



Our Fisherman's Team



Chris, Ann & Nick– The Three Masketeers?!

Thank You, Nick Budd

“You kept us all as sane as was possible during this unusual time.”

Kevin & Debby Marshall-Reeve

Back in February 2017 a young man named Nick Budd became ‘Mine Host’ at *The Fisherman’s Arms*. There was some scepticism within the village that a person of such tender years would be able to run a traditional riverside pub without changing it into some alternative style of establishment. However, with the able help of his Mum and Dad, Ann and Chris, he has shown the village what a great publican he is.

For the first three years he built the pub up, and was particularly successful with his food, showing innovation and flair to provide a good meal. What he could not have envisaged even before Christmas 2019 was the Covid-19 pandemic that was going to hit the world, and particularly the UK, from February 2020. It could have fazed a lesser person, but Nick took it on the chin and looked to see what he could do, after he had got rid of all his barrelled beer as takeaways.

The initial effort was to provide a food takeaway service. This was well supported by the village as a comment from Ian & Sarah Laughton indicates, “This man has stupendous croissants!” The rest of the menu was very good as well, and he augmented his offerings part way through the lockdown with the provision of a pizza oven. Gail had a number of these and has said that were the best pizzas that she has had.

In addition to this, Nick offered a grocery service providing some essentials to a number of us.

He kept Ann & Chris busy during this period by getting them to clean and upgrade most aspects of the establishment, including sanding all of the wooden tables, relaying some patio areas and making a splendid job of refurbishing the Gent’s toilet. Indeed, Steve and Anne-Marie Phillis were complimentary in saying “. . . they have spent the time refurbishing the pub to make it an even better place to visit.”

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FROM THE EDITOR

Once again, we have decided to publish *The Golant Pill* online only, as printing & distributing still have their inherent dangers, and safety must be our priority.

We are delighted to place Nick Budd and family on the cover of this issue. Maurie's article gives him all the praise he so roundly deserves at this present difficult time.

Michelle's village 'Jolly June Scarecrows' project resulted in something to cheer & chuckle about. The main report is on page 11, but other pictures are scattered around the issue.

The past is becoming as interesting as the present in our little Cornish village! The ongoing Heritage Group's house history project is updated by Sue Reardon on page 3, and her research into past Golantians is resulting in some fascinating stories. On page 4 you can read about the Colquite family, recorded living here at the beginning of the 16th century! On the same page, I have added a further piece of my research into the Mugfur family.

Another dip into the past comes in the form of a Quiz on page 7, where you can try to identify eight of our present Golantians from very early photos, with helpful anagrams. PLEASE HAVE A GO. It was disappointing that only two villagers responded to Robin's thoughtfully constructed Quiz in the last issue. You'll find the answers and winners to this on page 15.

Regarding Robin, you will find several of his stunning wildlife photos scattered through this issue.

It is sad that our traditional summer events have had to be cancelled this year, but an alternative idea has been formulated, linked with an extremely worthy cause. Also, three photos, with identification, of Golant Carnival entries from seven decades ago may be of interest. (P9)

The back page is, once again, a break from the regular format of a Calendar of Events, as very little can be definitely scheduled. Instead, you'll find a mix of possible happenings, and another heart-warming updated article from Sue Strachan on her Australian venture to aid traumatised wildlife.

Finally, apropos of my last editorial, I am very happy to announce that I'm now a committed, fully paid-up member of the GHC....!!

Gillie Harris

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He did not stop there, however. In association with Paul Meredith he provided Bingo cards, which were delivered to every house in the village, and then over the next twelve



weeks or so on Tuesday evenings he held Bingo and Quiz events using Zoom on our computers. Up to twenty computers regularly logged on for an hour or so of great entertainment. I do not like Bingo, but the manner in which it was done was quite a laugh. But he didn't stop there. He had normal Quiz rounds and also a number of rounds where he had printed pictures of cryptic clues. He spent many hours compiling innovative and games questions on various subjects which kept us all entertained. There were prizes for the winners, and these ranged from boxes of chocolates to tins of beans, with the odd packets of pork scratchings, crisps or biscuits being included.

On the final evening he even gave a prize to everybody who had taken part in his quizzes over the months, with funny quips about their participation. I think that Alastair and Viviane Barr sum it up best when they say, "Nick and his parents have really helped keep the village amused as well as fed during this difficult time. Things cannot have been easy for them, and they deserve our continued support when things do improve."

Golant owes a great deal of gratitude to Nick, Ann & Chris for all of their efforts over a particularly difficult period. The pub is now allowed to open under certain restrictions, not helped by the fact that, at the time of writing, Neil the chef is not at all well and so is not able to be in the kitchen. This is causing a few problems for *The Fisherman's* team, but with resilience and the support of residents I am confident that they will go from strength to strength.

Once again, thank you Nick and team for all that you have done for Golant.

Maurie Parsons

Pill Paparazzi in this issue

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Fortuitously, we had not planned a major community project for this year, but had decided to focus on consolidating our cataloguing procedures and getting the website actively enjoyed far and wide, whilst continuing to gather information via collecting oral history stories and research. Some of our GHG members have been extremely busy to this end.

Sue has made huge progress with the House History Project (*opposite*) and thank you to all who have so far contributed. Sue has also continued to research a number of interesting local stories, and the story of the Colquite family is fascinating (*see page 4*).

Gill Paull, meanwhile, has recorded some of Clarence's memories of Leyonne. They also talked about the Castle-dore Races, following a visit from Paul Richards, a local history enthusiast from Fowey, who passed on some interesting snippets on the subject, which co-incidentally Gillie had been working on for this issue! (*See Gillie's article page 13*).

