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FROM THE EDITOR

Contrast ... Not from the sublime to the ridiculous, but rather from seriousness to light-heartedness. In this issue, you will find just that contrast...

Young villager Maddy-Rose Hunter, who in Issue 81 wrote so eloquently about her visit to the *Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp*, which quite rightly balanced our '75 years on' village celebrations, had promised to write about her work as an Ambassador for the *Holocaust Education Trust*, and for this issue, she has sent a very deeply felt article (p9). So often, the younger generation is castigated for being mainly fun-loving, but Maddy-Rose's article, not easy for some to read, shows a very different character. It is so intensely felt, I think it is very important to place it in full in this publication. She had offered to "write a short piece" for us, but obviously then felt empowered to extend it, very understandably. Actions speak louder than words, so they say. Do please read and consider what she so passionately feels.

On the lighter side, there is much to enjoy in our issue! Observing the social distancing rules, Golant has managed to organise some enjoyable events, including the Macmillan Village Picnic (cover & p15), which took the place of our planned regular 10 year photo which records our residents. The great bonus was raising a substantial amount of money for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Sue Reardon has been continuing her research into past Golantians, and on page 4 you can read the first part of her discoveries about the Gundry family who once lived at *Torrey House*. Meanwhile, I found an interesting newspaper report from 1873 about an amusing incident at the *Saw Mills* (now up for sale), leading to a local court case (p13). Fascinating village heritage 'Backalong' stories!

Many thanks to the six readers who sent in their attempts to identify the 8 Golantians from their childhood photos. This quiz proved to be surprisingly difficult to solve, although I'm pleased to confirm that every single entrant correctly worked out my anagrams, which served to whittle down the possible identification to the 8 named residents! See page 7 for the full answers & the winner.

Finally, it seems probable that we will be continuing to publish this newsletter online only, rather than print & distribute, for the December/January issue.

Gillie Harris

Witold Beilarz (Be-a-larj), a Cornish interlude

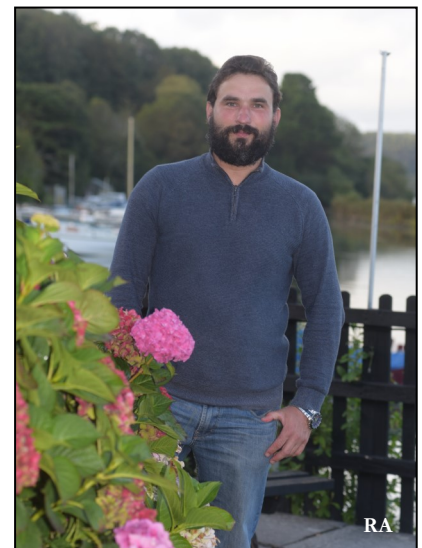
Witold joined us here at *Leyenne* in the spring of 2011. He moved from a farm across the river and offered us 4 years of his life – it became nearly 10 – before he would return to Poland. We immediately hit it off, as from the offset his sense of humour chimed with Martin's and the first round was of a subject not reportable in a reputable publication. He was more than happy with a caravan, not wanting to have to look after a larger abode, and his life was soon lived in the living area, where he moved his mattress for reasons of winter warmth, then couldn't be bothered to move it back!

And his life was one of convenience as well; almost his entire social life was the farm and Golant, where he joined in with Panto, a new experience for him, and the Revue. Who could forget the entirely green Genie, where the commitment was demonstrated when he shaved his head to perfect the look? And the Vacuum cleaner affair for the Revue; it is amazing how an upright can be adapted to any occasion.

He only really got to see the county when he had female companionship, so we trust he realised what a beautiful place he'd lived in. The fact that he stayed so long would indicate that we at least suited him! His legacy here will be his humour & incredible handle on English, despite not being entirely fluent. My favourite example is following a situation in the yard; he asked why on earth I had married Martin anyway? Martin's glib response was "*passion*", to which Witold promptly replied "*compassion*". When the smoke from his wood burner became very black one day he explained it away as having fallen out with his 'girlfriend'. When he fell out with the upgrade it resulted in her flying out of the window; the rest is your left to your imagination.

We have given him permission to go home to be with his girlfriend on the condition that we get an invitation to his wedding. He appeared to think there would be one more than his girlfriend, the lovely Karolina, admitted to, and she was in charge. And we never got to the bottom of how he managed to find someone like her, pretty, unattached, the same age and willing to take him on, when he only spent 6 weeks in Poland a year – maximum. Well he's managed it and we wish him all the best. And if we do get to a wedding the present will be a bottle of bleach. There was one left from the multi pack we bought for the purpose of cleaning the caravan when he'd gone.

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As Autumn is upon us and the darker nights beckon, why not use the GHG Archive to brighten up the odd hour.

There is a wealth of information on cider making in the village available from our **Cider Project** a few years ago. Look at pictures of pressings at *Tanbay Farm* and spot some well-loved old faces, hear folk talking about the cider apples and the pressing techniques, and even hear a cider song. Just go to the web site: (<https://golant.omeka.net/>) and search for "cider".



John Kift sings "A Drop of Good Cider"

More generally, work has been going on to finish cataloguing the collection, and much of it is now loaded and accessible, with the rest coming shortly, so why not put your feet up with the laptop and a glass of cider and explore the Golant of times past?

