

The Golant Pill

taken every two months...

“Season of Mist...



Two very different images of early morning mist over the River Fowey, ‘down in the hollow’ of our village.

...and Mellow Fruitfulness”



Our Cornish apple tree, ‘Wintergreen’, with its heavy crop.



Will the birds leave us some of our holly berries for Christmas?!

Exactly 200 years ago, in 1820, John Keats’s poem ‘To Autumn’ was published, and this memorable and oft-quoted first line- “Season of mist and mellow fruitfulness”- seems appropriate to place here, as the sight of Mother Nature’s harvest does lift the spirits at such a difficult time. The abundance of fruit and berries has been remarkable this season.

If any villagers tried to walk along the path from the lower gate towards the church earlier this Autumn, they probably crunched over an amazingly deep carpet of acorns, produced this year by the oak tree in the War Memorial area. Interestingly, it appears that we’ve had what is known among tree lovers as a “mast year”. This is when woodland trees such as oak suddenly produce a bumper crop, which only happens every 5 or 10 years. It took Penny & Greg and Simon & Sheila a good hour to collect our acorns, which I’m told filled four large buckets, and that was only one occasion!

Gillie Harris

FROM THE EDITOR

Farewell Autumn... hello Winter. Although this 84th issue is published at the end of November, and December is lying in wait, the autumn harvest has been so splendid, that I couldn't resist reflecting it on the cover to lift our spirits. Mind you, since taking the holly photo, the answer to my question below that picture is, "No, the birds have been tucking in with a great appetite..!"

Christmas... This strange and difficult year will make any form of its celebration -religious or secular- very different for everyone. Our church services will inevitably be very restricted, as Simon has outlined on page 4.

Sending Christmas cards seems to be an extra important activity this year, as we catch up with the health of distant friends and all those past acquaintances who are on our once-a-year list of recipients.

So, have you ever thought about postal addresses? In my ancestry research, I have discovered that the 1911 census details our village's address as Golant, **Par Station**. Having always thought this was very strange, I was fascinated when Penny Parsons found the answer for me. The full explanation forms part of our village's history, and can be found on page 3. The Golant Heritage Group's piece by Penny includes a very intriguing & exciting local discovery!! To add to the Backalong theme, there is the second part of Sue Reardon's research into the Gundry family (p4), and an update on the *Saw Mills* story I told in the last issue (p13).

These historical records partly make up for the lack of recent village events, although you'll note that Golantians certainly don't lie down and give up with the Covid-19 restrictions inevitably affecting the village's social life!

In early December plans are afoot for lights and music, which will enliven our senses and give welcome cheer; they are outlined on page 6 by Penny & Michelle.

Alastair has written a fine piece about David & Mary Skerrett, as we say a sad farewell to them (p7), whilst we welcome three new families to Golant (p13).

Nadelik Lowen ha Blydhen Nonydh Da
(A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year)

...and for 2021, I will add – *Dyogel ha Yagh*
(Safe and Healthy)

Gillie Harris

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee will continue to work hard in order to bring you a variety of events, all within the relevant Government post lockdown guidelines.

We were able to host two coffee mornings over the past two months with twelve people at the first, and fourteen at the second. Our band of happy, hard-working volunteers had ensured that all surfaces had been sanitised, cups, saucers, spoons, plates & cafetières were all untouched by anyone other than the end-user, and biscuits & pastries were served in individual, wrapped portions. Committee members worked hard to ensure that the Hall remained a safe and secure environment in which people of the village could enjoy a good chin-wag, and decent, and free, cups of tea & coffee. Special thank-yous go to Carol, Cris and Anne Bonsall for their help in having ensured that these events ran smoothly, and, most importantly, safely.

You may also be aware that we were to hold the first 'La Soupe Populaire' lunch event, which is to be a monthly pop-up soup kitchen. Two dedicated soup-making machines have been purchased, and the first recipe had been tried and tested. Disappointingly, lockdown Mark 2 came along and scuppered those well-laid plans.

The recipes for the future planned Soupe Populaire events have been decided, and will always be vegetarian, vegan and gluten free. Bread will be sourced from local artisan bakers and gluten free bread will also be available. The soup makers will be restricted to gluten free ingredients. Recipes have been chosen that are tasty but not spicy, and can be enjoyed in the Village Hall. The one in December is due to be held on the 15th, and further dates for your new 2021 diary are Tuesday 19th January and 15th February 2021. Booking is essential (*see page 18*).

