: 9.00am

Meet: East Looe Quay More info: Peter 01726 833141

Wednesday 30th May

Beach School meets Forest School

With Buccaneers Outdoor Learning

Rock Pooling, Mini Fires and Woodland Exploration

Time: 12 noon to 2.30pm

Meet: Readymoney Beach SX117512

Cost: Free to members, £1.50 for non-members

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Tales from the Riverbank

The wildlife has been a little backward in coming forward this Spring – possibly something to do with Arctic temperatures and snow! We have spotted Serena the Seal on several occasions, and yes, we have been out on the river!

We have seen a few Kingfishers – they can be very vulnerable to cold, so that is encouraging, and we have heard through the grapevine that an Osprey has been sighted on the Fowey. This information came via Ian McCarthy the wildlife filmmaker, so he should know what he's talking about.

We are still trying to coordinate tides, events, and Falmouth Students so that we can get out and do another river clean up, but it will be later in the Spring now.

However, we have been following the journey around Britain by Wayne Dixon, who is walking the entire coast of Britain, picking up litter as he goes. He arrived in Fowey, and was very excited to be given a tour of *Sanmills* by Ruth, and a place to stay.

We got in touch and the next day he came out with us on a mini clean up for a few hours. What we haven't mentioned is that he is accompanied by a beautiful Northern Inuit dog called Koda, who is very large, calm and takes all experiences completely in his stride – including kayaking! Wayne has picked up several tons of rubbish already, and walks with a 60lb pack on his back, carrying everything he might need. He is highlighting the appalling mess we, as a society, make by just throwing away our rubbish. He found fly tipping actually partially blocking the road past *Wringford*, and piles of drinks cans, bottles and other rubbish on the road to Lerryn. We didn't realise that 'Keep Britain Tidy' is no longer a government scheme, but has been a charity for nearly 10 years; Wayne is a very active ambassador for them, and visits schools to talk about litter. Very inspirational, and definitely made us look around with different eyes – even in the village we still have litter, even if it isn't a huge problem, but it's too easy to ignore it and leave it for someone else.....

Karen Wells-West



Wayne & Koda



Café Kayak

Café Kayak is now open from 10am - 4pm every day for the school holidays, closing on Sunday 15th April.

Then we'll be open every weekend until half-term.

We are also showing some of Michelle Robins' paintings for the Easter holiday, so please pop in and have a look!

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Golant Gleanings

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Catherine Anderson of *Bodriggan*, upon her graduation from Bristol University on 9th February, 2018. She graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) and is currently working as an orthodontist in Winchester.

Nobody driving in and out of Golant recently could have failed to notice that Beth Whell, once editor of the long-vanished youngsters' *Sandbanks* page of *The Pill*, has just reached 18 years! Congratulations to her, and to church choir member Linda Brice, who celebrated her milestone birthday in style with bubbly & cake at the Easter Day service!

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

The show is on Saturday 11th August. The schedule of classes is below. There are several new ideas this year. Can I draw your attention to the Plastic avoidance sections, an important national & local issue. The full programme will be delivered to you in July with the entry forms & all details. There is a new cup this year for 'Best New Entrant'.

Janet Gore

Schedule of Classes

1] Classes for Vegetables

- A) 3 Tomatoes
- B) 3 Onions
- C) 4 Potatoes
- D) Longest Carrot
- E) 6 Runner Beans
- F) Curliest Runner Bean
- G) Longest Runner Bean
- H) 3 Stalks of different Herbs in a vase
- I) 3 Beetroot
- J) 3 Shallots
- K) 3 Courgettes
- L) 3 Sticks of Rhubarb
- M) 1 plate Mixed Vegetables, 4 items - one of each
- N) Oddest-shaped Vegetable

2] Class for Fruit

- A) A plate of Soft Fruit

3] Classes for Flowers

- A) 6 Sweet Pea stems
- B) Vase of Mixed Flowers
- C) 3 Dahlia stems
- D) 3 Stems of Fuchsia in a vase
- E) Foliage arrangement (no flowers)
- F) 1 Gladioli spike
- G) 1 Sunflower in a vase
- H) 3 Rose blooms
- I) 1 Potted Cactus or Succulent
- J) 1 Hydrangea Head

4] Children's Classes - under 10

- A) Painted Pebble
- B) Collage from Discarded Plastic- A4 maximum or model with base no bigger than A4
- C) A piece of Handwriting 'The Alphabet in UPPER and lower case'

5] Children's Classes - 10 to 16

The same as 4]

6] Home Made Jams and Preserves

- A) Jams/Jellies in a clear glass jar
- B) Marmalade in a clear glass jar
- C) Chutney in a clear glass jar
- D) Lemon or Orange Curd in a clear glass jar
- E) Jar of Honey in a clear glass jar