Ian Laughton



Charlie inspects!



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Confused Flowers – Summer or Spring?!

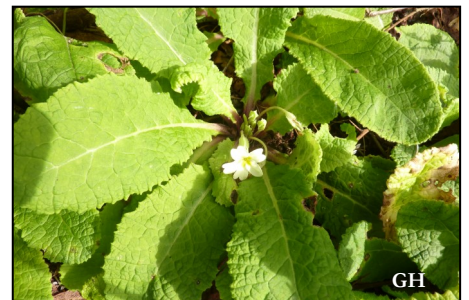


MP

Maurie & Gail spied this confused **Daffodil** in their garden in August.

This **Primrose** flower in our garden in August, with further buds awaiting their turn, also thought it was spring, although, as our regular *Christmas in Bloom Challenge* supporters will know, there are usually a few primroses also braving the winter, let alone appearing in midsummer...!

In Vic Tabb's garden, we hear that there is a **Rhododendron** in bloom, and a **Magnolia** nearby also thinks it's spring!



GH

Gillie Harris

NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH

I am delighted to report that we are now holding a service every Sunday, and all precautions are fully in place. It is strange to be wearing a mask, but the lay-out of St Sampson's enables us to sit suitably distanced, and the track and trace requirements are in operation. Thanks to Sheila, there is organ music at appropriate times before, during and after the services, which lifts the atmosphere considerably.

As the services are now shorter (no singing), we are starting all the morning services at 9.30am, while on the third Sunday of every month there is Evening Prayer at 6.00pm instead.

On Sunday 4th October we will be celebrating Harvest Festival as best we can in these strange times. After this service, there will be the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church, and this will be followed by the election of Churchwardens.

Although the usual Harvest celebrations have to be curtailed, we are asking for dried and tinned foods only, which will be given to the excellent and local *St Petroc's Charity*. Please leave dried and tinned goods either in the church porch, or in the porch to *The Old Cider House*, at any time up to and including Sunday 11th October. Thank you.

Thanks are also due to Sue Strachan, who has made two collection bags for the church, with St Sampson sailing to Brittany embroidered on the front. Although we cannot take collections during a service at the moment, these are a delightful addition, and in complete contrast to the tatty and dowdy collection bags we had been using!



Robert Dunley has decided to step down as a Churchwarden, and we would all like to thank him for his tremendous contribution over many years. The solar panels on the church roof, which bring in vital income, many fund raising events and the over-seeing of the churchyard have all fallen under his watchful eye, and he has worked tirelessly to encourage new villagers into the church community. Robert has always been present at services of every kind to welcome parishioners and visitors to St Sampson's, and we hope that he realises how much we appreciate all that he has achieved, and that he will continue to play a full part in the life of the church in the years to come. Thank you, Robert.

Simon Funnell

Gundry Family- the Early Years

The last local members of the Gundry family who lived in *Torfrey House* in the late 1800s lie buried in a peaceful corner of our Churchyard. How they came to be here and what some of their forebears did is worth telling. I recently came across several stories of their history as detailed by a descendent, and I can't help but think they could have provided useful source material for the Poldark novels.

The family can be traced back to the 16th century to the Helston area, and in time became wealthy mine owners.

Steam power was introduced into Cornish mining in the 1700s. At first the Gundrys used patented Boulton and Watt's engines from Birmingham then began to develop their own in conjunction with Trevithick. Acrimony, slander and court cases ensued over alleged breaches of patent rights, with accusations of industrial espionage by James Watt. In 1796 Watt received "a most extraordinary letter from a highly respected mine captain Thomas Gundry" whom he had met previously and regarded as "an honest man", writing in the role of peacemaker. Peace never really prevailed; time and new developments moved on.

This Thomas Gundry had four sons- another Thomas, John, James and William. The brothers were in partnership working the family's tin mines. The finances in such a high risk business were often precarious, and in common with many mines of the time they began to pay their workers with 'bank notes' instead of coins.



In December 1819 they ran into cash flow problems; the price of tin had fallen and they tried to obtain credit which proved impossible. The following January they had been forced into bankruptcy with two assignees appointed, Grylls and Read. The subsequent sale of their mines was highly dubious and resulted in twenty years of legal battles. Grylls, who was a banker and agent for the Duke of Leeds, bought the mines at a vastly undervalued price. He was the only bidder and should have been barred from the purchase as he was an assignee of the bankruptcy. By 1825 he is said to have made a profit of £32,000 on the shady deal – the equivalent of over £3 million today.

Both Thomas and John died shortly after the loss of the mines. James kept a shop at first, then later worked as a clerk in a local copper mine, whilst William became a coal merchant.

James and his brother William both married in 1815, by coincidence to women with same name, Mary Trevenen, who were cousins. William's wife's sister, Ann Trevenen, married William Mills, a farmer, in 1811, whilst John's son John married another Trevenen sister, Emma, in Golant in 1836.

These three families were soon to become entwined in Golant's history for the next hundred years.