During the week before Christmas we hope to have a film matinee. Dates will be confirmed for a Cornish film night in December showing *Two Ladies*, which is a short film of past villagers Gwenda and Dorothy in conversation, followed by *Saving Grace*. In January we will offer the film *Late Night*, with Emma Thompson as a TV host fighting to maintain her TV ratings.

All dates and booking notifications will be sent out via Maurie Mail before the events, just in case they change!

We are looking forward to welcoming all villagers back soon.

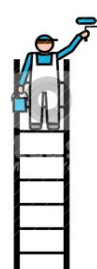
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We recently removed our Cider Heritage Banner from the church, a little earlier than the usual Christmas time, to help facilitate more seating in the church for upcoming services. Given the uncertainty of when it might be safe to return it to the church, and not wishing to roll and store it for a prolonged period, it has been decided to hang the banner in the Village Hall, protected by a perspex cover similar to that of the Golant & the River embroidery. This will serve to better preserve it, and allow for opportunities to view it in the village for the time being, with the option to return it to the church for the summer months if desired.

Meanwhile, Ian is continuing to upload interesting items to our website <https://golant.omeka.net/> with a current focus on Voices of Golant audio recordings. One such features Alastair and Viviane Barr, recorded in 2017, describing the developmental changes in Golant since they first moved here as newly weds in 1961. This is a fascinating audio tour of our changing village landscape, as orchards and gardens gave way to houses. Viviane commented at the time that she could count 46 houses that had been built since they came to the village. We can add a few more to that tally now! This fits in nicely with Sue's ongoing House History project (ably assisted by Fayre, I might add!).

And now for a bit of excitement! Mary Bredin recently told me of a most intriguing find, here in Golant soil at *Tanhay*. She writes:

We may have a sense of the past from the stories and history books that detail the lives of those who lived on this land, yet so much remains a mystery. In the summer a friend and amateur metal detectorist came to visit. Never without his trusty machine, he said, "I bet I can find at least a coin in your garden." "Do have a go," we replied, not really believing him.

Hours later he came back with a smile on his face, and several scratches from encounters with brambles. We sat in the sun intrigued to see what he'd found. To our delight there was quite an array of objects: buttons, tags, badges, old fashioned shoe and belt buckles, two old plough horse brasses, a pen knife, a large metal Victorian hair clip and several tarnished old Victorian pennies.

Just when we thought that was it, our friend pulled out his last finds. Two silver groats: the first was dated 1836 from the short reign of William IV 1830-7. The second was from Henry VIII's reign, dated between 1526-44. Mysteriously, there is a tiny hole in the centre of this groat and we can only ponder about the meaning of this. One theory is that in Tudor times it was a way in which coins could be stored on a thread to keep them safe in the absence of a pocket. We can only guess what went on in this land back then, but it does make you wonder what else of historical significance is resting in our gardens and orchards for us to uncover someday.



We know that there have been dwellings in the Tanhay area of Golant for many centuries. What stories these wonderful artefacts could tell us.

Penny Parsons

Golant's Early Postal Address

Recognise this? Now a private home, and now within a small lay-by near the entrance to Par Health Centre & the running track, the building shown in this archive photo is clearly signed as the **Par Station Post Office**. Actually, it has changed little! Classed in PO records as an RSO (Railway Sub-Office), it operated in that capacity between 1859 & 1905.

When the Post Office ceased using horse-drawn mail coaches and began transferring mail via the railways, they usually set up Forward Offices near a Railway Station, and so would often have STATION in their addresses & postmarks.

When the building closed as an RSO in 1905, it seems to have then become an SO (Sub-Office) until 1926, but retained the full name of the parent office (including STATION) in its title, explaining why the **1911 census** records our village address as **Golant**, (or sometimes **St Sampson's**), **Par Station**, not Fowey as it is now!

One such example records John Langman (a roadman), wife Mary and seven children, living in 4 rooms at the now demolished cottage *Tinneys*, originally one of the oldest properties in Golant (and now the site of a 'millionaires' row'...)