Meanwhile, Ian has also been busy. He writes:

"Whilst the Heritage Group has not been able to put on any sort of real world activity, the joy of the on-line archive is that we can continue to provide interesting new insights into village history."

*We have just about finished sorting all the material we have and ensuring we have the copyright and permissions fully under control. As material is finally checked to ensure all is right, we are putting further material on-line, and a number of audio items are about to be launched. These are interviews with long term residents to help capture memories of Golant yesteryear and it is always, I think, particularly good to hear old voices we recognise. (On the Home page of golant.omeka.net click on the ... next to the magnifying glass in the search field top right. Pick **advanced search** & scroll down to the **search by type** & pick out **sound** format. Hit **Search** at the bottom of the page.)*

The graveyard survey document is on-line and is fully searchable too. so finding an individual's grave is much easier. Also, don't forget the "Map" search option – just click on the map and zoom in to see what we have where.

*Our archive software lets us feature particular exhibits as a sort of on-line exhibition and we hope to use this feature to create a virtual exhibition in the autumn. **So please keep looking and join the 27 people who used the website in June.***

It is hoped that, under Fayre's strict supervision & adhering to the most recent Government COVID advice, we will be able to hold our first GHG meeting for a while, on the second Tuesday in August, in order to review our status quo and to explore ideas on how to develop, share and present the wonderful information that has been recently uncovered.

Penny Parsons (chair)



Scattered Scarecrows (1)

MR

Marine Safety – a huge importance for our river & sea, and just had to be represented.

Kathy borrowed her MCA colleague's boiler suit and created a fella that gave people a shock as he sat slumped on the corner of Downs Hill.

House History Project

A very large amount of information is building up in my laptop. Yet again, a big thank you to all of you who have sent me details about your home, including quite a number who have allowed me to borrow their deeds. These old documents in particular are a brilliant source of information, often tracing changes of ownership right back to the early 1800s.

There are still some areas of the village where information is thin; if you haven't had a chance to think about it yet, it's not too late- any details about when the house was built, what it is called, has that ever changed, previous owners, and what the land was used for before the house was built will be gratefully received.

By superimposing old maps on top of the modern one, it is possible to give an approximate date of when new buildings appear. Using the information that people have given me, it makes those dates much more accurate, and having several different accounts of the same area allows for cross referencing and some really interesting results.

Some of the houses, particularly those connected with the farms in the parish, go back for hundreds of years. I have spent many a happy hour going through catalogue listings of old leases and deeds in *Kresen Kernow*, the new home for Cornish Records, tracing familiar places and names back in time.

The detailed work of drawing all this information together will start in the Autumn. I'm hoping there will eventually be an exhibition in the Village Hall to show you all how the village grew, probably sometime in the New Year.

All information gratefully received!

sue.reardon2@btinternet.com



RA



GH

What Lockdown?!

This **Bee B&B Hotel** in our garden was certainly not affected by lockdown!

Solitary bees make their nests on their own, and lay their eggs in tunnels, such as these ready-made tubes.

Look carefully, and you'll see how many have been used & sealed.

Gillie Harris

NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH

The Church has been open for private prayer on a Sunday for the last month or so. There are some services arranged for August and September, but it is difficult to advertise these in advance as the advice concerning worship in public places keeps changing. I will try to keep the village informed via Mauriemail, but at the time of writing it is intended to begin services at **9.30am**, with the intention that they will only be half an hour long. This will make it easier for those wearing masks which, as you know, are recommended for public worship. The first such service will be this **Sunday 2nd August at 9.30am**.

Inside the building, Greg has been patching some cracked and unstable plaster, using a rough and then fine lime-mortar mix, followed by a suitable paint finish. His craftsmanship has been so good that it is impossible to see the joins! A few of us have helped tidy the churchyard, and the building itself has survived the lengthy lockdown period remarkably well. Sheila has been playing the organ regularly, which has helped keep it in good fettle.

Sheila has also organised some sectional choir rehearsals, which have been held outside and socially distanced, which have been greatly enjoyed. Unfortunately, bell-ringing and handbell ringing are still not possible under present guidelines.

Future plans include replacing the shed in the lower churchyard, which has reached the end of its life, and extending the area for ashes to include the bank behind the church tower, which will involve building a small retaining wall.

Simon Funnell

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Churchwardens

Mrs Carol White (01726 833404)
Robert Dunley (01726 832807)

Golant Centenarian William Mugfur

Here is another village character. On 5th May, 1924, the death was announced of the country's oldest man of the time, none other than Golantian William Mugfur, who was 106 years & 4 months old, and living at *Penquite Farm*.

In the last issue's editorial, I wrote about his three young children who died within a month of each other in 1860, and are buried in the same grave in St Sampson's churchyard, and I've since done more research into the family.

William, known affectionately as 'Granfer Mugfur', was interviewed by a reporter for the *Western Morning News* in January 1923, just after he had celebrated his 105th birthday. One paragraph really brings this character to life:

'Granfer Mugfur was well over 101 when he used to take his daily stroll down to the village. Even in stormy weather at that advanced age he would take his walk "down to the hollow".'

What a fascinating expression, and what a man!

Gillie Harris

The Colquites of Golant

The earliest records mentioning the Colquite family in connection with Golant date back to 1509. Robert Collquyte was one of the wardens of the "Chapel of St Sampsons in Gullant", who, together with John & Edmund Collequyte (*sic*) and other villagers, had won their case with the Bishop of Exeter for the right of Golant to have their own Graveyard and 'upgrading' of the chapel to a church.