Sue Reardon

(This Tale from the Graveyard will be continued in our next issue)

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Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee has been using grant money we received to purchase items to make the Village Hall a secure place for small groups to meet and socialise. We hope to hold coffee mornings on a monthly basis, subject to the ongoing review of the regulations. Everything is in place so do come along when you get the opportunity. In these current difficult circumstances no charges are made for attendance at coffee mornings, so leave your purse or wallet at home and enjoy waitress service. Dates will be notified by Maurie Mail and on the Village Hall notice board.

Due to the restriction on numbers **booking is essential**. Can you do this by contacting Fayre on 833380 or fairyhardy@btinternet.com please.

Should anyone be able to volunteer to help wash up or waitress, then please do contact Fayre as well.

Now the boring stuff! Please be aware that the hall is cleaned between each use, masks must be worn upon entry and exiting and using the toilet facilities. Social distancing is required and attendees must be seated. We have purchased hand towel dispensers, sanitisation fluid and sanitiser dispensers. Track and trace is completed on the door, which is retained for 21 days and then destroyed.

Fayre Hardy

The Village Hall Committee is able to extend an invitation to a new event, **La Soupe Populaire!**

On the third Tuesday of the month, we will host a Soup and Roll Luncheon. This will start, subject to any changes in Covid regulations, on November 17th.

Strict Covid guidelines and Food Hygiene regulations will be applied. (See above in Fayre's report).

Due to the restriction on numbers **booking is essential**. Please can you do this by contacting Carol Gabb on 833557 or by email cagabb23@gmail.com

Should anyone be able to volunteer to help wash up or waitress, then please do contact Carol as well.

Confirmation and future dates will be notified by Maurie Mail and on the Village Hall notice board.

Carol Gabb



I wouldn't like to meet him on a dark night!
Ed.

Pirates of the Caribbean

Maintaining social distancing and conforming to track and trace requirements, a good crowd of pirates joined the Village Hall crew for a free showing of the *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the Curse of the Black Pearl.

Billy Bones, aka Paul Meredith, (*see opposite column!*) did a sterling job setting up the fairy lights, providing his camper van as a screen and managing the technical equipment to show the film. Jeremy Lloyd-Evans and Robin Anderson revived their memorable panto performances, watched not only by those on the Green but from visitors enjoying a drink on the terrace at the *Fisherman's Arms*. Penny Parsons and Carol Gabb (*below*), with quills in hand, checked pirates' boarding passes.

Sitting under the stars with a full moon is a wonderful way to watch 'Film on the Green', although not the warmest of evenings. Many of those attending emailed to say thank you for a great evening. Bags of popcorn were distributed during the performance, courtesy of the Village Hall Committee.

Although C-Fylm is currently unavailable, the committee continue to work on ways village activities may be provided.



Carol Gabb



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Who do YOU think THEY are?

.....ANAGRAMS & NAMES



Greg White



David Jenkinson



Gillie Harris



Penny White



Peter Edwards



Kaye Jenkinson



Mike Harris

The Winner

We received six entries, with just one winner, **Janet Longman**, who alone correctly identified all eight of these Golantians!

Interestingly, the face most widely recognised was Peter Edwards, who scored 5 out of 6 hits. Must be something about that ever youthful smile...!

Most entrants were initially foxed by Greg, though 3 were eventually correct, as his full romper suit looked very much like a dress, and there were 4 boys to identify!

GH



Janet Gore



Autumn on the Way

Unfortunately, the leaves are turning and the nights are drawing in now, but there are still another couple of months of suitable boating weather, and it's excellent to see the amount of activity on the river. With boat owners, kayakers, stand-up paddleboarders, rowers and even the occasional open water swimmer there is always activity out there. Excellent to see how well used the river continues to be.

Operations Meeting

As planned, we held a second flotilla patrol on Tuesday 4th August, again operating under social distancing rules. The sun again failed to shine brightly, just as for the first flotilla, and again the hardy souls of Boatwatch turned out for another strong display of hi-vis jacketed strength. After a tour of Fowey harbour, the flotilla again proceeded to Pen-Pol to hook up for well-deserved refreshment. The Boatwatch Facebook site has another superb set of images of the occasion together with a video of the spirited performance by our favourite minstrel, who had accompanied Noggin the Nog (Robin) and his trusty camera.

Boatwatch Hut

The Boatwatch Hut remains closed. We still intend to carry out internal and external work over the winter, to make the hut less damp inside and more attractive externally.

Winter storage

Most of us take our boats out for the winter and send off our outboards for annual maintenance. But some of you will keep your boat on an 'all year' mooring, so probably a good time to go and check your mooring tackle and consider doubling up on mooring lines if in doubt. For those storing in the Pill or at home, then do take extra precautions to make the theft of your boat or trailer, or both, more difficult for the 'would be' thief. Engines are particularly vulnerable, especially if they are off the boat and maybe stored in a shed or garage, so do take a photograph and record the serial number just in case the worst happens. Don't forget, the Police find it very difficult to return stolen engines if they don't have an obvious 'owner'!

Annual General Meeting

With the current Covid restrictions in place and likely to stay so, it is clearly not going to be possible to hold a normal Annual General Meeting. We do want to hold a meeting to update everyone on activities on and around the river, and to hold the raffle draw (Golant Boatwatch members only) for the lovely original David Parry painting of a little egret. The best option looks to be to hold a meeting online using Zoom. This will make the meeting accessible for many people, but clearly not everyone, so we will send a summary of what happened round to everyone. Obviously not ideal, but it seems to be the best that can be done in the circumstances.