The 1911 census was much more informative than those of the previous decades, and the Head of the Household was able to fill in the details of his or her family & property. John Langman has neatly written the whole address, including '**Par Station**', using 'St Sampson's' rather than 'Golant'.

Another piece of fascinating village history...

Gillie Harris



I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature John Stanley Langman

Postal Address Tinneys St Sampson's Par Station Cornwall

NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH

Despite all the restrictions, we have managed to mark two important events. The first was **Harvest**, and the Revd. Barry Browning took a low key festival, and the response from villagers for food for St Petroc's was excellent. We also collected money for the charity, and St Sampson's rounded up the collection significantly to make a donation of £150. Many thanks to all those who contributed goods or money – or both.

The new lockdown meant that it was not possible to hold a Remembrance Sunday service, but there was an **Act of Remembrance** at the village War Memorial on Sunday 8th November, and this was very well supported by the village. The Revd. James Funnell officiated, and as well as the laying of the Wreath from the Parish Council, and the reading of The Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph by Air Commodore Polly Perkins (*right*), the *Last Post* and *The Rouse* were played most effectively on the handbells. Once again there was a generous response from Golant, and £125 has been given to The British Legion.



The church has been open each Sunday for private prayer, 9.30am to 10.30am, and the choir has met via Zoom - this results in some interesting timing issues, but whatever the quality, the opportunity to sing and laugh together has been greatly appreciated.

As I write this, no-one knows what will be allowed after the 2nd December. It is highly likely that some form of social distancing will still be necessary (and certainly desirable), and therefore for **A Cornish Christmas** at 9.30am on Sunday 20th December, you are asked to email me simon@golant.net if you would like to attend. I shall assume if you book for more than one person that you are happy to share a pew with the others in your party. Please note, though, that as things stand, this service will be readings with some carols to listen to as well. Congregational singing and handbells are still forbidden!

Similarly, we are asking those who wish to attend the **Christmas Day** service at 9.30am to email Penny White (whitewinepenny@hotmail.co.uk) in order to reserve a seat or pew. We have to limit numbers for both these services to 36, so please be understanding if your request cannot be fulfilled.

As you all realise, these arrangements are subject to whatever restrictions will apply by then, and we are most grateful to Maurie for his tireless efforts to keep the village up to date. Any variations to the above arrangements will be notified via a Maurie Mail.

Finally, because of the Covid restrictions on church opening, this year the Christmas tree will be outside the church. Thus, villagers can include two trees on their walk, one at the top of the village and one on the Green.

Simon Funnell

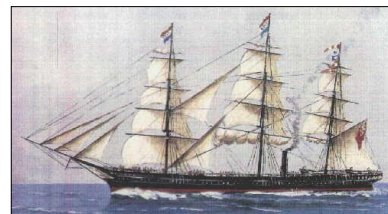
The Gundry Family - Connections with Golant, part two

The early 19th century Gundry family were living in the Helston area, and had been wealthy mine owners until their fortunes suffered a severe blow in the 1820s with the loss of their mines through financial troubles.

Around this time, three Gundry men married local Trevenen women. Another Trevenen sister married into the Mills family. These three family names were soon closely associated with Golant. It becomes rather confusing, with cousins marrying cousins and children carrying forward parents' names.

The Gundry family fortunes began to revive when brothers William and Thomas went to Australia and made a fortune in gold mining in the 1850s.

Thomas was a survivor of a famous wreck. He was a first class passenger on the *Royal Charter* (*right*), returning to Liverpool from Melbourne, Australia. The ship was wrecked on 26 Oct 1859 off Anglesey. Only about 40 were saved out of the 500 passengers and crew. The ship was carrying at least £400,000 worth of gold, as many of the passengers were returning gold prospectors. The Gundry family rumour had it that Thomas survived because he had converted his gold into bonds, and so, unlike others, was not drowned due to the weight of the gold in their waist belts.



When both brothers were back in Cornwall, they bought the *Killigarth Manor* estate near Polperro in 1870. They rebuilt and sold off the medieval manor house together with some of the land, and brought in their farming cousin John Gundry as a tenant, to farm the remaining 500 acres.

