



## Golant's Winter Revels



Our very own Green Man with his cider tippel!



A large crowd of Golantians wassailing an apple tree



Art & Craft Trail organiser Michelle Robins



Smiling trio Caroline, Chris & Britta at *Moons*



Happy chatter at the Meet & Greet



Anne-Marie enjoying the Generation Game at the Pub!



## FROM THE EDITOR

**Q**uestion: Do Golantians hibernate in the winter?  
**A**nswer: Absolutely NOT!!

You only have to look at Robin Anderson's photos on the cover of this issue to realise that for a small riverside village, which may be expected to merely enjoy many summer activities, Golant is just as active in the depths of winter! What is more, those annual events of longer standing, such as the ever popular early December Meet & Greet and the various imaginative happenings in the pub around Christmas & the New Year, have been joined by new ones in recent years.

Our Wassailing began in 2011 and is still going strong. Four articles refer to it (*pages 3, 7 & 12*), including fascinating details from Stuart about a new variety of apple bred for a very special Anniversary this year. Do read it.

Last year saw the inaugural charity Dip in the Pill, whilst this year, the Christmas Art & Craft Trail was launched, which even included the lighting up of boats! Reports & photos for most of these events can be found in this issue, and it is a particular pleasure to have the Taylors writing as a family about their New Year experiences in the village (*page 7*).

Furthermore, the popular panto by GRADS will follow, unfortunately just too late for this issue... However, a sneak preview photo of some of the cast in rehearsal can be seen on page 7, and distressed-looking directors Penny & Martin below!

Do note that many more photos of all village events can be found on our *Golant Pill* facebook.

Following my request in the last issue for response by readers to certain articles, I was very pleased to receive some fascinating observations from Clair Connibeer about her cats (*page 12*), and we also seem to have solved the query set by Robert Dunley regarding two ladies in an old carnival photograph (*page 11*). Many thanks!

Well, Mike & I did 'bite the bullet', and are now getting to grips with *Microsoft Windows 10*. As always, change is not easy (especially for us older folk!), and I am certainly learning by my mistakes, though I'm delighted to say that the new version of my special Publisher programme, used for this newsletter & my ancestry stories, is working well... What a relief!

*Gillie Harris*

## Golant Walking Group

Keen to recover from the excesses of the Christmas period, January saw Golant walkers out and about enjoying the pleasures of our local environment.

An early outing to *Cardinham Wood*, which included a visit to its excellent coffee shop, was followed by a visit to our own historical monument at *Castledore (below)*, for which many thanks to Sue for sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm.



A January planning meeting resulted in a programme of walks to March and, with a nod to spring beckoning, ideas for exploring further afield.

We will meet in March to agree a programme for spring -summer and contributions to this discussion would be very welcome. We are looking to identify walks in west, north and east Cornwall which would stretch our legs, enlighten our minds and titillate our taste buds.

Our programme to March retains a focus on the local area and on being accessible to everyone:

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February: Fowey-Polridmouth

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February: *Lerryn-St Winnow* circular

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March: *Polkerris-Gribbin Head* circular

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March: *Blackhead*

If you would like to walk with us, or be kept informed via our mailing list, please contact [anne.bonsall@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.bonsall@btinternet.com)



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There is very little news to report for GHG for this issue.

At our January meeting, Ian delivered an extremely useful workshop on how to navigate our new website, and we were delighted to welcome other interested folk. Although the turn out was a little disappointing, perhaps due to horrendous weather that day, we hope that most of you are confidently navigating the site for your own interest!

Please do contact us with any additional information or amendments. <https://golant.omeka.net>

Penny Parsons, Chairman GHG

### New Year's Day Wassail

There was a fantastic turn out for the New Year's Day wassail. It was lovely to be able to include the orchard at *Hybadore* this year (*Fowey Valley Cider*) on our tour of village orchards.

As well as visiting our old faithfuls of *Wringford* and *Bo-driggan*, we are hoping to have rekindled life into Jeremy's and Becky's old apple tree and to Ali and Brian's pear tree, espaliered on the end wall of *Hillside*. A huge thank you to all our hosts . . . I have to say that the mulled beverages this year were especially scrumptious!



We also wassailed the planting of a young local variety of apple, *Cornish Mother*, donated by Sarah and Ian Laugh-

ton, in the new orchard which Karen is gradually establishing in one of the *Sanctuary* fields, before gathering for our grand finale on the terrace of *The Fisherman's Arms*. This year our token tree was a new variety provided by Stuart, called the *Mayflower 400*. He explains the story behind this in the opposite column.

Penny Parsons

### The Mayflower 400 Apple

This year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers' voyage to America in 1620, and the apple tree we used at the *Fisherman's Arms* at the end of the Wassail was a new variety bred by James Evans and Mary Martin at St. Dominic and named for that anniversary.

James tells me that it is one of a family of apple cultivars which he originally bred in the 1980s, being a cross of *Cox's Orange Pippin* and an east Cornwall variety, *Hocking's Green*. *Cox's Orange Pippin* is one of the best tasting of our National varieties of apple but unfortunately it does not grow well in Cornwall's wet and generally warm climate, being very susceptible to both scab and canker. (See John Kift's chapter on Apple pests and diseases in the *Golant Apple* book). On the other hand, *Hocking's Green* is known to be very resistant to both these problems. So James' and Mary's hope was that a cross might retain some of the flavour of the *Cox* with the hardiness of the *Hocking's Green*.

The technique for selective crossing requires that the pollen used for the cross is captured from the blossom of one, in this case the *Hocking's Green*, and transferred to the other without contamination by pollen from any other nearby apple trees. This is usually achieved by surrounding the blossoms with muslin bags, or similar.