We sold tickets for the painting raffle at the AGM last year, and would normally have sold more at the Spring Get-Together. As this meeting was unable to take place, we would like to sell more tickets before the draw at the AGM. We will be sending a notification to all members asking those who want to buy more tickets, and with information on how to pay. Until then, enjoy the river as the trees turn to gold!

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch

Golant Quay Users Association

The fees/berth renewal process is complete, and all the letters and boat stickers have been sent out, so if you have not got yours then please let me know, as mistakes are always possible.

We managed to hold our AGM via letters to all members and email responses. The remaining committee were re-elected, and Ian Barker, Janet Longman and Fayre Hardy were also elected to the committee. Fayre has also been appointed Treasurer and Ltd Company Director. (*Companies House* refers to Fayre as 'a person of significance', and who would argue with that!).

The AGM also contained, having received the legal wording, a Resolution to tighten up on non-seaworthy boats being left in the Pill to be included in our Constitution. This was passed, and we have now had the Constitution reprinted and sent out to all members. Those members, and there are 9 of them, who are owners of the 'derelict' boats also received a letter giving them 3 months to act, or the new Rules allow us to remove the boat at the member's expense, and now with a reasonable chance of us reclaiming the money via the legal process.

We have had some success already just via the AGM letter with at least 3 members removing their boats and another voluntarily given to us, which we think will be readily taken on as a project (outside of the Pill).

Peter Edwards, Chairman GQUA

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We Won't Be Able To Say We Didn't Know

Earlier this year I wrote an article for *The Golant Pill* detailing my experience visiting *Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp*. This trip was to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the former concentration camp. Through my experience becoming an ambassador for *The Holocaust Education Trust* I have come to value the importance of being proactive with Holocaust education. In my last article I touched on how the number of Holocaust deniers are growing year upon year, and this is something the organisation strives to work against. The *Trust's* aims are to motivate future generations to speak out against intolerance and to work with parliament, the media and local groups to help spread understanding of the Holocaust.

This week I was saddened to read an article detailing an investigation conducted by the *Pew Research Centre* in America. The statistical evidence revealed that only 45% of those asked were aware that c.6 million Jews were killed in The Holocaust. Additionally, *The Anti-Defamation League* annual audit of antisemitic incidents recorded the third highest total in 2018 since the civil rights group began publishing data. In my opinion, it would be ignorant to assume there is not a link between the lack of Holocaust education and this rise in antisemitism. Through not realising the severity of historical persecution and discrimination how can we learn to call out intolerance in the modern day? How will we know when it's gone too far?

However, being educated is not enough. Especially now. As I write this article, close to 3 million Uighurs are detained in camps which are eerily reminiscent of those from the 40s (*Uighur Rights Organisation*, 2020). These are being branded as 're-education centres' and as international scrutiny grows, China has begun a fully-fledged propaganda drive much like the propagation of the racially unified 'Volksgemeinschaft' in Nazi Germany. Uighurs are now subject to ethnic profiling at thousands of checkpoints, and over the past two years there are very few reports of anyone being released from these camps, like the 6 million Jews who never came back. The parallels are undeniable, but for those uneducated on the Holocaust it would be impossible to identify. For me, this underlines the importance of history, especially as living witnesses to Nazi atrocities dwindle in number. My study of modern dystopian literature at college has bought an added poignancy to this when looking at the current political climate. For example, the Chinese response to questioning on the subject of the Uighur camps almost appears Orwellian.

I was harkened to Orwell's concept of 'doublethink' * when a video of the Uighur Muslims kneeling, blindfolded and shaven played on a screen behind the Chinese Ambassador to the UK (Liu Xiaoming), while he still claimed that in China they "treat every ethnic group as equal". Not a single woman was wearing a headscarf, and dozens of soldiers baring truncheons swarmed around them. Furthermore, reports show that the Uighur population has fallen by 84% between 2015-2018 and it is impossible to see the plight of the Uighurs without hearing echoes of the past. We cannot deny what we see before our very eyes. We cannot remain silent.

The question therefore is what can we do to help? It feels almost useless to write this in my local parish magazine when even the leader of the free world, Donald Trump, seems completely lacking in empathy for the Uighur people. Through pushing off sanctioning Chinese officials over their oppression of Uighurs for the sake of a trade deal, he creates a culture of indifference. But we must stand in solidarity with the Uighur people and through remembering past atrocities we can better understand those of the present. I have inserted some useful weblinks below for further reading and information on what we, as a community, can do to help. Through speaking out, even at local level, we have done something for these people who probably feel no one is listening. To this end, myself and another student are still planning to hold our Holocaust memorial service which was intended for April (in time for the 75th anniversary of the liberation of *Bergen-Belsen*) but our plans have been disrupted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Hopefully things will get back on track soon and this will be another opportunity to honour the victims of the past and draw attention to how this influences our reaction to present genocides. Indifference is not an option.

Maddy-Rose Hunter

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* 'doublethink' is the act of holding, simultaneously, two opposite, individually exclusive ideas or opinions and believing in both simultaneously and absolutely.