John Gundry had been living at *Penquite Farm* with his Uncle John Trevenen and Cousin Emma from an early age; he is there aged 11 in 1851. This may have been that his parents were living apart - his mother with her brother, Henry Trevenen, in Lanhydrock parish, his father, also John, died in 1853. It seems John learnt his farming skills from both his Trevenen uncles before taking on his own farm. On the 1871 census he is at *Halgavor*, in Lanhydrock parish, married, with a young son and his mother Emma. By 1881, aged 40, he and his family are at *Killigarth*, farming his cousin's land. Emma died there in 1882. Around 1900 he moved to farm in Huntingdonshire and died in 1924.

John Trevenen was born in 1790 in Ludgvan and took on *Penquite Farm*, Golant, at some point before 1841. He married Joan Symons in 1838 who died only a year later; they had no children. As a widower, he subsequently took in his niece Emma Gundry, who never married and kept house for him. He retired from farming in the 1850s and they moved to a cottage in the Tanhay area of Golant; Emma's brother Thomas Gundry is listed as living with them there in 1861.

It's difficult to pin down with any accuracy exactly when the Gundry brothers, William & Thomas bought *Torfrey House* in Golant. It's listed as unoccupied on the 1861 census. Thomas is with his sister & uncle in *Tanhay* with no occupation given; William is in London with his wife and young daughter, working as a 'Mining Share Dealer'. William is listed in the census returns as living in London for at least the next 20 years, becoming a member of the Stock Exchange as a Broker.

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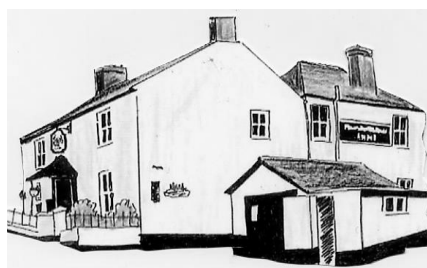
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Kerbside Carols Every Thursday in December 8.00pm

Inspired by the Springtime Clap for Carers Campaign, Emma Mansfield is inviting people to take to their doorsteps to sing some Christmas songs and carols, supported by a live Facebook feed! For those who don't know Emma, she is the mastermind behind many wonderful musical and creative projects, including the popular August *Sing Along the River* in Lostwithiel.

The idea is to decorate our doorways, and every Thursday at 8pm sing three well known carols together.

Rehearsals - via Face Book or Zoom - on the previous Fridays 2pm or Sundays 4pm - not compulsory! Set lists and lyrics can be found on the website (link below), or my recent Maurie Mail.

You can join the link to the accompaniment yourself and play it on your doorstep, although from previous experience this can have synchronisation issues. But have no fear - we are working on ways to provide a broadcast for all, either via the (new) Village Hall PA system or from a household further up the hill which has the potential to reach more widely.

We've done it before so we can do it again . . . but better! If you live on the outskirts of the village and don't want to sing alone, why not come down to the foreshore?

Remember to observe whatever restrictions are in place at the time, and to respect the measures being implemented by Nick at the *Fisherman's Arms*.

Here are the links you might need:

<https://www.facebook.com/kerbsidecarols/>
for up-to-date news and downloadable resources.
<https://vimeo.com/reallylovelyprojects>
for animated karaoke-style, sing along rehearsal tracks.
<https://www.reallylovelyprojects.org.uk/#/kerbside-carols/>
for all the information, lyrics and links you need.

Failing all that, just throw your windows wide and listen to the echoes of Golant's joyful voices!

'Tis the season to be jolly!

Penny Parsons

Christmas Lights in the Village



We now have a date for Light Up Night for the boats and houses if you haven't already got your sparkle on!

Date: Dec 3rd Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Outside *The Fisherman's Arms*

This is to coincide with 'Kerbside Carols' which looks like a great event. Penny has given more information on that (*opposite*). Also hopefully to celebrate a Lockdown Lift!

This year we are hoping more of us will light up our houses and gardens too!! This, we thought, will need no delay as I'm sure we all could enjoy some sparkle as soon as possible! Thank you, Carol, for being the first!!