7] Cookery

- A) Chocolate Cake
- B) 3 Shortbread Fingers
- C) 6 pieces of Fudge
- D) Quiche Lorraine

8] Craft Classes

- i)
- A) A Handcrafted Wooden item
- B) A Handcrafted Metal item
- C) A Handcrafted Pottery item

8] Craft Classes continued

- ii)
- A) An item of Needlework, either by hand or machine
- B) An item of Patchwork, either by hand or machine
- C) An item of Embroidery, either by hand or machine
- D) A Knitted or Crocheted item
- E) 6 pennants of Bunting, theme: The Produce Show

9] A Piece of Artwork

- A) Any Medium
- B) Collage from Discarded Plastic- A4 maximum or model with base no bigger than A4.
- C) Computer Generated Picture
- D) A Greetings Card in any medium

10] Booze

- A) Homemade Flavoured Spirit
- B) Homemade Cider

11] Limerick

Complete the following –
 "There once was a beautiful Bee....."

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

February 2018 - March 2018

With occasional glimpses of sunshine making an appearance, it appears that the Beasts from the East have done their worst and thoughts are now turning towards re-commissioning boats and kayaks and getting out and about in the Parish without need of snow shoes or skis. Thanks are due to those who cleared drifts from the road down from Castledore and everyone who kept an eye out for their neighbours through the unusually harsh winter. Our utility services did well to keep the power and phones working here and we did not incur the storm damage seen in other villages such as Portmellon, where the *Rising Sun* pub and the houses on the sea front took a terrible battering. *Cormac* and *South West Water* have also been busy doing essential maintenance and repair work in our Parish, despite the demands made on them in less fortunate parishes.

The car park charging regime is back in place and we will be re-painting the white lines denoting parking bays as soon as the weather permits. We will continue to maintain the one enhanced access toilet at the toilet block which remains leased from *Cornwall Council* and paying for *Cormac* cleaning staff. Provision of this facility has been an undoubted success. Your councillors are taking views from parishioners as to what to do with the block when we secure ownership of it from *Cornwall Council*.

We are currently not persuaded that re-opening all of the facility with separate provision for ladies, gents and the less abled would be justified or financially viable. There would be considerable capital costs if we were to upgrade the closed facilities with substantially increased on-going operating costs. Councillors are keen to take forward the suggestion that we should convert the block into a kayak and canoe storage facility, possibly with additional lockable cages for storage of boating gear. We estimate that we could create racks to hold between 20 or 30 canoes/kayaks. Our inclination is to offer rentable rack space to parishioners, to members of the public from outside the parish and our canoe club as they have expressed an interest in taking up whatever spaces we might create, with preference going firstly to our own residents - perhaps with a sliding scale of charges. We would expect to fund the conversion work from our own reserves as a small scale renovation but may also consider a more ambitious project. We will therefore be looking at possible grant funding for such a scheme under the *Coastal Communities Fund* - one of the themes for this funding source is promotion of recreational activities involving river activities and typically allowing employment, training and equipping local people to manage and operate the project. All is yet to be decided and we welcome suggestions and comments.

After a period without any new Planning Applications to consider, we now have two in short notice so we will consider these at an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 4 April 2018. The two application are:-

PA18/02549 - Application by Mrs Caroline Harvie for alterations and extension including new windows and doors at *Drinnicks*, Water Lane, Golant.

PA18/01891 - Application by Mr and Mrs Loughton for change of use of agricultural land to residential and erection of a replacement summerhouse/storage at *Robinsons Orchard*, Tanhay Lane, Golant.

The criteria on which we judge such applications are the 'Material Planning Considerations' under planning law and we will also have regard to the Cornwall Local Plan which takes a positive approach reflecting the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

As a reminder of who we are, the following were elected as Parish Councillors for St Sampson Parish without a contest in May 2017:-

David Jenkinson	David Johns	Stephen Phillis
Debbie Pugh-Jones	Robin Anderson	Andrew van den Broek

We are still short of one councillor on our team - your Parish needs you, and quite often we happen to finish our meetings in time to join quiz night in the pub.....

Minutes of meetings are on our Parish Council website:
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

Our next scheduled full meeting will be on Tuesday 24 April 2018 in the village hall at Golant, commencing at 7.15pm with our usual session for the public to address us. All are welcome.

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News from St Sampson's Church

There has been plenty happening and quite a lot not happening at St Sampson's over the past two months or so. The church boiler kept cutting out and seemed to have given up the ghost, but recently, thanks to great perseverance from Mr Burton, it has roared back to life. In the meantime, work is underway to replace the oil tank (which seems to let in huge amounts of water), and, as an interim measure, one Churchwarden purchased a yellow heater which looks as though it is part of a North Korean military parade - noisy but effective.