The pollinated fruit will of course be true to its parent tree, in this case the *Cox*, but the seeds in the fruit, will be crossed or hybrids. Further, the offspring seedlings of such a union, can be different from each other, as in human families; siblings, other than twins, can differ in all sorts of ways from each other. These seedlings are grown on, and after maturity, cuttings are taken and grafted on to known root stocks which will determine the new tree's vigour, dwarfing, semi-dwarfing, vigorous, etc.

Of this batch of crosses, one, now named *Mary Martin* has proved to have a good *Cox*-like flavour, although scab resistance is not good. *Mayflower* has better resistance to both scab and canker, but it is still early days to be able to determine the merits or otherwise of this relatively new, now third generation, offspring.

Stuart Young



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## News from St Sampson's Church

The **Advent Carol Service** at the beginning of December was very well attended, with a congregation of just under 90, and we were very grateful to the Revd James Funnell, who officiated and played the organ, aided by Sheila who also multi-tasked by conducting and playing when needed.

A **Cornish Christmas** saw its largest congregation yet, well over 90 adults and children, with the handbell players displaying accuracy and enjoyment, and with all new readings by authors with Cornish connections. Your correspondent must take the blame for the service being too long, however, and next year it will be one hour only! Thanks again to brother James, who played the organ throughout, and also led the prayers. The final hymn was to the accompaniment of the handbells, and this seemed to work surprisingly well.

The **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** also enjoyed one of its largest ever congregations, with over 130 coming to sing and to listen to those magical readings and some very varied choir items. *O Holy Night* and *Mary Had a Baby* could hardly be more different, but the highlight was the excellent singing of Stopford's *We Three Kings*. The choir, like so many other people, had been afflicted by the cold/'flu bug that was doing the rounds before Christmas, but despite missing some key members the choir excelled itself on the night. The added bonus was that the Revd James Funnell took the service, there was no sermon, and it lasted exactly one hour.

Another large congregation attended the **Christmas Day** service, which opened with the handbells playing *Joy to the World*, and the choir reprising *Child of Heaven* for the anthem. The Venerable Audrey Elkington took the service and struck a suitably positive note in a sermon which was designed to involve the children.

Finally, **New Year's Day** saw the bell ringers, both great and small, ringing in the New Year, and this is reported on separately elsewhere (*opposite & on page 7*).

By the time you read this, we will have had an opportunity to hear people's views on services at St Sampson, as there will be an open forum after the service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

There is one date for your diary – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm in the Church, when the *St Mewan Sinfonia* will return to give a concert. More details will be given nearer the time.

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### Volunteers Wanted!

We are very fortunate to have a loyal band of villagers who take turns to unlock and lock the church every day, thus ensuring that it is always open to the village and visitors alike. We also rely on a team of cleaners and flower arrangers to keep the church looking at its best, and a few more volunteers would mean that this duty would come round less frequently. No previous experience is required, and there is plenty of guidance available when it comes to the flowers, so if you would like to help, please get in touch with Valerie Russell (833072).

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, we plan to leap into action with a **Spring Clean of the Church and Churchyard**, starting at 10.00am. Many hands make light work, and gentlemen welcome to help in the Churchyard – clippers, saws and other gardening implements a bonus!

*Simon Funnell*

## Ringling in the New Year

Every other year, on New Year's Day, there is an opportunity for anyone to come to the church, have something to eat and drink, and have a go at ringing the big church bells and the handbells. This year we welcomed Gabrielle – June East's granddaughter – and her fiancé Cameron, as well as his parents. They had all come from America to see our church, where Cameron and Gabrielle are getting married this August.

Once the St Sampson ringers had rung in the New Year with some changes, the bells were brought down to enable intrepid souls to try their ringing skills. It all looks so easy, but the knack to getting the bell to ring is to pull the rope at the right time. For the most part, would-be ringers got the knack quite quickly and were rewarded with the 'bong' of their bell.



The handbells also attracted many volunteers. Each handbell has a number, and the 'music' is written as a sequence of numbers.

All you have to do is to ring your bell when Simon, acting as the conductor, points to your number; simple! Remarkably, everyone who had a go (and it took nearly two hours to give everyone who wanted to ring a chance to take part) managed to be part of a recognisable tune – frequently to enthusiastic applause!

It was enjoyable and rewarding to see so many, both young and old and all ages in between, trying something new. Some even continued the afternoon's entertainment by wassailing the local apple trees.

*Greg White*

The **Crib** in front of the altar has welcomed some new and handsome inhabitants this year. The old figures were beginning to fall apart, and Clare and Mary, Bunny Minter-Kemp's daughters, have paid for them with some of the money from the collection for the church after Bunny's funeral.

Many have commented on the new figures, with the Three Wise Men being particularly fine.



*Sheila Funnell*

### Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

2nd & 9th February	Sue S & Sue T
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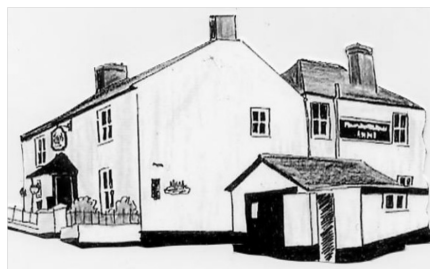
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February 10th	Woman at War
February 24th	Bait
February 29th	Rocketman
March 9th	The Peanut Butter Falcon
March 30th	Red Joan



## Village Hall Committee

We have had a positive start to the New Year!

A new DVD player has been purchased to replace the tired one, which regularly had a 'mind of its own'- or was it the ageing operator?!

A new non-slip ladder has also been purchased, complying with the current health & safety rules.

We have also jumped at the opportunity to purchase a used staging system frame from *Devoran Village Hall*, being the same manufacturer as ours. It's a lower level but interactive.