To make it fun, we thought we'd award a hamper for the best illuminated boat. Depending on donations, perhaps give awards for the following categories:

Most Glitzy Most Minimalist Most Topical

To enable us to create these hampers, please donate the following (no fresh food, please):-

Mince pies
Puds
Cakes
Biscuits
Chutney
Chocolates
Nuts
Booze
Napkins



And anything really that you'd be pleased to get yourself in a hamper!!! Please leave in the plastic crate in Kathy Ogg's garden at *The Old Post Office*, Downs Hill, up until 10am on Wednesday 2nd December.

Presentation & Appreciation outside the pub to award the prize hampers will be at 6.30pm, when the Light Up begins, and you can watch the Sparkle!

Pub refreshments will be available according to the Government Guidelines at that time, and will be adhered to.

Michelle Robins

A Cornish Saying

'If you put money outdoors on the window-sill on 31st December and bring it in on New Year's Day, you will bring in money all the year.'

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David and Mary Skerrett

David (or 'Doc' as he is generally known in Golant) and Mary Skerrett moved into *Drinnicks* in Water Lane in early 1967, having lived prior to that in *Toynes* at Castle Dore, and prior to that in Fowey, and then 17 years ago decided to move up the hill to *Crosstrees*.

During the 53 years that they have lived in the village, both David and Mary have been involved with most village organisations in some capacity. David was one of the founder members of St Sampson Parish Council in the mid sixties, and served as the second Chairman of that organisation (after Ralph Varco). Mary served for many years as the Golant representative on the Fowey Grammar School Trust.

David was the instigator behind the 'Gentlemen's Dinner', which was a giant Chinese take-away in the Village Hall, and included a lot of story telling and quite a lot of imbibing. Then there was 'The Bunbury' - a gentleman's dining club with a medical bias - attended, at David's invitation, by several of the leading consultants at *Treliske Hospital*, and which was a way of ensuring favourable treatment for his local patients. Another of David's initiatives was the Christmas 'Meet and Greet', intended as a social gathering to get to know our newer neighbours, but in practice another session with much imbibing. And those who are regulars at the *Fisherman's Arms* will know about 'Chapel' - a weekly assembly of locals and Fowey residents who gathered to put the world to rights on Thursday evenings. He has also been a regular helper at events such as the Village Sports and Carnival. His dramatic talents were displayed as an 'Interspunter' (introducer) at the Village Revue.

As everyone will know, David and Mary were keen yachting people with a succession of lovely yachts: Lady Vyvyan, Sarifa, Nagaina and finally Inigo Blue in which they would sail regularly to Brittany and up and down the South Coast.

One must, of course, mention the medical side of things. David was a local Doctor for many years, having been responsible for the building of *Par Health Centre*. He had, unlike most modern doctors, the time and patience to explain your condition and was always prepared to turn out night and day for home visits (unheard of today!). Mary, as a trained nurse, also came to the rescue on more than one occasion in the village. David loves babies (or so he says!) and brought many locals into this world - including our own Peter Williams.

Their decision to move to Fowey means that we will miss their presence in the village. Barbara Ross organised a collection which raised the great sum of £410, which was presented to them in the form of a voucher for *Duchy Nurseries*, together with a card signed by many neighbours, at a 'Farewell' ceremony in the *Fisherman's* on Sunday 25th October.

We are certain that they will continue to keep up contacts in the village, and everyone wishes them good luck and much happiness in their new home in Fowey.

Alastair Barr



Arriving at the pub for the surprise 'Farewell'



Celebrating their Diamond Wedding at the Yacht Club

A Thank You from Mary & David

To all the kind people who came to the Fishermans Arms to wish us farewell, grateful thanks from us both, and for the more than generous voucher for the Duchy Gardens. I had hoped to slip out the back door!!

It is not farewell, as we will be coming back to Sundays & Thursdays at the pub, coffee at the Village Hall and more.

I think our children summed up our life in Golant by saying what a wonderful childhood they all had, we could not have chosen a better place to live, the people and wonderful village life.

Our phone will be the same number. Should you be in Fowey, come and see us.

Thanks to you all.

Mary & David



2020 Annual General Meeting:

Well, no pasties and wine for us this year. Current restrictions meant that instead of our normal convivial evening in the Village Hall, we had to make this year's AGM a virtual event, which we held by Zoom on 13th November. We had 22 participants, including our guests- Captain Paul Thomas, Fowey Harbour Master, and Russ Hall BEM, Marine Special Constable. In the original plan we were also looking forward to a presentation from Border Force, and this has been deferred until the 2021 AGM.