Regrettably, under current government guidelines, we may not be able to hold all meetings in person as planned. In these circumstances, members will be able to attend the talk 'virtually' via Zoom (free). Membership costs just £10 and there are many benefits. Please visit www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk or telephone our secretary (01726 833749) for further details.

Saturday 24th October 2020 at 2.30pm at Fowey Town Hall

Talk: *'A Celebration of the Fowey River Dinghy'*
by [Marcus Lewis](#)

The Fowey River Class Dinghy is based on a 15' dinghy designed in the late 1940s. The plans were published in *Yachting Monthly* to encourage people to build their own boats. In the 1950s, Hunkin's Boatyard at Polruan built one for the local dentist, Mr Mogg, and named *Michelle*, after his daughter. More soon followed, with fifteen boats in the fleet by 1957. Other local builders also built Fowey Rivers- Percy Mitchell at Portmellon, Watty in Fowey, and by 1965 the fleet had reached 36 boats. This year is their 70th anniversary, and Marcus will look at their history, design and construction.



Marcus is one of Fowey's boatbuilders, a keen sailor and local historian with a wealth of images.

Saturday 28th November 2020 at 2.30pm at Whitecross Village Hall, Bodinnick

Talk: *'Looe through the Ages'*
by [Marian Cole](#), [Cecil Varcoe](#), [Kathryn Bartlett](#) and [Simon Cole](#)

Looe is known for its sandy beach and safe bathing, its souvenir and pasty shops. This talk takes us back to Looe's medieval beginnings as a fishing village and to its renaissance in the 19th century, following finds of copper on Bodmin Moor. You will hear the story of the Looe - Liskeard Canal and Railway which transported the copper to ships in the port, and learn about the contribution made by Joseph Thomas, one of Looe's most famous sons, to the town as it is today.



Marian, Cecil, Kathryn and Simon are accredited town guides and members of the Cornish Riviera Guides.

We look forward to welcoming you to these talks:
Guests £6 (members £3); refreshments provided (if guidelines permit)

Please note: if talks are not possible due to restrictions, all talks will be held on line, free to members. Please see posters or visit the website. Membership of the FHHS costs just £10pa. For further information, please visit www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk or telephone 01726 833749.

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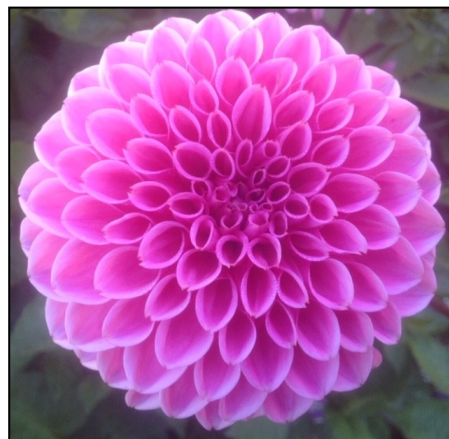
Golant Summer Flower & Produce Show

This was certainly a Flower and Produce Show with a difference, and although the Virtual Show took place on August 22nd, which was the date on which the show should have taken place in the Village Hall, it was certainly a different experience for the Committee! The results were published on the Golant Facebook Page and Maurie Mail, but for those who may not have seen them, here they are again, together with two different photos.

Longest Runner Bean: John Kift with a Bean of 19¾ ins



Tallest Sunflower: Penny Parsons with a Sunflower of 9ft 11ins



Best Bloom: Kaye Jenkinson with a lovely pink Pom Pom Dahlia

A Lockdown Photo: A picture of a beautiful new Grandchild for Caroline Harvie (below)

Limerick beginning “My neighbour insists I should weed”: Janet Gore

The Under 16s were asked to design a **Poster for Next Year’s Show**, and so Millie van den Broek’s design will be the basis for that; well done, Millie.

On a personal note, I should like to thank all the Committee of Mary Jane Hunter, Kaye Jenkinson (the computer expert), John Kift, Alastair and Viviane Barr and Debbie Marshall-Reeve for all their input.

Next year we hope to be back in the Village Hall, coronavirus permitting!!!

Janet Gore



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Nature Notes

What strange times we are living in..... This has definitely been a difficult year for humans, but probably a much better one for nature! Cornwall, like many places, had an unbelievably busy tourist season (some say far too busy), so I'm sure the wildlife retreated during this time. The village businesses have managed to reopen, although not as 'normal', at least in some capacity, and out on the water and on land visitors have been much more engaged with their wildlife encounters, and it has been wonderful to see their interest and delight in discovery.

Although we have been busy in our work, there has been time to record wildlife. We were able to borrow a trail cam from Exeter Uni, and we've been busy tracking the movements of wildlife, particularly at night. Most people will have heard the Tawny Owls calling, and we've had a particularly annoying young Buzzard who has spent his days crying before being thrown out by his parents! Sparrowhawks, Green & Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers seem to be thriving.

Out on the water, the Kingfishers have seemed very successful, with plenty of sightings. Our wonderful Redshanks & Curlews are back, calling from the embankment, and we have watched 'squadrons' of Canada Geese take off from the water - it looked a bit like Heathrow - groups took their turn to wait in line, before taking off with the direction of the tide. David was lucky enough to spot an Osprey on his travels - not at Penpol where we have seen them more frequently, but up the Lerryn river - a great treat for the paddlers with him!