We are making plywood stage tops, and expecting it to be in place as our rear raised grandstand for the *GRADS* Treasure Island performances.

Penny's Bookshelf Bring & Buy will start with a SPECIAL EVENT on Saturday 15th February, from 10.00am -12.00 noon, with a GRAND CLEAROUT of the shelves, hopefully to be refilled by you all bringing along your donated books. To entice you, coffee will be flowing for all, to wash down lots of cake!

*Paul Meredith, Chairman*

To book the hall, or for any enquiries,  
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## The Golant Village Website

Don't forget that you can access *The Golant Pill* on our village website. It is, quite simply- **golant.net**

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## Plastic Milk Bottles

Do you use plastic milk bottles & plasticised cartons to get your milk?

Why not consider the scheme that operates at *Richards Green-grocers & Park Rd Stores* in Fowey (amongst other places) where you purchase a glass bottle for £1.50 and then refill this whenever you need it for £1 a litre. The milk is *Roddas* and tastes very fresh.

We have two bottles, cleaning one in the dishwasher when used, and fill them alternately.

*Maurie Parsons*

## Golant Village Tea

On Sunday 15th March 2020 from 4pm to 6pm the traditional and popular *Village Tea* will be held in the Village Hall.

All are welcome to come along and have a good chin wag with neighbours and friends.

There will be crumpets, scones, sandwiches and lots of cakes.

Entrance will be £4 payable on the door (under 5s free).

Any excess proceeds will be put towards the collection for Village Christmas tree.

Donations of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, scones etc. will be greatly appreciated.

Please give Gail a ring on 01726 833475 if you intend to donate, so that we can get the balance of savoury and sweet right for everyone.

*Maurie Parsons*

## Riot of a Freelance Mind ... does the Hinterland

Golant Village Hall – Friday 21st February, 7.30pm

This all female ensemble show opened to rave reviews at the *Theatre Royal Plymouth* in 2018. Within an ever-changing line-up of women, elements of verbatim theatre, post-post-modern style, chorus tunes and slam poetry, it is quirky and great fun.

The show celebrates the chaos behind creative lives and takes a sharp, funny, brave look at the freelance world of the performing artist. It is a bittersweet, highly entertaining and emotive piece of theatre which will appeal to all, but will be especially appreciated by anybody who juggles a busy life with the complications of work and family.

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## A Golant New Year's Day

We usually go to Padstow for New Year's Day, to play boules on the beach, but this year and this new decade we decided to stay close to home and check out all that our village of Golant offers on New Year's Day.

At 10.30am we assembled on the quay for the New Year **Charity River Dip** in aid of the *St Petroc's Society*. (*Ruth Taylor confirms that the wonderful sum of £,80 was raised. Ed*)

Sue Reardon was the first there in her nightdress, Christmas pudding socks and a jester's hat. Ruth Taylor wasn't far behind in a tutu and swim fins; we felt rather under-dressed in our shorts and Lycra but at least we weren't 'cheating' in a wetsuit (Pete Williams)! It was, as expected, very cold but actually very enjoyable.



We then all bundled back into the car to head up the hill for a quick, hot shower before our next stop at the church for **Bell Ringing**. At 12pm we arrived at St Sampson's to attempt to ring the church bells.



Chris told us that the last time he had tried bell ringing was when he was 12. Canon Oatey had told him to pull hard on the rope, not realising that Chris was quite a strong (and literal) child. Chris had yanked the rope, the bell swung and a stay was broken! So we were all a little nervous that Daddy might do it again. Luckily, the stays remained intact, but we soon discovered that there is quite a skill involved in campanology.

Next we all tested our talent on the **Handbells** with Simon Funnell. We donned our white gloves, and after a brief explanation we stood in line and took charge of our two notes (one for each handbell) as we played a number of Christmas songs. Handbell ringing is really quite addictive and SOME of the tunes even rang true!

Next was the 2pm meet at *Hybadore* for the first stop of the **Wassail** trail. Here the villagers surround an apple (or pear tree) whilst the Green Man 'waters' the tree roots with cider and pins toast to the branches to encourage the birds. We shouted "*Waes Hael, Drink Hael*", Henry sounded his bugle, others sounded their makeshift instruments and we all drank to a bountiful crop this year.



We left *Hybadore* for *Bodriggan* where we sampled yet more mulled cider and apple turnovers, then on to our next stop for delicious apple cake and yet more mulled cider; our third stop was a pear tree and hot pork sausages and our final destination was *The Sanctuary*, where we planted a new apple tree. With bellies full of apples in all their glorious guises we headed to *The Fisherman's Arms* for Nick's Pork and Apple Sauce baps (and any drink that wasn't made from apples).

Our verdict... that a Golant New Year's Day is the apple of our eye.

*Chris, Kay, Henry & Hugh Taylor*

## Ahoy, me Hearties...



All expressions can be seen here as members of GRADS rehearse for *Treasure Island*...

## Golant Stick Insect

Well, look what we found when pruning our climbing rose last September, on the back of *Kyppings*.

She was the biggest stick insect we've ever seen since the days when we kept them as pets, many, many years ago!

*The Nature Watchers  
at Kyppings*







Spring is coming!

This is my first *Pill* article since taking over as Chairman from David Jenkinson, so let me first thank him from all of us for the years of hard work that he put in to keeping Boatwatch as the valuable and effective organisation that it is. Also, many thanks to David for agreeing to stay on the committee to help keep things going into the future.

As the evenings get lighter and the snowdrops and daffodils emerge we all start to think about getting the boats back out, although it can be lovely on the river on sunny days now. On a solo trip to Fowey by dinghy on the sunny 21<sup>st</sup> January I was the only boat moving through flat calm water and empty moorings – a splendid couple of hours.