It follows that the family must have already been well established here in the late 1400s for them to be prominent in parish affairs. I was curious to discover more about the Colquites, who are well remembered in our Church, having their names recorded in carvings around the roof of the South Aisle, commemorating the extensive rebuilding of the chapel sometime around 1450 to 1500.

Researching the name, there are many Colquites of Lawhyre in Fowey recorded. Their family were up and coming merchants and farmers in common with another Fowey based family, the Rashleighs, with whom there were several intermarriages in the 1500s. By 1620 they were proving their social standing by claiming a coat of arms. Although they were not ennobled, their lineage was recorded in the Heralds Visitation, a little like Burke's Peerage of today.

Births, marriages and deaths only began to be recorded for everyday folk in the mid 1500s, and fortunately both Fowey and St Sampson's have records dating from those early times.

In 1568 John Colquite married Joan Rashleigh in Fowey. They presumably settled in Golant, as all of their 8 children were baptised in St Sampson's, with several of them marrying Golant people, raising families and ultimately resting in the churchyard.

Where were they living in Golant? It has been suggested that as a prosperous yeoman family they may have dwelt in the Penquite area. However, the Barret family are well documented as being the owners there from the mid 1400s, and the rest of its history is known.

The most likely possibility suggests that they were living in the area around the top of Fore Street. It is not a coincidence that the house there today is called *Colquite*. There are several references in old documents to Colquite Farm which included the house, barns, buildings and land adjoining, most probably being the area at the beginning of

Gumms Lane.

There is also a reference to the Colquite name in conjunction with Churchtown Farm, Golant. From the description given, this is nowadays known as *Penquite Farm*, right next to the church.

Eventually they disappear from both parishes in the early 1700s as there were no sons to carry the name on, and the family dies out.

Sue Reardon



Amongst the seven medieval carvings on the Reading Desk (originally all Bench Ends) in our church is this fine image, which is thought to possibly be the portrait of a member of the Colquite family. Ed.

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Golant Defibrillator

The defibrillator located on the wall of *The Fisherman's Arms* garage has recently been serviced and is now fully operational. The system of opening is now simpler and any resident who wishes to monitor the cabinet's use may do so.

The unlock code is 9999.

How to monitor the cabinet

Below are the details of how to access the data that your cabinet is sending back to us. Please pass on to anyone you want; there is no limit on the amount of people signed up to the cabinet. This system will send out notifications if the defib has been deployed, or as a reminder for a check if required.

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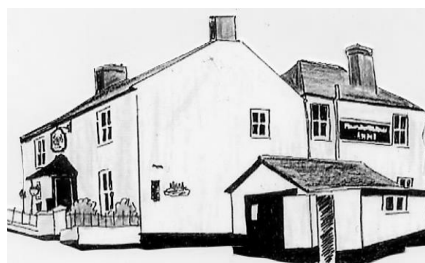
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- 2) Type in - cabinets.fleet.org.uk
- 3) Complete the sign in using Facebook/Google/Email
- 4) Complete the boxes - email address, phone number and cabinet
- 5) Email us with the name you have used to sign up with and we will add the cabinet to your profile.

The company who now maintain the system, *Duchy Defibrillators*, will come to the village later in the year to give a refresher course on how the system works, and we hope to combine this with further training in CPR.

Paul Meredith

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Postscript to Belsen

Maddy Rose Hunter's article about her visit to Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp in our last issue, which reminded us of the striking words 'Lest we Forget', brought much appreciative comment from readers.

Our eldest granddaughter Naomi wrote:

"A very poignant article from Maddy-Rose. It reminded me of when I went on the Battlefields Trip in Year 8 to significant First World War locations in France & Belgium."

Maddy-Rose, in a subsequent email to us, said:

*"I found the trip very moving, and it's made a big impression on me. I've become an ambassador for the **Holocaust Education Trust** so I can use what I've experienced to teach more young people about the importance of learning about these atrocities."*

She has promised to write more about this important work in a future issue.

Gillie Harris

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall has continued to hold the Book borrowing meetings, which extended into a jigsaw swap as well. Everyone who attended, and thank you to those that did, were happy to have a short chat and take away one or two books to while away the time during lockdown. It wasn't the same without tea, cake and biscuits though!

It is probably the easiest of any year being the Treasurer in 2020! There have been few bankings and very few invoices to pay; all the regulatory licences are in place. Chair has negotiated a better internet deal for the forthcoming year and I reduced the insurance premium slightly by submitting a risk assessment. We qualified, and are most grateful for, a Government grant due to the enforced closure of the Hall, so the accounts this year will show that money.

The 'Bank Of Golant' cash facility will cease to operate from the end of August, as everyone hopefully returns to normal. This has proved a helpful service I have been told, handing out plastic money bags, the contents of which went to other people providing help to safeguard neighbours by providing shopping support etc. If there are changes to the situation this can continue for longer. Thank you to everyone who assisted with any task and their time in order to keep others safe; food shopping, prescription delivery, appointment drivers, phone call makers etc. Comradeship and working together.

We have had to take on board a colossal amount of Government guidelines (which change frequently) in order to enable the Village Hall to reopen. Working towards these guidelines we should be able to get back to some kind of normality, including the ever popular film nights. (*See p18 for August's film.*)

We hope that we can welcome back our regular hirers soon. It will be the responsibility of all Chairpersons to provide their own risk assessment and to maintain accurate records of all attendees, as well as taking responsibility for their adherence to the safe use of the building. Details of this will be in an additional hirer's pack.