Key Points from the AGM

Committee: Changes during the year are that Cris Dordridge has retired as Treasurer, with her place taken by Jason Cross. Thanks to Cris for all her hard work, and thanks to Jason for taking it on. Brian Murray is also now joining the committee.

Digital Presence: The Boatwatch Facebook site has become a key means of communicating information to members and the wider community about things happening around the river. There have been over 200 posts so far this year, with every post reaching at least 200, and often over 1000, people. Our biggest reach was 6391 looks at the post about bad behaviour at *Penquite Boathouse*. Our second innovation, to help during the lockdowns, has been the popular monthly Virtual Virus Patrol videos posted to members via YouTube.

Captain Paul Thomas described the very challenging time for the harbour, with rapid changes between times of very little traffic and times they were deluged with work and visitors. They continue to be hugely busy, with *Mixton Marine* only now beginning to catch up on some of the workload. The large number of visitors to Fowey this year meant that many water users were novices, especially paddle boarders and kayakers, and this posed some issues of safety and management. Commercial traffic continued, but fell to record lows as demand dropped off during lockdown. There are signs of recovery but it will be slow. Over the winter one of their projects will be repairs to *St Catherine's Lighthouse*, which was extensively vandalised. Sadly, this will mean that it will be sealed off, and what remains of the original 1905 light fittings taken out for safe keeping.

Russ Hall described the Police work on the river during Covid restrictions. Some Covid compliance patrols were carried out, and it was easy to spot non compliance areas (nearer Plymouth) that were far from deserted. Some indiv-

idual boats breaking the rules were given advice and moved on, including one at *Wisemans*. The main issue has been anti-social behaviour with Personal Watercraft (jet skiers), and Russ has been working with other agencies and major hirers to alleviate the problem. Russ has been so successful with his four staff that he is now being asked to cover the north coast and further down west too.

Raffle: The raffle for the lovely David Parry painting, deferred from the Spring Get Together, was drawn, using a live random number generator. The winning ticket, of the 278 sold, was held by Richard Gabb.

Winter Works: We still intend to proceed with renovation of the Boathut over the winter period, to make it both more usable and less of an eyesore in the village.

So have a good, safe winter, and let's hope that we are able to see each other in person for the Spring Get Together in 2021. Oh, and for those of you with Boats in the Pill, don't forget that Dec 3rd is Golant Boat Light Up Night. Let's make the village sparkle.

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch

Golant Quay Users Association

We have had some more success with our campaign on the 'derelict' boats, with the cutting up of two. Paul did a remarkable job of floating the big red fishing boat round to a berth where it could be got at. Then there was a deal with Jason to cut them up, which although was a horrible job, went very well. Paul then did a fantastic deal with the yacht that had been given to us, by advertising it, with the prospective owner agreeing to taking away the two boats' bits in return for being allowed to refurbish the yacht where it is. The new owner has already power-washed the yacht and has started taking away the boat bits.

Another member with a 'derelict' boat that I managed to have a conversation with is very emotionally attached to her boat. It belonged to her father who died a couple of years ago and the boat is named after her son. Unfortunately, the lady is not in good health, and it took some persuading to get her to agree for us to try and find a buyer, which might be difficult given the age and condition of the boat. This does remind me of the adage, that what might be a wreck in some people's eyes, is the pride and joy of others. So, the task of removing all the 'derelict' boats will not be easy or quick.

Peter Edwards, Chairman GQUA

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Fowey River Lions

At this time of year, you should be listening out for the strains of Christmas music, as Fowey River Lions transport Santa around the towns and villages of the Fowey river area. Sadly, due to Covid and Government restrictions, Fowey River Lions are unable to bring Santa to visit you this year. Santa too needs to stay safe as well, as it has been a busy year for him and he needs to be fit to deliver all those presents!

Fowey River Lions have arranged these Santa Collections in towns and villages in the Fowey River area, going house to house and accepting donations for the last forty-two years. We find it very sad that this is the first time we have had to cancel the event.

The money raised, over the three weeks of collections, goes to Fowey River Lions local charities and part goes to a party for seniors living on their own. Sadly, this won't take place now, but we will consider a celebration when times are more settled. Please watch this space and we will keep you informed.