We have had some viciously cold nights and there may be more cold weather to come before spring, so now is the time to make sure you have your winter boat and engine maintenance arrangements sorted.

#### Now a Membership Reminder:

The Boatwatch year starts in January, so anyone yet to pay their membership fees needs to do so fairly soon, and certainly before we start to take bookings for the Spring Get Together, which will be on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

What are the benefits of being a member? Well, best for me to repeat David Jenkinson's words from this time last year ... 10% off any spending at the Chandlers in Par or Fowey · Your very own Hi-Viz top · Free Tide Table · Free pasty and wine and free raffle at the AGM · A discounted supper and raffle at the Spring Get Together · Marine and security updates via email or Facebook · The opportunity to partake in a raffle to win a David Parry painting or signed print (open to members only) · A chance to provide a valuable service for the benefit of your friends and neighbours and those who use the river and moorings. · And best of all, you don't even have to have a boat...

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[richard.gabb24@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.gabb24@btinternet.com) for an application form.

Finally, a few things to pop in your diaries. As I said above, the Spring Get Together will be on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> with a meal and the raffle draw for David Parry's wonderful original painting of an Egret. Thinking ahead to summer, there will be two evening Boatwatch river outings – these will be on Tuesday 7 July and Tuesday 4 August, both big tide evenings. So, save the dates!

*David Bonsall, Chairman*

#### A very early Reminder of next Summer's Events!

Madness in the Pill  
2nd August 2020  
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Sports & Carnival  
15th August 2020

## PADDLE CORNWALL SUP

We wanted to keep you all updated on our first season and say a massive 'THANK YOU' for all the support & help that you, as a community, have shown us. It has been a dream come true to be able to run our own small business in the village I've grown up & live in, and are now lucky enough to bring up our children in – or, as I like to call them, our future staff...!

2019 has been a real learning curve for us, from getting to grips with all areas of starting a business to juggling with family life. The beauty of this company is that we can balance it around the children, which is really important to us.

We have had a wide range of ages & abilities participating in our sessions and have shared with them a great sense of achievement when they ultimately 'make the stand'.

I have also been training. It has been very enjoyable, and I'm hoping to continue this throughout 2020, starting by completing my BSUPA Level 2 SUP (Stand Up Paddle board) instructor's qualification in touring & racing. We have also got two new instructors on board, and are really looking forward to them heading out with us in 2020.

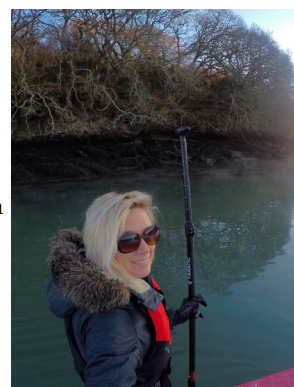
We are really excited to say that we have recently been audited by AALA (Adventure Activity Licensing Authority) and have now obtained our AALA License. This is currently run by the *Department of Work & Pension*, and ensures that activity providers follow good safety management practices without being exposed to avoidable risks. This means we can take out under 18 year olds without a parent or guardian, and is great, as I can now concentrate more on one of my passions – working with young people. I am hoping that this will help them learn, respect and look after our beautiful river as well as have lots of fun!

We have also been in talks with *Fowey Harbour Office* and the *RNLI* about a number of charity paddles in 2020. Each paddle will see all funds raised going directly to Fowey RNLI.

Ideally, we would like to start looking for a riverside base where we can store our equipment and meet our clients. If anybody hears of anywhere that may be available, please keep me posted. You can contact me on 0771402930 or email [paddlecornwallsup@outlook.com](mailto:paddlecornwallsup@outlook.com)

Looking forward to meeting you in the season!!

*Clair Connibeer*



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## Christmas 2019 **INBLOOM** Challenge

Last year, our garden plants had to cope with the 'Beast from the East', followed by a long, hot drought and then a relentless spell of rain. Well, despite it being very mild, we've certainly experienced the incessant rain once again this year, and this exceptionally wet time in particular seems to have affected our bloom count, as the total number recorded was 47, whilst at Christmas 2018 an amazing 61 were identified! I am very grateful to Liz Anderson & Sarah Laughton for taking the time and effort to join me in our annual regular search. The photos below of Liz's and my collection cheer up a grey day... Incidentally, in the churchyard I noted Celandines, purple Crocus buds & Winter Jasmine (so perhaps I could round it up to a neat 50?!)

Once again, in order to simplify the count, I have disregarded different species, such as the many camellias we found between us, as quite a number were unidentified, and therefore could have been duplicated. Also ignored were the different colours of a noted plant, such as those of the Agerantheums, Hydrangeas and Periwinkles.

For the avid gardeners amongst you, here is the comprehensive list of blooms in alphabetical order:

Abelia, Agerantheum (yellow & red), Berberis, Bergenia, Bramble, Camellia (many), Campanula, Cirsium, Chickweed, Christmas Rose ('Christmas Carol'), Cyclamen, Daffodil, Daisy (wild), Dandelion, Forget-me-not, Fuchsia, Geranium, Hawkweed, Heather, Hebe, Heliotrope, Herb Robert, Hydrangea (white lacecap & blue), Japonica, Kaffir Lily (pink & red), Lobelia, Mahonia, Mexican Fleabane or Cornish Daisy (*Erigeron Karvinskianus*), Osteospermum, Periwinkle (pink & white and white), Primrose, Red Campion, Rose, Rosemary, Salvia ('Amistad'), Sisyrinchium (one bud), Snapdragon, Snowdrop ('Barnes' & 'Grumpy'), Stinking Hellebore (*Helleborus foetidus*), Streptocarpus, Sweet Winter Box, Viburnum, Viola, Violet, Wild Strawberry, Winter Honeysuckle and Winter Iris.