We are certain that by working together we can provide a safe environment for everyone at Golant Village Hall. After a period of several months closure, this is clearly a new phase for us. We will be doing everything that we can to ensure that we can welcome everyone back to the Village Hall in a safe, secure and healthy way. However, if you have any concerns, or ideas on how we can serve you better, do let myself or one of the Committee members know.



Scattered Scarecrows (2)

Perhaps the word 'Unique' is not enough for Robin's contribution! Needed no inspiration whatsoever! No Comment... MR

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Golant Summer Produce & Craft Show

As I explained in the last edition of the Pill, because the above Show, to have been held on **Saturday 22nd August** had to be cancelled because of the current situation, the idea from Mary Jane Hunter to go virtual seems to have been well received. So can I encourage you to look at the categories again listed below.

- 1 Best bloom (any flower)
- 2 Tallest sunflower (please provide measurement alongside photo)
- 3 Longest runner bean (again, vital stats needed!)
- 4 A lockdown photo (any subject)
- 5 Limerick beginning "our neighbour insists we should weed"
- 6 For **Children** only under 16- design the cover for the schedule of our 2021 show (any medium)

Please note children are welcome to join in any of the other categories too.

Please send your entries (photos of your produce) to Mary Jane by 5pm on Thursday 20th August using her email: memarehunter@gmail.com

The F&P Show committee will then convene via video link, and winners will be announced via the *Golant Pill* Facebook page and Maurie Mail shortly afterwards.

We look forward to seeing your entries.

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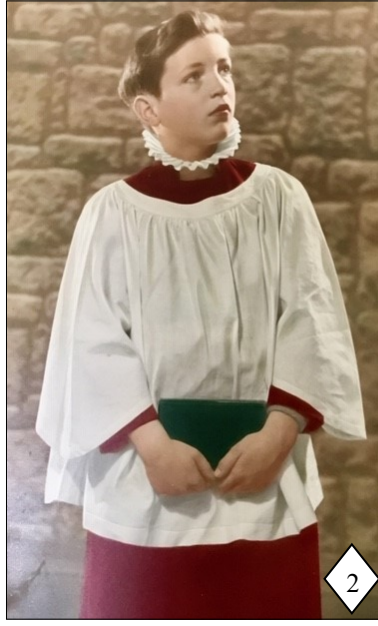
Who do YOU think THEY are?

.....QUIZ

Who are all these young folk who have grown up to be Golantians? There is help below to narrow your guesswork!



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7

A Two-fold Puzzle

- ◇ Keen yank joins
- ◇ Get her wig
- ◇ I harm skier
- ◇ Kind Donna jives
- ◇ I relish a girl
- ◇ Ted drew pears
- ◇ Tiny nephew
- ◇ Go near jet

Solve the randomly listed anagrams above to reveal the names of these eight Golantians, match them to the photos and send your answers to:

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Summer on the Water

Summer now, and good to see that the river has seen a lot of activity. Covid has maybe resulted in boating activity being a little bit down from previous years, but the river has been alive with large numbers of kayaks and paddleboards. Great to see on a day with the sun glinting off the water.

Operations Meeting

As part of moving to bring things back more towards normality, we proceeded with the plan for an Operations Meeting of Boatwatch on the river on 7 July. Not the warmest of evenings, but a splendid turnout of 40 people, suitably distanced between 12 boats, set off on a Patrol down to Fowey and then across the harbour mouth to the Polruan side. A highly visible display of hi-vis jacketed strength.

The flotilla then proceeded to Penpol to hook up for well deserved refreshment. There is a superb set of images and videos of the occasion on the Boatwatch Facebook site, courtesy of Golant's well known expert photographer.



Following this success, we plan to have a second flotilla on Tuesday 4th August, again operating under social distancing rules. Our plan is to go down to Fowey and show our presence on both sides of the river. Our thoughts are to raft up this time in Pont Pill. The intention is to leave the Golant Quay area at 18.30. High tide is at 19.06 and is 5.3m, so there will be plenty of water.

Boatwatch Hut

The Boatwatch Hut remains closed, and the committee has discussed ways of repairing its water leaks, so that the interior can be improved. We hope to take the opportunity of the hut being closed to have the work done later in the year.



Some of the happy flotilla participants!

Security Issues

There have been a few recent reports of unwelcome activity around the river and boats in our area. Nothing major, but a reminder that we always need to stay alert. So please keep an eye on things and note anything suspicious, or something out of the ordinary.

Don't forget that if anything is stolen and subsequently recovered by the Police, they can only give things back if they can identify the original owner! So, remember to:

Take a photograph of your boat, trailer and engine.
Photograph and note your engine number
Apply security markings to loose equipment, and
Try to avoid leaving 'easy pickings' like petrol cans, lifejackets etc. on your boat

In the meantime, do all keep safe, both from the virus and on the water. Let's hope for good boating weather in August.

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch

Golant Quay Users Association

Membership renewals were sent out at the beginning of July for payment by the end of July (please).

Our new Treasurer, Fayre, is enjoying what money is coming in and the positive comments that her address in *Cowshit Lane* on the form has attracted.

There is no further news on the legal position of removing the derelict boats, but I am chasing this, and we have noticed that one or two boats have been removed.

We will do the normal allocation of berths during September, when we can see who has paid their renewal fees and will send out the boat stickers by the end of September.

Peter Edwards, Chairman GQUA

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Golant Sports & Carnival & Madness in the Pill

It is with great regret that the Committee has decided to cancel both the Sports & Carnival event and Madness in the Pill.