The smaller species have not been overlooked - no Painted Ladies this year, but a few Hummingbird Hawk Moths, a Buff Ermine Moth caterpillar, (*below, left*) and an Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar (*below, right*) - who had managed to get itself into one of the bathrooms, and was carefully brought to me by the guest!



This autumn we also hope to continue planting fruit trees, with the aim of creating a forest garden that will eventually be open for the village to enjoy. We planted 8 Cornish apples, a Nashi (Asian) Pear, and 3 Quince varieties, and hope to add to these - not just trees, but fruit bushes and herbs as well, to create layers of growth - fingers crossed for some dry weather, and not just the 'wet, wet, wet' of last winter!

Karen Wells-West

Despite the fading light, Robin managed to capture this stunning image of Canada Geese, described by Karen in her **Nature Notes** above.

One evening recently, we saw (and heard!) 3 large skeins of geese noisily flying in their 'V' formations towards the river. Spectacular!

GH



Pill Paparazzi in this issue

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Golant Walking Group

Six months since we last walked in March and having enjoyed a glorious spring and fine summer, at last the day came when we could meet again. Notwithstanding a dubious weather forecast, rules of six and murmurs about mingling, members of the Golant Walking Group put their best feet forward and set out from Respryn car park on Thursday 25th September. Consideration had been given as to how we could meet, walk and remain within the rules. Print outs describing walks were available, and also members who knew the routes – though these walks are pretty well known to most of us. Conscious of the need to gather in groups of no more than 6 in the car park, walkers on arrival were invited to set off in small numbers. Each of us individually are responsible for our distancing and mingling.

Two walks were completed by two groups. The less challenging route took us along the river on the tarred carriage-way towards *Bodmin Parkway Station*, a delightful walk decorated with some magnificent trees and accompanied by a gurgling river. A larger group (not more than 6) made their way up the tree lined avenue which leads to *Lanhydrock House*, then set off through the *Great Wood*, before finally returning to the car park via the river path. Some things do not change; as before, the sun did shine for the Golant Walkers who were all safely home before the clouds burst in the afternoon.

We have confidence in this model as a way forward and aim to return to our plans for two walks per month. For the time being, we will keep to more local & well known routes, and look forward to when we have the confidence to strike out more boldly.



Anne Bonsall

Crablines

Crabbing from a Cornish quay feels like a rite of passage when you have grown up in Cornwall, and a 'must do' activity for those who visit.

Henry & Hugh (& Chris!) are delighted when they pull up the line, and there, clinging onto the crab bag, are 3 bacon-loving crabs.

But the amount of plastic crab lines that are discarded into our rivers & seas each season is causing a problem to marine wildlife.

Looe Marine Conservation Group has set up recycling stations for plastic crab equipment that can either be reused by other crabbers or recycled. But in Golant we can go one step further than that, and have completely natural crab lines.

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Happy crabbing!

Kay Taylor

BACKALONG

147 years ago, the following report was made on 13th November 1873 in the *Western Morning News* -

DESTRUCTIVE PIGS AND A GATE-LIFTING DONKEY

"At the St Austell County Court, the case of Hosken vs. Hicks came before Mr M Bere, Q.C., Judge. The action was brought by Mr W Hosken, of the Saw Mills, Golant, near Fowey, to recover £5 for damage sustained by the defendant's pigs eating apples in his orchard. Mr Meredith appeared for the defendant.

The evidence was very conflicting, and the Judge, in summing up, observed that another action might be brought by the defendant against the present plaintiff for damages sustained by the farmer in consequence of Mr Hosken's donkey having unbinged Mr Hicks's gates.

Under the circumstances, however, His Honour gave judgement for plaintiff, damage 30s and costs."

This Golant 'Backalong' anecdote is both amusing & fascinating, but I can find no record of Mr Hosken or Mr Hicks in any of the Census records of the time. Was there actually a residential building here at the working *Saw Mills* in 1873? As Mr Hicks was a farmer, could he have lived at *Lanheriott Farm*, which seems to be the nearest to *Saw Mills*?

The orchard is interesting, as there were so many recorded in Golant in the mid 19th century.

The *Old Sawmills* site itself, positioned in the creek known as Bodmin Pill, is best known for its late use as a world-famous residential Recording Studio, established in 1974. However, less well known is the fact that it had very early origins, and was certainly used by local merchants in medieval times to unload their goods, as there are remains of a medieval quay visible at the head of the creek.

Gillie Harris

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

Zoom Meeting:

We are continuing to follow the advice provided by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils, who tell us that we should continue to make best use of ZOOM type meetings where we can, as opposed to taking undue risks in enclosed settings. Looking at the continuing rise in the spread of Coronavirus, this looks likely to continue for some time. On this, the latest ZOOM council meeting, we had a much higher number of people keen to address the Council than we would normally expect. (*See below.*)

Penquite Wood:

For a number of weeks now, there has been an increasing number of emails received, raising concerns about tree felling in Penquite Wood, following the granting of a “felling licence.” Unfortunately, the local Parish Council was not on the “consultee list” so were unaware of this development until informed by the owners.