Gillie Harris



### Pill Paparazzi in this issue

<b>LA</b>	Liz Anderson
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Our members continue to volunteer to help with the Fowey Harbour Commissioner's Pacific Oyster monitoring and control programme. This species was introduced to the UK for aquaculture when stocks of the native oyster could not keep up with demand. They were farmed commercially from the 1960s and advice at this time was that they would not be able to reproduce in our cooler waters. A combination of rising sea temperatures and adaptation has meant that the Pacific Oyster is not only able to successfully reproduce but its population numbers have expanded rapidly. In some areas of Fowey Harbour they are so numerous that they have formed reefs, and with their sharp jagged shells angled upwards, they are causing a hazard to beach goers and small boats as well as smothering other harbour infrastructure. The Fowey Estuary contains a *Marine Conservation Zone* which protects habitats, and the oysters have the potential to alter marine ecosystems as their dense settlement changes composition as they out-compete other native rocky shore species for space. The project is run under the advice and funding of *Natural England* and *Cornwall Wildlife Trust*. Monitoring of the extent and density of this species is crucial if we are to understand the scale of the issue. Culling is also taking place in an attempt to control the spread of this invasive, non-native species as each individual Pacific Oyster can potentially produce a staggering 200 million eggs in a single spawning!

We have a butterfly talk on February 26<sup>th</sup> at *Trennythor* at 7.30pm, followed by our AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> March that includes a talk by Roger Hooper on Cornish Choughs at *Royal Fowey Yacht Club*. The AGM starts at 7.30pm, when there is an opportunity to renew your membership, and we will get through the formal stuff as quickly as possible to get to what proves to be a very interesting talk.

Membership renewals will go out end of February/early March, and we hope that you will renew your membership or join if you are not already a member, to get notifications of our exciting programme of forthcoming events.

*Peter Edwards & Claire Hoddinnot*

## The End of an Era

After years of uncertainty, Golant finally says farewell to the *Cormorant Hotel* to make way for a nine-home housing development.

It was sad to see the pool being demolished and the roof being taken off the hotel building, but times change, and we look forward to welcoming the new home owners in the hope that they become integrated into our community life.

*Debbie Pugh-Jones*



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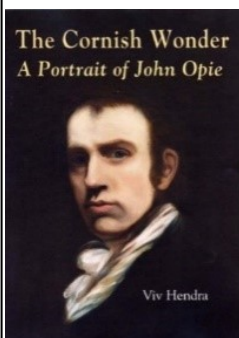
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### ***Fruit Schooners by Roger Barrett***

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 2.30p.m. Fowey Town Hall**

Built for speed, the clipper fruit schooners of the nineteenth century were the ocean racing yachts of the day, speeding home with cargoes of highly perishable fruit from the Azores, the Mediterranean and the Bahamas. For many years Salcombe and its neighbour Brixham in the South Hams of Devon were the dominant players but, in the later days of the trade, Fowey established a reputation for producing fast fruit schooners such as the *Jane Slade*, see left, moored by Bodinnick and Ferryside, and *Silver Spray*.



### ***John Opie, the Cornish Wonder by Viv Hendra***

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.30p.m. Fowey Community Centre, Squires Field**

Arguably the greatest of all the Cornish artists, an almost legendary figure, John Opie is the classic 18<sup>th</sup> Century carpenter's boy whose life was transformed by genius. Viv will tell the story of his rise to fame: from the son of a carpenter to being introduced at the court of George III, an introduction that resulted in the King buying one picture and the commissioning of another, the remarkable Mary Delany. He also received commissions to paint the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Lady Salisbury, Lady Charlotte Talbot, Lady Harcourt and other ladies of the court. Opie's residence at "Orange Court", Castle Street, Leicester Fields, was said to be "crowded with rank and fashion every day" and he was the talk of the town and in 1782 he first exhibited at the Royal Academy.

*We look forward to welcoming you to these talks - all are welcome. £6.00 on the door, Members half price\*. Light refreshments are provided.*

***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR BOTH THESE EVENTS FROM THOSE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED.***

### **Heritage Open Days\* – September 2020**

One can only apologise for mentioning an event in September when we're being blown about and soaked in Winter but the first steps have been taken to get this exciting initiative under way for Fowey Harbour. There is much to do by way of preparation. We'll keep you posted as the year progresses.

The central principle behind the days is simple and compelling: every year in September, places across the country, especially those that are normally closed to the public, throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It is a chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences and it's all FREE. Currently, there are very few places in Cornwall contributing, our nearest and notable exception being Liskeard, and the Society's aim is to seek to change that by extending the initiative throughout Fowey Harbour.

\*Established in the early 1994, Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,000 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. More information about Heritage Open Days can be found at:

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk/about/](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/about/)

\***Membership** of Fowey Harbour Heritage Society costs just £10.00 for the year. Apart from the talks, and associated discount, there are visits to historical places, workshops on historical research and conservation, opportunities to get involved in research projects relating to the area, and a free copy of our publication, *'The Barquentine'*. An Application Form, and much else, can be found at [www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk](http://www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk).

### **GOLANT CARNIVAL QUERY ANSWERED**

In our last issue, Robert Dunley posed a query about the participants in this old carnival photo.

Three long-standing villagers are in agreement as to the identity of the two ladies who are standing at the front with Dorothy Rickwood.

Tauniua writes, identifying them as "Wendy Grey and her daughter Caroline, who used to live at the *Lodge* next to the gates at the start of the drive to *Penquite House*".





## Nature Notes

Collaboration will, I hope, be the theme this year... Having spent most of last year with my head down working, I want to make sure that not only do I enjoy our wonderful countryside, but hopefully encourage as many others as I can to share it with me.