There are just too many risks associated with putting on any event, and even if we tried to restrict the entries, we could not stop interested folk from turning up and creating a gathering. This, together with the need to adhere to the track & trace rules would make it exceedingly difficult to police, and we thought would detract from the normal great atmosphere these events have.

This could be the first time Carnival has been cancelled since its inception in 1953. So, can anyone remember it being cancelled before and for what reason?

However, someone came up with the idea of a village picnic, and Jacky added that we could make it a Macmillan Picnic in place of the normal Macmillan Coffee morning, because of restrictions on use of the Village Hall.

So, we have plumped for Friday 14th August at 5.00pm for a villagers' picnic on the Village Green, where there will be a collection bucket for your donations to *Macmillan Cancer Support*. Please, if possible, could they be placed in an envelope beforehand. Thank you.

Carnival Committee



“Mr (George) Luck as
‘Golant Foreign Legion’
[+ pirate, anon]”

These early Golant Carnival photos from 1954 were sent to us 12 years ago by Edwina Webster (née Bray). Her identification is seen below each picture! Ed.



“‘Old Uncle Tom Cobley & all’-
Edwina on horse with Elford (at back)
& Betty (at front);
L-R: Dolly, Roy Hawken, Esther & Ron Tabb.”



“David & Teddy Luck as
‘Knights of Old’ ”



Scattered Scarecrows (3)

Could this be a new member of
the Rowing Club?



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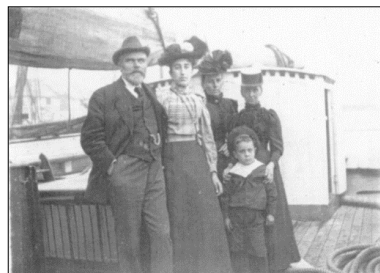
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**Talk: 'Butcher, Baker and Candlestick Maker:
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by **Helen Doe**

Polruan WI Hall

Locally built ships travelled the world in the 19th century and share-ownership was widespread across the community. This talk looks at people in Fowey and Polruan, who shared the benefits and risks and waited patiently for their ships to come home. These ships brought wealth to some which is reflected in buildings not just in Fowey but many more in Polruan. Was Polruan the 'money side' after all?

Helen, a nationally known historian and author, has a particular love of maritime subjects.



Dates for your diary

24 October 2020: *A Celebration of the Fowey River Dinghy*
28 November 2020: *Looe Through the Ages*
30 January 2021: *Fascinating People and their Association with Fowey*
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After careful consideration, we are reluctantly cancelling events in the forthcoming future. As soon as we feel it is safe to resume our events programme, we will be in touch with members.

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Peter Edwards



Belinda's 'Gone Fishing' chap...

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JOLLY JUNE SCARECROWS



Penny's banjolele lady

Golant's quintessential uniqueness appeared again in the month of June.

It started with a gorgeous banjo playing "Jolly June", created by Penny Parsons, inspired by the "Let's keep singing" message!

Then it seemed to be a question of 'Spot the Scarecrow', as they began popping up all over the place.

Some were extremely topical; some, dare I say, were reflective of their makers!

Some of these characters were still scaring the crows (and visitors?!) well into July, but hey ho, what's wrong with "Jolly July?"

Michelle Robins



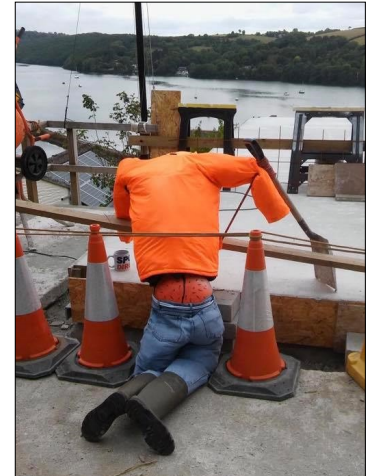
Polly puts the kettle on



Sue's contribution terrified Simon hanging in the trees in her driveway. Fortunately, it began to blow away on a windy night!



Despite the narrowness, word got round that there was a motorcyclist in Tinney's Lane! Phew... he wasn't in the lane, but was hurdling the hedge!



Somebody needs to pull his trousers up! Simon's 'Builder's Bum' scarecrow was working hard on site!



Gwenny's horse play was just so true to life – mucking out her horse Denis, hence the overalls & wellies!



Flowerpot Bill was seen sitting on the Village Green's bench, whilst his mate Ben had gone to visit his parents!



Liz Barclay's simplicity was the theme, but alas, it was absolutely useless at scaring the pigeons!

There are a few more scarecrows scattered about in this issue, mostly with Michelle's fun descriptions....

Nature Notes

So lockdown has ended, and whilst things aren't exactly 'back to normal' most of us have been able to meet family and friends and venture further afield. The river is so busy, compared to a few months ago, as people head out for fresh air and exercise, and holiday visitors are sampling the delights that we were all privileged to enjoy here during lockdown...

The Redshanks, Curlews & Greenshanks reappeared bang on schedule at the end of June, oblivious to our confinement - it's wonderful to hear their calls again from the river. We have hosted Swallows for the last three or four years, and they are now busy having a second brood. Up on the hillside the juvenile Buzzards are 'mewing' - they will soon be chased away by their parents and will have to find their own territories. The geese are at least a month early flying over the river in their somewhat haphazard formations!

We were very lucky to be given the opportunity to borrow a wildlife camera from *Exeter University* in order to try and record sightings and movements through the landscape. After deleting loads of us and the dogs(!) we were intrigued to find deer - day and night time, fox pairs hunting and catching rabbits, the pesky squirrels that have been ring barking our Oak trees (we need some SOS Pine Marten help!), and a Tawny Owl flying towards the camera. We have also seen what we think is either a Sparrowhawk or Kestrel, also flying through the woods.