So, to see for ourselves, a meeting was arranged with John Varco to see the wood at first hand. I went along with Councillor Whell, and we were accompanied by Andy Virr (Cornwall Councillor) the architect of the Management Plan for Penquite Wood (Stephen Lees) and Alan Rowe, (the Cornwall Council tree officer). These two experienced and professionally qualified tree specialists were very reassuring in showing us the site, and we were left in no doubt that appropriate measures are in place to govern the safe removal and replacement of trees to an agreed rate, and to ensure the retention of a 70% canopy. There is already a high level of re-planting that we could see, and still a lot of old ‘dead wood’ available for extraction. The wood is private and should be managed to meet the latest best practice for woodland.

In our ZOOM meeting there were a number of speakers who raised their concerns about the potential loss of ancient trees and were anxious to know the outcome of our visit to the wood. Clearly, it will be difficult to achieve a balance between what might appear to be opposing factions when looking at this issue. But I hope that our recent visit and our plan to return, will go some way to reassure people. For more on the subject, including the Wood Management Plan, please see the site visit report on the Council Web site:

www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk

Cormorant Development:

It looks like the Water Lane development is virtually at an end, although there always seem to be minor issues to attend to? But at least the number of trade vehicles on Water Lane should now diminish.

Very recently, a large ‘swing shovel’ was moved onto the Cormorant site, (I think without incident) signalling some preparation is underway. I will be meeting with the developer and builder shortly, together with Councillor van den Broek, to establish the plans for the site going forward.

Please be aware that the first vehicle movements will be concrete lorries, and I remain anxious that there will be little room to manoeuvre in the narrowest part of the road just past *Island House*. In the end, and to ensure the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians, it may possibly be necessary to restrict parking along that part of the road at critical times.

Summer Traffic and Parking:

Given the success of Encounter Cornwall and the SUP paddle board business, coupled with the need for people going to the rowing club to travel ‘socially distanced’ in their own transport, we have had the ‘perfect storm’ of vehicle numbers, putting our parking spaces under severe strain.

We temporarily re-installed the chain across the parking space by the village green, which seemed to work well. But with the onset of Autumn, this will no longer be essential.

We do (as a village) have to consider how best to manage our peak traffic arrangements, given our limitations on space. So we will be looking at this subject over the Autumn months and to see what (if any) solutions we can come up with. If anyone has any good ideas, then please share them.

David Jenkinson, Chairman St Sampson Parish Council

WERE YOU THERE?



The support that the Golant Carnival Committee received for the **Macmillan Village Picnic** in August was brilliant. It was fantastic to see all ages enjoying themselves. Some were meeting up with villagers (albeit social distancing) who they had not seen since before Lockdown. As usual in Golant, there was plenty to eat and drink plus many smiling faces.

The money (£700) was collected and as well as paying for Macmillan nurses, also goes towards the upkeep of support centres such as 'The Cove' based at *The Royal Cornwall Hospital*. It is a purpose-built amenity offering support and advice for people with Cancer. There is a bright relaxed lounge area containing many different leaflets which are interrelated on how to cope with a diagnosis of the disease. There is a specific room with facilities for young people (16-24 year olds). All sort of help is available. Patients and families use the café, which as well as serving coffee, tea and cold drinks has a variety of sandwiches, cakes and sweet things which sometimes help to boost morale. There is indoor and outdoor seating. All this is very welcome if someone is waiting for a patient who is receiving treatment, or indeed if a patient needs to rest after treatment or consultations.

Sessions such as Yoga, Relaxation and Tai Chi are offered. Benefit advice is available, which is so important, particularly for those still in employment. Professional referrals can be put in place for physiotherapy, counselling and support for those newly diagnosed with Cancer. These are just a few of the many things on offer. It means that 'The Cove' can reach out to many more people who need advice, emotional support or maybe simply a shoulder to cry on, at what can be a frightening and anxious time in their lives.

The building and people who work there try to provide a calm and safe environment for those who need it. I suppose it could be likened to an oasis, which is particularly welcome when one's life is in turmoil. When things eventually get back to normal, anyone will be welcome to drop by to see for themselves what is available, and maybe to sample the delights of the café.

My sincere thanks go to you all for making The Village Picnic so happy and successful. Also thank you to The Village Hall Committee as well as The Carnival Committee who contributed behind the scenes with much fun and laughter.

Jacky Fletcher

A Tight Squeeze

Ian Laughton captured these images of a massive digger, whose driver didn't find it at all easy to manoeuvre the machine along Golant's narrow roads when it was recently being delivered to the Cormorant Hotel site!



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

UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

What a funny old summer 'teve bin, for one minute 'tis enough to blow yer insides out, and then next minute 'tis so still and quiet that there baint enough wind to fill a sail, and then I d' think Mother Nature ev forgot to turn the tap back on since the month of June, when she aived down enough to float the Queen Mary. Handsome fer beach goers, but t'ev certainly crimped up the yields of the garden produce, and farmers baint all that 'appy neither.

But then, we must make the best that we can, and harvest all that is fit as it comes ready to save. The likes of Swede and Parsnip can quite happily left in the ground because a touch of frost will certainly improve the taste, but doant 'ee leave they Teddies in the ground, because any frost will cause them to rot, and there be that little blimmer the keeled slug just waiting to burrow into them. Pick a dry day to lift they Teddies and store them somewhere frost free and well covered from the daylight.