With this goal in mind we have begun to plant a new orchard space, starting with 8 Cornish apple trees. Four were bought from the *Duchy Nursery*, and the others very generously donated by Sarah & Ian Laughton. *Cornish Mother* was beautifully 'Wassailed' on New Year's Day by the enthusiastic 'gang' that turned out with pots, pans and even a horn as part of the festivities! Unfortunately, if we want to plant pears and quinces etc, we cannot find Cornish varieties, but we may experiment with a Kea Plum from the Falmouth area, although Plums can be a little fickle in Golant. The aim is eventually to open the space to the village to enjoy – we are being very careful not to plant where we might spoil the view!

Also, this year we want to encourage visitors to get out of doors, walk our land, the Saint's Way and take more notice of what is about them. We hope to also encourage writers and artists, as well as walkers & cyclists to look around and be inspired – if anyone has any ideas or would be willing to lead a class, walk etc, please get in touch.

I've been poring over many plant & tree catalogues, trying to decide on sensible things to plant – we are continuing to stock our Forest Garden with edibles – trees & shrubs that we can forage for flowers, leaves or berries. We are going to start a Permaculture experiment, planting perennial vegetables, along with some more unusual fruiting plants – so watch this space!



When looking at plant names, I discovered that the little daisy (*Erigeron Karvinskianus*, that I know as 'Mexican Fleabane') that we see everywhere in Golant has a Cornish name of 'Cousin Jack' – brought back by Cornish miners from Mexico. Those of you who have heard the enthusiastic rendition of the song in the pub during music night, will be familiar with the tale of emigrating miners around the globe....!

Karen Wells-West

### Note:

Both Liz Anderson & Sarah Laughton found this plant flowering at Christmas in our annual 'In Bloom Challenge' - see page 9!

## PAWS FOR THOUGHT...



There have been two responses to the article I put in the last issue about Tosca, our Burmese cat, placing toys on her food tray at night, seemingly as a 'thank you'.

Nicky Paull, our local vet (just retired), has spoken to a cat behaviourist, who believes that she is ... *"doing her hunter/gatherer bit for her family and bringing 'food' home."*

Clair Connibeer has sent the following fascinating article:

*"The moment we got our cats they have given us a lot of entertainment, from escaping from their cat boxes as kittens in the back of our car after picking them up, to climbing on our shoulders whilst indisposed in the bathroom..."*

*A few months after bringing them home one of our two girls got herself in 'the family way' and produced our large (yet very wimpy) boy, thus turning two into three! Our cats are Bengal Cross Tabby. They are funny, friendly and very, very daft!*

*After reading Gillie's post about her cat's food presents, I thought I'd write a bit about the little quirks we live with. For example, over Christmas one of our cats would take decorations off the tree whenever she was hungry (& ONLY if she was hungry!) until we filled her cat bowl.*

*The same cat has strange routines that she has to follow every day. For example, whenever anyone has a shower she waits by the door until you are done, then once you leave the shower she walks past you, meows only once then proceeds to drink the shower water! She does this every single day. She also finds it great fun to follow Dad whilst he is planting his leeks, and scoop them out of their hole when he's not looking!*

*Like people, pets have their own very distinct & funny personality traits. This makes them a fantastically entertaining part of the family, and I for one love it!"*

It may be that because both Tosca & Clair's cats are oriental, they are displaying more unusual behaviour. We once had another Burmese cat who was a definite thief and secret hoarder! Caesar would collect toys and hide them under the cushion in his cat bed. His ultimate secreted prize was a toy jumping spider on the end of an air pump, which he'd stolen from a neighbour's child, dragging it through a hedge!

He was so trusting, that he'd do a 'falling off the coat rack trick', deliberately rolling upside down into the arms of anyone who was passing by at the time, having leapt aloft, positioning himself at the ready. We have more stories like this!

Gillie Harris

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# Golant Gleanings

## SAD NEWS

Judith Campbell-Taylor has passed away following a period of illness. Barry & their son Lucien were with her at the time. Judith's funeral will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 13th February at St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden, Henley on Thames. Barry says, "It would be nice to know that some may think of us at this time," and he has asked that donations to Dorothy House Hospice, Winsley, near Bradford on Avon would be appreciated. He adds, "We have had masses of cards from Golantians, for which I am grateful." Judith & Barry moved from our village a few years ago. *The Golant Pill* would like to add their condolences to the family in their sad loss.

## FOWEY LIONS SPECS COLLECTION

170 pairs of specs were handed in via the pub or direct to Alastair Barr. These were added to the approximately 800 pairs collected elsewhere in the area and sent off for sorting, prior to being sent to India & Africa for distribution to people in need (mainly after they have had a cataract operation). Many thanks on behalf of Fowey Lions.

*Alastair Barr*

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We meet quarterly to cover subjects affecting our area. The Panel consists of representatives from Town & Parish Councils, Cornwall Councillors, Community Link Officer Tasha Davis and Communities Support Assistant Allison Worth. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

#### Calendar of meetings:

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Theme: How do we do business.  
Annual AGM  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Theme: Health and Wellbeing  
12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 – Theme: Community Safety

The Network Area now has a Facebook page – St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel Community Network and a Twitter account- @SBFL\_CN

**Community Link Officer** Tasha Davis –  
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**Communities Support Assistant** Ali Worth -  
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## ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council doesn't sit in December (unless an extraordinary meeting is called) so inevitably the January session tends to be 'full on!' And this month was certainly a busy one, probably because of the imminent road closure of Water Lane. (see below)

### Water Lane Road Closure from February 3<sup>rd</sup>:

As has been heralded already, the development of the old *Tinneys Cottage* plot requires access to mains drainage, which has necessitated laying drains down Water Lane as far as David and Mary Skerrett's house. The road will therefore be closed to normal traffic from February 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a 'closure permit' up until February 20<sup>th</sup>, from approximately 7:30am in the morning until about 5:00pm in the evening, Monday to Friday. (In the event of an emergency, then metal plates will be deployed over the trench to allow for an ambulance or fire engine to gain access).