The Goldfinches are now plentiful, helping themselves to the seed heads of all the thistles which we have left to grow, and we are trying to identify all the butterflies that are about on the Buddleia in particular - no Painted Ladies this year, but small Coppers, Commas and this interesting stick like caterpillar, which we finally identified as a Lappet Moth.



Also, we observed a Scarlet Tiger Moth (*below*) and a six spot Burnet Moth.

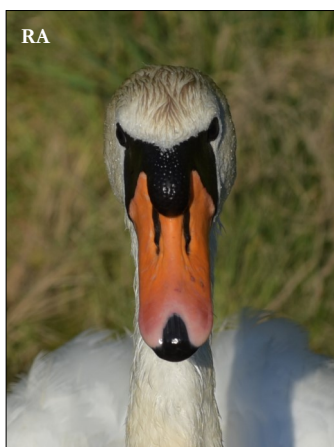


This spring, not only did the cherries produce masses of blossom, but the May sun and June rain made sure that we had an abundance of fruit. We picked, ate, and froze as many as we could, but invited villagers on our 'walk about weekends' to bring containers to pick their own - even they didn't manage to decimate the crop - and neither amazingly, did the birds!



The blackberries are ripening well, and David has cut alleys through the larger clumps for easier picking, so we'll let you know via Maurie Mail when they are good to go!

Karen Wells-West



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Golant Gleanings

TWO 'SPECIAL' BIRTHDAYS

'Lockdown' sadly affected the special birthdays of two of our very worthy Golantians recently, when their planned celebrations had to be changed; we congratulate both of them on reaching these milestones!

Robert Gore celebrated his 80th Birthday in May via Skype with his family. Janet had made him his favourite coffee & walnut cake, and the family hope to celebrate this milestone together at a later date. VERY SPECIAL....!

Peter Edwards writes about his special birthday.

"My 70th Birthday- this year's party wasn't quite what was planned, but my musical mates did me proud. Fortunately, Liz has a barn, and on the day we agreed to bring our own picnics and I would supply the bubbly.

What was a wonderful surprise was that they had persuaded Ruth to do a caricature painting of our recording session at *Sawmills*. They had also decorated the barn and Liz's summerhouse, where the painting was presented to me, and if that effort is not the mark of true friendship in these trying times, I don't know what is.

Two days earlier on the Sunday, friends cooked me a complete BBQd English breakfast on my deck with more bubbly, and on the following Saturday we managed a fish & chip run by boat to Lostwithiel. So maybe not what was planned, but a pretty eventful week in such trying times, and I am very grateful for all the effort that went into making it a special Golant birthday.

Now for next year! I've been persuaded to reinstate what would have happened this year. So on Saturday 19th June 2021 you are all invited to *The Fishermans* to celebrate my 70+1, when there will be music by *Lost in Space* with food by *Kernowforno* supplying their wood-fired pizzas. So I just hope that world events don't interfere with my little birthday again!"



Golant Gleanings 100 Years ago

These snippets are extracts from John Jenkin's book
'A School with a View'
(A Short History of St Sampson's School, Golant)

The Log Books for 1920 give the following information:

"Occasional holidays for local events were still given. Thus, there was a half-term holiday on 25 June for the Wesleyan Sunday School Tea Treat, and on 23 September 1920 for the Castledore Races. What these were is unclear, but they did not meet with Mr Bew's approval, for he wrote:-

'Castledore Races are being revived this afternoon after a lapse of 50 years. Such an event in the mind of the modern parent is of far more importance than attendance at school, consequently the number of children present is only 22 out of a possible 54.' **

Although overall running of the school had passed into the hands of St Austell Council, the Church still had control over religious matters, and on 24 September 1920 the school was closed after Registration, to allow children to attend the first Confirmation Service at St Sampson's and the subsequent Consecration of the new churchyard."

(This refers to the lower churchyard, added in 1917).

** Castledore Races (the answer)

In the *Western Morning News* on 23 September 1920 (the very same day mentioned in John Jenkin's piece opposite), there is an item headed:

'CASTLEDORE PROGRAMME

*Following are the entries and order of running for
Castledore Races, near Golant, today'*

There are then 8 horse races listed, from 2pm to 5.30pm, with many entries, from as far afield as Saltash & Bristol! They ranged from an 'Open Pony Race' of 1½ miles, to a 2½ mile 'Open Steeplechase for **Torfrey Cup** & £25', a huge sum!

The report in the newspaper the following day is very detailed, and includes more information on this latter race:

'The Torfrey Cup, presented by Mr Fredk. A. Hobbs, of Torfrey, President of the meeting, was a very fine trophy...'

Full details of this Steeplechase are then reported, and eventually *'Game Hen forged ahead and won by half a length...'*

Clarence Paull explains that this field, known as the Race-course Field, is part of *Trebathevy Farm*, along the road from Castledore towards Lostwithiel.

It is fascinating to think that 50 years before the revival of these Races would have been 1870 - Victorian times!

Gillie Harris

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL (The July ZOOM Meeting)

We are getting quite proficient at this now, and held our third meeting in this format. It is the time of year however, when holidays are normally taken (mostly to fit in with business or customers etc.) so we had a few Councillors away this month and were only just quorate! So when Andrew's signal went down, we were unable to 'transact' any business. But thankfully he was able to pop to Debbie's house to share her computer (socially distanced of course) to allow the meeting to proceed.