There was a huge congregation for Bunny's Memorial Service, and the family had decorated the church with greenery from the *Tanbay* garden; the result was spectacular and most appropriate. Recently there was also a service in memory of Pat Robins, and both Bunny and Pat were greatly valued members of the church and will be sorely missed.

As we all know, the weather has been extraordinary, and one result was the cancellation of two choir practices. The lack of heating in the church also meant that two other practices were re-located to *Bodriggan*, and many thanks to Robin and Liz for keeping us warm and also for providing such excellent hospitality. The handbell ringers also were forced to re-locate, and thanks to Ruth for allowing us to ring in *Coaches Rest*.

A dramatized version of The Passion narrative was read on Palm Sunday, and the service opened with a rousing *Hosannah*. At noon on Good Friday a good congregation attended a contemplative service in which the Passion readings were punctuated by congregational hymns and anthems. The choir sang beautifully, and *Were You There?, How Can I ever Fathom*, and *O Vos Omnes* were particularly moving.

The church was full for the Easter Day service, and the floral displays were outstanding. Traditional Easter hymns were sung with gusto, and equally uplifting was the anthem *Now the Green Blade Riset*.

After evensong on Sunday 15th April, at 7.00pm, there is the Annual Parishioners' Meeting, to which all are warmly invited, and also the AGM of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

There are two further events: **on Friday April 27th at 2.30pm** there is a flower arranging demonstration in church by Ruth Varco. (*See Valerie Russell's notice opposite.*)

On **Wednesday 16th May, at 6.00pm**, there is a talk on the architecture of St Sampson's Church, and what it tells us. This is part of the *Fowey Festival*, and the speaker will be Joanna Mattingly. There will be a light bites, and entry is free, although a donation to the Fabric Fund would be appreciated. This promises to be a most informative talk about the village's finest building.

Simon Funnell

When the Beast from the East met Emma
High winds and deep snow were our fears;
The roads will be dangerously icy,
And journeys could well end in tears.

But St Sampson defies all such whining,
And when there's a will there's a way;
So our vexillologist braved the foul weather
And St David enjoyed his Saint's Day!

Simon Funnell



Look very carefully, and you will see the flag for St David's
Day flying proudly from the church tower.
Well done, David Jenkinson, our vexillologist!

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

15th & 22nd April	Penny & Viviane
29th April & 6th May	Ruth & Gill P
13th May	Vilma & Paddy
20th & 27th May	Sue S & Sue T
3rd & 10th June	Jacky & Sheila

Flower Demonstration on 27th April at 2.30pm

Please join us at the church for a fascinating insight into the mysteries of flower arranging. Ruth Varco has kindly 'volunteered' to demonstrate how she creates her beautiful displays. We hope that those of you who are already on the church flower roster will come along and encourage everyone else! Even if you think that this is not for you, please do join us anyway for coffee, tea and delicious refreshments. I am sure you will find it entertaining and there is no pressure to join the roster if you don't want to. Also, some people just do a flower arrangement for one of the windows at Easter, Harvest or Christmas. Do join us and bring your friends. Feel free to phone me if you have any questions.

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UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

For they that wished for a bit of frost to kill off some of them there little blimmers that might be lingering in the garden, then I should think that their wishes have come true. For 'tis the hardest frost we've had for a number of years. I did manage to dig up some parsnip with the help of me visky, and I had to get through about 2 inches (old money) of frozen ground. But this wisht old weather has done no amount of damage, and dreckly, when it warms up a bit, there's going to be a brave amount of pruning, cutting back and digging out to repair the damage done, but doan't 'ee be too swift to start just yet. When things d'start to show signs of new growth coming, then you'm able to see just where to cut back to. There's still a brave bit of time left yet for Mother Nature to show us just who's in charge, and give us some more of the same beastly weather as we've just had.

Now I've been two scats behind all winter, because there was no dryth last autumn, and the ground was proper sadgy; I couldn't get a spade in the veg garden to turn it over. This be some important as Jack Frost baint able to do a brave job unless the soil be turned and loosened up so he can really get in and scat it all abroad. One thing I did notice as I was turning ground this week, was the handsome number of worms that have come dru the winter. They do a brave amount of work down there. I do try to avoid cutting up the worms if I can because they will not mend themselves and grow another bit; they die!

'Tis that time of yer when some mazed-brained so and so will crank up his mower and run over the lawn. Once that happens 'tis all hell broke loose, and 'tis like a load of lemmings, each trying to beat his neighbour to get the grass cut first. And once 'tis started, you'm shackled to that mower for the rest of the summer. Bide yer time a bit; there's nort gained by gwain like a long dog. Take yer time and apply a bit of drecklyism.