This means that village traffic will need to use Church Hill and the builder will deploy 'banks men with walkie talkies' to avoid vehicles meeting each other on the hill. It will help considerably, if (during the road closure) a simple **one-way system** is adopted, so that cars coming down and leaving Church Hill drive straight over the crossroads and cars wishing to enter Church Hill do so from coming up Water Lane from the waterfront, turning right into Church Hill. The developer apologises for this inconvenience but will aim to finish the work as quickly as weather and any unseen issues, will permit.

### Cormorant site Development:

Most of the original hotel has now been demolished and after the final removal of building rubble, the serious work on the site can begin. There will be more updates on traffic movements as they are confirmed.

### Devolution of Community Assets:

We are advised that a decision has been made to offer the village the opportunity to receive the following *Cornwall Council* Assets: the car park and the toilet block. Thankfully, the road up to the quay will be taken on by Highways. CC will retain ownership of the gallery building. We have not yet been told when these transfers might take place.

### Neighbourhood Plan:

After many years and thanks to a lot of people, we are getting close to achieving our own Neighbourhood Plan, which will assist in controlling future developments and progress in the village. Very soon you will receive the opportunity to comment on the plan as part of a Pre-Submission Consultation process, and I would invite everyone to read the document and see if you would like to make comments or suggestions before we complete the long journey. Even now, you can access the 'Draft' document on the Parish Council website- [www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk) and come to a 'walk-in' session in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th February between 2 and 4pm.

### Telephone Box:

Following a decision by BT to remove unviable telephone boxes, we have been invited to either take over the one we have (down by the toilet block), or to object to its removal. Given the current poor mobile signal in that part of the village we have decided to OBJECT to its removal for now. But it will be up to CC (*Cornwall Council*) to make the final decision.

### Car Park Permits:

It is that time of the year when we need to apply for our car park permits and certainly before the 'charging' season starts in March. To obtain your 'permit request' document, go to the Parish Council website- [www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk) and under **documents**, go down the list to 'other' where you will find the form to print off.

### Village Map:

We have been discussing the prospect of regenerating a 'village map' to help visitors and delivery drivers (amongst others) to find their way around the village. The last one by Sue Reardon was extremely well received and we would very much like to invite anyone who would be able to help a small team put a new one together? Please let me know if you might be interested.

### Planning:

We discussed and supported two planning applications:  
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*David Jenkinson, Chairman St Sampson Parish Council*

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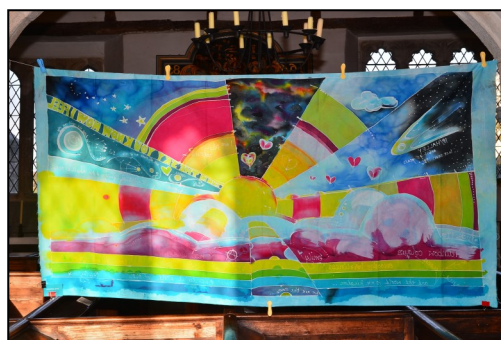
It was a First for Golant, and despite our village's location being a little off the beaten track, I thought, why not? Let's go for it! And I'm so pleased I did, with my right-hand assistant, Penny Parsons— much needed and appreciated!

I wanted a platform to show off the wonderful range of creative talent we have in this village. Golant's first Art & Craft Trail was the answer.

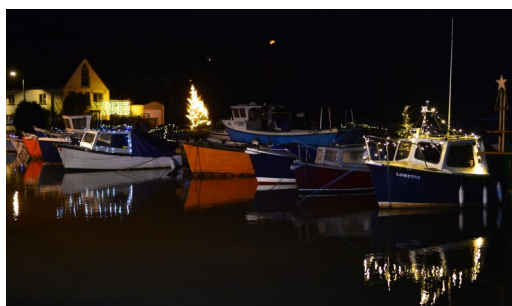
It all happened on the Christmassy weekend of December 14th & 15th. There were over ten Open Houses, along with the Church, the Village Hall, the Pub, Café Kayak & Robin Leonard's Gallery. They all gave the Art Trailers very warm welcomes into their venues to show off their various wares.



*The Fisherman's Arms* entered wholeheartedly into it all, offering Christmassy food, and Nick even made great Christmas decorations! Karen & Carol were the perfect hosts at Café Kayak to sell their charming range of goodies and exhibit Marcus's very local watercolours. It was a pleasure to have the Church as part of it all, and Ruth & Penny White's table decorations looked just stunning along with Emily Jenkinson's vibrant batik wall hangings.



The trail showed off a wealth of amazing unique crafts and paintings, many of which were their first showing! The various artists and craftspeople spanned across the full age spectrum.



Everyone who participated made a huge effort decorating their houses and offering such inviting Christmas treats, including raspberry macaroons!!

My main idea was for this to be a real community and inclusive event, so with the addition of requesting the Pill Boatowners to light up their boats, it really felt we were all onboard!

What was particularly magical was to hear the wonderful comments and feedback from folk who had travelled from as far as Rock. One lovely couple came on the bus, and after trekking up to River View Terrace, asked where the bus stop was to get the bus back to Truro! I quickly offered them two large glasses of mulled cider before giving them the answer!

Thank you to everyone who made this first time village event such a success. Golant is now most certainly on the Creative Map, and we are already discussing ideas for next year. We have an Art Trail Feedback & New Ideas Meeting at my place on February 23rd at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome!