Developments and builders:

The latest word from the developer is that the Water Lane project is within weeks of being completed, and this will thankfully lead to less trade vehicles on Water Lane. However, it does mean that the focus will move to the *Cormorant* site and this is expected to get underway (barring any remaining technical issues) by September. Anyone who ordinarily parks a vehicle permanently or even temporarily on the road along the river (especially past the *Rowing Club* and *Island House*, should think very carefully if there is enough space for a concrete lorry to get past! You have been warned!

Traffic and parking:

With the *staycation* becoming the latest 'normal,' and with the ongoing success of businesses like *Encounter Cornwall* and *Paddle Cornwall SUP*, the additional number of vehicles in the village has become noticeable and occasionally frustrating, especially when parking cannot be found, or possibly can be found but in the wrong place! So we have had a fair share of cars up to their wheel arches in water on the front, vehicles blocking in residents in the 'village owned' carpark, and even parking in the turning circle by the quay! And with no double yellow lines on the road, we even had cars parked in front of the pub against the wall! In the end, we have to do our best to accommodate all of our residents and visitors alike with a 'light touch' approach, but in a way that allows for large trade vehicles (*Tesco* and *Waitrose* for example) concrete lorries, (when they start to appear in September) but most importantly, emergency vehicles to get through! With these matters in mind, I would like to set up an informal 'think tank' or 'forum' to discuss and debate traffic and parking issues, to see how we may proceed for the future? Anyone interested in joining the debate can contact me, or any of the Councillors or our Parish Clerk.

Toilets:

Given the number of additional visitors at this time of year and with the continuing threat of Covid-19, we agreed at our meeting to introduce the very latest 'High Efficiency Airless Sprayer' to our cleaning procedures for the village toilet, which will provide a sanitising monomolecular layer that can deal effectively with a wide range of superbugs and other bacteria and viruses for a 30 day period. We will continue to use this for the next three months and then re-assess the volume of pedestrian traffic at that time. In the end, frequent and careful hand washing and social distancing remain key to our ongoing safety.

Playground, A Plan for the Future:

It was clear from our latest Rospa report on the playground that there is a growing need to consider replacing and/or modifying some or all of our playground equipment. And to this end I am looking to find someone willing to head up a small sub committee to develop a plan for the playground. Anyone interested should contact me in the first instance.

Keep Britain Tidy:

Well.... 'Keep Golant Tidy' would be more like it at the moment. And just like the item on the Playground above, I am looking for a 'champion' to head up a small team to tackle issues like: litter, weeds, overgrowing brambles, cleaning signage and painting street furniture. Funding will be made available to allow the team (some of whom could be volunteers) to employ someone to help carry out these basic but essential tasks on a month to month basis and to help raise the quality and image of our village. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for this important role. And finally.....

Potholes:

I am pleased to report that work has commenced on clearing and widening the road past *Torrey Nursery*, to alleviate the flooding that normally occurs after each rainfall. Similarly, a lot of pothole patching has been completed on the road up to the church and down Church Hill. And as at this week, I noticed that some patching has also been done on Water Lane. But please use the Cornwall Council web site to identify the potholes that remain and help to identify where Cormac can find them!

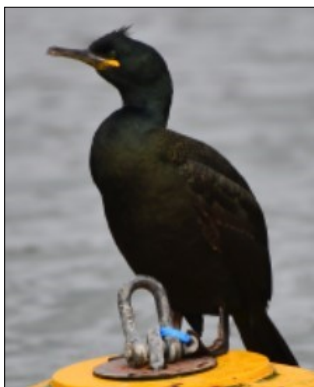
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Robin's Quiz– THE ANSWERS



Q1. Not a former hotel on the Fowey?

A: Shag



Q5. Often for sale at Castledore

A: Seagull outboards



Q2. The village here is deserted but NOT because of a virus

A: Tyneham (Worbarrow Bay)



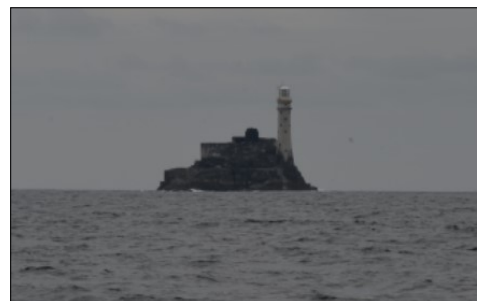
Q6. Whose docks?

A: Albert Docks (Bristol)



Q3. Saye the name of the island

A: Alderney (Saye Bay)



Q7. A famous racing mark

A: Fastnet Rock Lighthouse



Q4. Former use?

A: Youth Hostel (Penquite Manor)



Q8. Not Adam

A: Eve (Bristol, Channel Pilot Cutter)

So the initial letters of each answer in order reveal the topical message: **STAY SAFE**

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UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

I do wish that Mother Nature would make up her mind as to what month of the yer 'tis; one minute she d'have me looking fer shade, and next minute I'm wondering just where I d'leave me jacket! But now we bin in this 'ere lockdown fer umpteen weeks I d'hev had all the time in the world to spend outside tending to things. The garden be looking handsome, and there baint hardly a weed in sight!

'Tis now that you'm able to gather the fruits of your labours, as things come ready to harvest. As soon as the broad beans were finished I aived them out and planted out some french bean plants that I'd brought on in pots, and you'm able to keep the salad crops producing fresh food by continually sowing fresh seed, and 'tis only a few seeds at a time. Just think on as to how many you'm able to eat!