The time has come to think on about all plants that Jack Frost can make a mess of, and that includes Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, most Fuchsias, Begonias, Geraniums, Busy Lizzies and all plants you might have used as bedding. If'n you was of a mind to do it, lift these plants and put them up in pots in the greenhouse. Whilst you'm clearing they beds, get any weeding done, so then 'tis all clean and ready to plant up with whatever you'm wanting to give some colour over the winter. First of all, put in some spring bulbs, and any Tulips you'm wanting to plant would be best planted down deeper, say 6 inches or so, then they would be able to cope with any of they winter gales and not get scat down all to flitters. Then if'n you was to plant some Wallflowers and Sweet Williams over the top then there would be a brave show come the spring.

Winter Pansies always d'give a good account of themselves as regards to planting on in the beds, tubs or troughs and that will give plenty of colour during the winter.

Moving over to the vegetable garden, you'm able to sow some winter-hardy Broad Beans (Aquadulce) and winter Peas (Meteor or Feltham First). These are completely winter hardy but 'tis wise to protect against pigeons, as they do dearly like the young peas and beans. Blimmers!

October be the time to plant up any fruit trees and bushes, and if'n you'm wanting to plant up some Roses, now 'tis a good time, and you'm really spoilt fer choice. There's a brave choice ranging from hybrid teas, multiflowered floribundas, and a brave range of miniature and patio roses, many of which be ideal for pots or small gardens.

'Tis the time of yer when all the leaves'll be coming off the trees, but doant ee go leaving them lie on the lawns too long or you'll kill the grass underneath. There's nort worse to look out over the garden and to see bare patches staring back at ee. For 'tis coming to the time of yer when t'will be too late to sow any grass seed, as the ground gets too cold for it to germinate, and spring be a brave long way off before you'm able to do summat about it. And they leaves, when they'm raked up can make brave good compost.

I just realised that I've said nort about the Flower and Produce Show. Well, it was different and the best possible way to hold it under the circumstances. Full marks to all who made the effort, and hopefully w'em back to normal next yer.

Nort

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Pumpkins will be coming into the shops soon, for various Halloween activities of course, following all the rules & advice during this strange Covid time. This is still a recipe that the USA Thanksgiving celebrations make popular.

PUMPKIN PIE

225g/8oz Pumpkin or Butternut Squash (without seeds or skin after baking)

Pastry

225g/8oz SR Flour

57g/2oz Butter

57g/2oz Trex/Lard

Filling extras to add to the puréed pumpkin

1 tbsp grated Lemon rind

1 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon

1/2 level teaspoon Ground Ginger

1/2 level teaspoon Ground Nutmeg

2 tbsp Maple Syrup

100g/4oz Brown Sugar

2 Eggs

150ml/1/4 pint Single Cream

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C Fan/Gas Mark 6.
2. Wrap the whole pumpkin, preferably not too large, in foil and bake for 30 mins. Leave to cool, then purée the flesh, discarding the skin & seeds.
3. Make the shortcrust pastry by rubbing the fats into the flour. Add a little cold water slowly and bring together to make a firm dough. Roll out for the base of a 23cm/9" flan tin.
4. Bake blind by covering the base with parchment paper and filling with dried beans or rice. After 10 mins, remove the beans/rice & paper, and cook for a final 5 mins.
5. Turn down the oven to 180°C/160°C Fan/Gas Mark 4.
6. Mix together the puréed pumpkin, grated lemon rind, spices, maple syrup & sugar.
7. Beat the eggs & cream together and add to the mixture.
8. Pour into the pastry case and bake for 30 mins until set.

Paddy Shelley



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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

OCTOBER

Friday 2 nd	10.00am	Coffee/tea & biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampsons
	10.30am	APCM	St Sampsons
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampsons
Tuesday 13 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampsons
Tuesday 20 th	10.00am	Coffee/tea & biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampsons

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion (<i>All Saints Day</i>)	St Sampsons
Friday 6 th	10.00am	Coffee/tea & biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 8 th	10.50am	Act of Remembrance - War Memorial	St Sampsons
	11.05am	Holy Communion (<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>)	
Tuesday 10 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group meeting	Village Hall
Friday 13 th	tba	Boatwatch AGM (<i>Virtual meeting by Zoom</i>)	
		<i>Provisional date to be confirmed.</i>	
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampsons
Tuesday 17 th	12.15pm	La Soupe Populaire (<i>Booking Essential</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampsons
Friday 27th	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	<i>thegolantpill@gmail.com</i>
Sunday 29 th	9.30am	Service for Advent Sunday	St Sampsons

DECEMBER

Friday 4 th	10-11am	Coffee/tea & biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampsons
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PLEASE NOTE:

All **Village Hall** events need to be pre-booked, so that the hall can be properly prepared to be COVID secure.

Fayre Hardy mentions this in detail in her column on page 6, where you will find booking contact details for **Fayre** (*Coffee Mornings*) and **Carol Gabb** (*Soup Kitchen*).

NB: If Government restrictions alter, any of the above events may be changed.

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