*Michelle Robins*

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**UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH**

Well, it d'look like Mother Nature be gwain to carry on determined to make certain sure we baint likely to run out of water. Now this be all very reassuring with this yer global warming making headline news, and yer we be sitting handsome in the knowledge that she ev just aived down a total of 4ft 5in (old money) of rain during 2019. Now that be almost up to my chin!! This be all very well but we'm not geared up to growing rice, and I d'want to get on my garden without getting lagged up in some brave state, lampered in mud.

Whilst we baint able to get on the ground, then we'm able to get things going in the greenhouse, and even though 'tis brave and early in the year, there's scoads of seeds that will benefit from getting an early start under cover in the relative warmth of the house, because not only is the sun warming things up, it's the increase in daylight hours that also acts as a trigger to get they seeds going, and in our recent hit and miss summers, they will need all the daylight they can get! Some of the very slow growing plants like lobelia, busy lizzies and begonia will need this early start if they'm going to be a handsome plant to put in baskets and tubs come April when you'm putting them all together.

With the vegetables, the likes of onion, leek, early cabbage, cauliflower, sprouts, lettuce, tomatoes and peppers can all be put in seedtrays, and if'n you want to get large onions then put the sets in individual 3inch pots. That way when 'tis fit and proper to plant out in the garden, they can jump away with no root disturbance. Any seed teddies should be set up in trays with the 'eyes' uppermost, somewhere that is light and frost free, so they can cheen up proper with brave strong shoots. Keep an eye on them in case those little blimmers the greenfly get on them; baint unknown for they to be active even in the winter months.

'Tis the time of year to get on with the pruning of fruit trees, but not the stone fruit. They'm best left 'til the summer. Any raspberries that are getting a bit wisht and winnicky as they'm of a want to do after a while, then 'tis time to think about replacing them. For the summer fruiting variety, pick a new site, clear it of weeds, and plant the new canes about 4ins deep in a freshly manured trench, and firm them in with your boot. Now this may sound a bit drastic but 'tis best if'n you was to cut these canes down to about a foot above ground level, because if'n you let the canes fruit the first year then you'm only building up problems for years to come. What you want is a brave strong cane necessary for heavy fruit production in the years to come. Mulch well with a good strew of compost spread over the surface and don't ee think of forking it in as none of the fruit bushes like their roots being messed about with. Then you need to make up some form of support for them, so they can be tied up. Autumn varieties that fruit in September don't need support as such, and they'm treated zackly the same when planted, except remember that they fruit on new wood, so when you'm pruning them cut any old canes down to ground level.

*Nort*

## Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Whilst Paddy is on holiday, she has asked Carol Gabb to provide the recipe for this issue. Now the weather has turned colder & more seasonal, Carol's soup recipe will be a welcome winter warmer!

### VERSATILE VEGETABLE SOUP

2tbsp Oil (any cooking oil will do)  
 1 Onion, finely chopped  
 2 Cloves of Garlic, crushed  
 400g tin Chopped Tomatoes  
 2tbsp Tomato Purée  
 1tsp dried Oregano  
 1 Vegetable or Chicken Stock Cube  
 250g/9oz Root Vegetables, such as Carrots or Parsnips, thinly sliced or cut into roughly 1cm/ 1/2in chunks  
 250g/9oz Green Vegetables, such as a Courgette, halved & sliced, and 125g/ 1/2oz Green Beans, trimmed and cut into three  
 Salt & Pepper to taste  
 Grated Cheese (optional)  
 (Note: Leftover cooked or frozen Vegetables can be used)

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and gently fry the onion for 5 minutes, or until softened and very lightly browned, stirring regularly. Add the garlic and cook for a few seconds more, stirring.
2. Tip the tomatoes into the pan, add the tomato purée & oregano and simmer for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently.
3. Add water to the pan by filling the empty can of tomatoes with cold water three times and crumble over the stock cube.
4. Bring the soup to a simmer, add the root vegetables first and cook for 10 minutes before adding the raw green vegetables and cook for a further 5 minutes. Cooked or frozen vegetables should be added for the last 3 minutes of cooking. Stir regularly and add more water if needed.
5. Season with salt & pepper to taste. Serve in deep bowls, topped with grated cheese if you like.

You can also add tiny pasta shapes, such as orzo, to the soup while simmering, to make it even more filling.

*Carol Gabb*



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## CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12–2.30pm/6–8.00pm	Sunday Roast	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00–9.00pm	Valentines' Dinner	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am–12 noon	Bumper Book Bring and Buy Sale ( <i>See p6</i> )	Village Hall
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.00–4.00pm	Parish Council: <i>Neighbourhood Development Plan (See p14)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30–11.00am	Breakfast Club	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Riot of the Freelance Mind... <i>does the Hinterland (See p6 for booking details)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre PLUS special Pancake Day Menu	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	C-Fylm Club ( <i>Bait</i> )	Village Hall
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Church and Churchyard Spring Clean <i>All Welcome! See page 4</i>	St Sampson's

### MARCH

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00–11.00am	Book Shelf Browse and Buy	Village Hall
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12–2.30pm/6–8.00pm	Sunday Roast	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30–11.00am	Breakfast Club	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	4.00–6.00pm	Village Tea	Village Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Mewan Symphonia Concert <i>(No Evensong)</i>	St Sampson's
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Boat Watch Spring Get Together	Village Hall
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i> Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12–2.30pm/6–8.00pm	Mothering Sunday Roast	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Copy Date</b>	<b><i>The Golant Pill</i></b>	<b><a href="mailto:thegolantpill@gmail.com">thegolantpill@gmail.com</a></b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	C-Fylm Club	Village Hall
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms

### APRIL

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00–11.00am	Book Shelf Browse and Buy	Village Hall
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Holy Communion (Choir) <i>Reading of the Passion narrative</i>	St Sampson's
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	<i>Good Friday</i> Service	St Sampson's
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<i>Easter Day</i> Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's

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