Tomatoes grown in the greenhouse need the tops pinched out once they d'hev 4 or 5 trusses set, for that be plenty enough for the plant to support, and very important, to carry on with the water and feed. If'n you find that they tomatoes are getting black bottoms, this be called blossom end rot, and 'tis usually associated with irregular watering. There's nort you'm able to do with any affected fruit, but take them off and aive them out. Dreckly, as the month goes on, people ask about taking some of the leaves off to help to ripen the fruit. Now, just think on, they leaves be there for a reason and if'n they do look healthy then leave well alone, they'm there to convert the carbon dioxide into starch and sugar, so they'm brave and important!

With the raspberries, canes that ev fruited need to be cut down to ground level, and any new growth thinned out to about 5 canes. Tie them in to their supports for next yer's crop. Strawberries need to be cleaned up, so you can run a mower over the row and if'n you've used straw around the plants to keep the fruit clean, then you'm able to set the whole lot on fire!! This will achieve four things in one go. 'Twill clear the straw, put back some potash into the soil, kill any pests or bugs loitering there and kill any weeds. This may seem brave and serious, but 'twon't be long afore new leaves appear.

I had my annual visit to my acupuncturist when I picked this yer's crop from the goosegogs!! They'm some spiteful, and don't want to give up their fruit without a fight, and there was a brave good strew of berries this year, some of which Christine has turned into some handsome jam; the rest has gone in to the freezer to be used dreckly.

Next month, September, be the time to get they spring flowering bulbs planted up, either in the garden or in pots and troughs. Now 'tis the time to remember when back in March and April when the flowers was out, just where the gaps were in the borders. They that was pretty thinking would have put in a marker to show zackly where to plant the bulbs; they that didn't and will have to rely on luck.

The Flower and Produce Show be breaking new ground this yer due to this 'ere virusy trade and 'tis gwain to tax yours truly a brave bit!! Not having much of an idea how to go about things; 'twill be interesting to say the least, but I shall have a go. So good luck everyone, and just have a go-'twon't bite 'ee!

Nort



The heading for August in *Uncle John's Gardening Year*

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

My daughter Mary & her husband Saul went for a week's riding holiday to South Africa in March. Four months later, they have managed to get the last Arab Emirate flight back to their home in Abu Dhabi. There are now no more flights until sometime next year! I thought, therefore, that it would be appropriate to use a South African recipe here.

BOBOTIE

One slice White Bread
250ml/ 8 fl oz Milk
One good-sized Onion (diced)
500g/ 18oz Beef Mince
1½ level tbsp Curry Powder
One Eating Apple (peeled, cored & diced)
2 tbsp Sultanas
1 tbsp Tomato Purée
2 tbsp Mango Chutney
2 Eggs



1. Pre heat the oven to 160°C/140°C Fan/Gas Mark 3.
2. Break up the bread in 125ml/4 fl oz of the milk.
3. Fry the onion in a little butter or oil until it is just beginning to change colour. Set aside.
4. Add a little cooking oil to the same pan (very little) and fry the meat. Use a slotted spoon to take out the meat and discard the excess fat.
5. Add the onion, apple, sultanas, tomato purée, chutney and the soaked bread & milk. Season and mix well.
6. Put into an ovenproof dish that will hold about 1 litre/1¾pints. Cover with foil and bake for 45 mins.
7. Beat the egg with the remaining 125ml/4 fl oz milk and season.
8. Pour over the dish and cook uncovered for another 30 mins.

Paddy Shelley

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Golant Walking Group

Sad to report that we have not walked as a group since early March. Happy to report that we just might manage to resume from September.

A meeting to discuss how we might achieve this safely and enjoyably, will be arranged towards the end of August. If that can be agreed, then we would hope to agree a walking programme for September through to December.

If you would like to become involved please contact Anne: (anne.bonsall@btinternet.co.uk) and your name will be added to the Golant Walking Group mailing list.

Anne Bonsall

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Bat Wraps, Pouches & Nests!



We were all horrified by the terrible bush fires last year in Australia and the effect on the environment. My niece from Perth sent my daughter & myself the link for measurement charts to make pouches for all sizes of animal

which were rescued from the fires.

These 'Nests' give traumatised animals comfort during their rehabilitation. They are made out of a selection of textile, all recycled, Knitted, Crocheted as well as Sewn. There are fairly strict rules about the type of wool or fabric for some items.

I showed the Art & Craft Group these charts, and several ladies were interested in making some of the items. Being Craft people, we all had bits of fabric and wool etc, and here was an opportunity to do some good with all these leftovers.

There are at least seven sizes of Pouch to fit a variety of animals, such as Possums, Koalas, Joeys, Wallabies & Roos. All these Pouches, whether fabric or knitted, need detachable linings – 2 or 3 to each one. There are also hanging Pouches for Microbats, as well as larger ones for older Joeys, who need to be able to hop in or out. There is also a very comforting item called a Bat Wrap, which consists of a cushion and a longer piece of fabric that wraps around the bat.

There are crochet Nests for Birds & tiny wildlife. These look very sweet, and are the favoured item to send out from Australia. Because we had heard this, we decided to make some of the other items. Our contribution so far is a variety of wildlife Pouches in several sizes to fit a cross section of animals. I think we have some other items still to come, but the pandemic & its restrictions has meant meeting as a group difficult.

In the meantime, in the spirit of using up wool, I decided to knit one of the Wildlife Rescue suggestions called 'Kim's Magic Blanket' - a square measuring about 4ft. In my case it will be 'magic' if I finish it, as I don't consider myself to be a good knitter, but lockdown does funny things to one's normal comfort zone I think!

Sue Strachan