As soon as you'm able to work the turned ground into a seedbed, and without it clagging up yer boots, then the likes of parsnip, early carrots, onions, shallots, leek, parsley, swede, most of the brassicas, early peas and broad beans can quite happily be sown outside. I like to put the peas and broad beans in pots to germinate before then planting outside to stop those little blimmers the mice having a free meal with the seed. The likes of runner and french beans, sweet corn and 'watery' crops like marrow, cucumber and tomato, I tend to leave 'till May month. They can be scat down with any late frost so keep handy that fleece, then you'm able to aive it over anything that is frost tender. My father would watch the moon cycles, and he did say the last chance of a damaging frost would be the last full moon in May.

Towards the middle of April you should be thinking just what you'm gwain to put in the baskets and tubs for a brave show during the summer. The choice be yours, but whatever you choose, cram the plants in brave and close together, and then remember to water and feed on a regular basis.

Nort

Uncle John's Gardening Year & Auntie Paddy's Recipe Book

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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

I have handed the recipe corner over to Gillie for this issue. She explains below!

Paddy Shelley

ELDERFLOWER SYRUP

(Makes approx. 2.2 litres/3¾ pints)

25 Elderflower Heads

1½ litres/ approx. 2½ pts boiling Water

3 Lemons, sliced

1½ kilos/ 3lbs 5ozs White Sugar

60g/ 2¼ozs Citric Acid

1. Arrange layers of the flower heads alternated with the sliced lemon in a large heatproof bowl.
2. Make the syrup by adding the sugar to the boiling water, stirring until dissolved.
3. Add the citric acid to the syrup and pour over the flowers & lemon slices. Stir and press lightly.
4. Cover & leave for a minimum of 5 days, then strain and pour into sterilized bottles. It is ready to drink, but dilute to taste- fizzy water is very refreshing! The syrup freezes well in plastic bottles.

This may seem a little premature for this issue, but the elderflower should be in full bloom in early June, so the following copy may be too late! Try to pick the elderflower heads in a dry spell for the best flavour.



Last April, our American friends Kay & husband Tom, and her cousin Joan with husband Larry, came to our home for lunch whilst researching Kay & Joan's ancestral roots at Wringford in Golant. They so enjoyed sampling a batch of my **Elderflower Syrup**, that Joan & Larry (opposite) took the recipe back home to Iowa!! They sent this photo with an email in July, saying, "We had such a good time gathering flowers and making the syrup. It caused us to reflect on all of you and our wonderful Cornwall adventure".

Look at the size of the elderflower heads...!!

Gillie Harris

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

APRIL

Sunday 8 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 10 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 13 th		Closing date for GHG design (<i>see page 3</i>)	
Sunday 15 th	9.30-11.00am	Village Breakfast Club	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
		<i>Followed by Annual Parishioners Meeting at 7.00pm: All welcome</i>	
Tuesday 17 th	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 22 nd	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 24 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 24 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 27 th	2.30pm	Flower Arranging Demonstration	St Sampson's
		<i>(See page 15 for full details)</i>	
Friday 27 th	7.30pm	C-Fylm (<i>Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 29 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 29 th	12.00-2.30pm	Roast by the River	Fisherman's Arms
	6.00-8.00pm	<i>(Last roast before summer)</i>	

MAY

Friday 4 th	10.00-11.00am	Book Shelf Browse and Buy	Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 7 th		<i>Monday opening resumes for the summer</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 8 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group	Village Hall
Sunday 13 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Wednesday 16 th	6.00pm	Talk on the Architecture of St Sampson's Church	St Sampson's
		<i>(See Church News on page 15)</i>	
Sunday 20 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 22 nd	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Quay Users' AGM	Village Hall
Friday 25 th – Monday 28 th		BEER FESTIVAL	Fisherman's Arms
		Live music and BBQ Friday night	
Tuesday 29th	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	thegolantpill@gmail.com
Sunday 27 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's

JUNE

Friday 1 st	10.00-11.00am	Book Shelf Browse and Buy	Village Hall
Sunday 3 rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 5 th	10.30-12.30pm	IT sessions (<i>see page 5</i>)	Village Hall
Saturday 9 th		World Gin Day	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 10 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 12 th	10.30-12.30pm	IT sessions	Village Hall
Tuesday 12 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group	Village Hall
Friday 15 th		National Beer Day	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 19 th	10.30-12.30pm	IT sessions	Village Hall
Saturday 23 rd		Frog Racing	Village Green or Village Hall
Sunday 24 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 26 th	10.30-12.30pm	IT sessions	Village Hall

*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.*