If you would like to support Fowey River Lions charities, you may like to consider making a donation to Fowey River Lions Club.

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So far this year we have made donations to various charities including Fowey Community Bus.

A new venture for us, in 2020, is putting up the Fowey Christmas lights, which will be in position by the time you read this. Fowey River Lions are pleased to support Fowey in undertaking this task.

Fowey River Lions wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and look forward to the New Year when we hope to be able to get out into the community again.

If you are interested in what we do, perhaps you would like to join us for one of our events or come and meet us at one of our social evenings. We have a business meeting the first Monday of every month at 8pm at the *Ship Inn*, Par, and a social evening once a month (when permitted). We would be delighted to meet you, so do contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Christmas 2020 INBLOOM Challenge

Last Christmas, our total count of garden (& wild) blooms in our village was down to 47, many less than the 61 in 2018. The incessant rain didn't help!



(*Lig Anderson's collection is shown here*)

This has been a strange year for plants blooming out of season, such as Maurie's confused daffodil and our primroses, both in flower in August, as mentioned in the last *Pill*. The plant's generic name *Primula* is derived from two Latin words meaning 'first rose', referring to its early Spring flowering! Very strange, and seemingly a misnomer for Cornwall.

As I write this, we STILL have primroses in full flower, and a large number of *High Hat* camellia buds are now opening 2-3 months earlier than usual! Barring further heavy frosts, what other blooms will be out this Christmas? It could be a record-breaking number.

So, here is our annual challenge again, for those avid gardeners who would like to take part. If you can take a photo of all you have picked, and if possible identify them, just send them to me at thegolantpill@gmail.com by the next copy date, Wednesday, 27th January.

Gillie Harris

A Special Sighting over Golant

On 16th October at about 1pm, Maurie & Paddy noticed an unusual bird of prey over *Rose Cottage*.

They didn't know what it was, but later that day it was reported on Facebook as a **White-tailed Eagle**, having been spotted over Cornwall that day.

Neither Maurie nor Paddy was able to photograph it, but the internet image below shows its majesty!

Driven to near extinction in the UK more than a century ago due to illegal killing, it was first spotted in this country back in April, but this October sighting was the first time over the Cornish coast.

Also known as Sea Eagles, with a wingspan of nearly 8 feet, they feed mainly on fish & water birds.

GH



Regrettably, under current government guidelines, we are unable to hold meetings in person as planned. In these circumstances, members will be able to attend the talk 'virtually' via Zoom (free).

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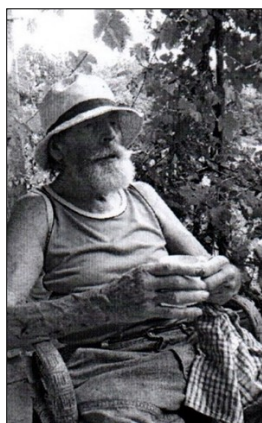
Please visit www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk Or contact andrew@gardner.be for further details.

Saturday 30th January 2021 at 2.30pm

Talk: 'Fascinating People and their Association with Fowey' by Lynn Goold
Via Zoom for members only

Throughout the centuries, Fowey has always attracted a wide range of visitors- some have stayed, some just passed through, but all have left their mark in some way. From artists to writers and poets, something about Fowey has mostly charmed and delighted them, but there are some that have been less than complimentary. Join Lynn in this exploration of Fowey through the eyes of some famous people and be introduced to some you may not know.

Well known as a popular speaker, Lynn is a trained Blue Badge guide, tourism expert and co-chair of the Fowey Festival.



Dates for your diary

27 February 2021: *What the Tudors did for Fowey*

14 March 2021: *Mevagissey – A Virtual Tour*

We look forward to welcoming you to these talks. Please look out for publicity nearer the time.

Golant Wassail - January 1st 2021

Put on your coats and boots and blow away those cobwebs!



We WILL wassail! HOW depends on what new COVID guidelines emerge.

Waes Hael, Drink Hael



RA

The Fowey Grammar School Foundation is a registered local charity that provides financial assistance to both *Fowey Primary School*, *Fowey River Academy* and, most importantly, individual students under the age of 25. This financial assistance comes in the form of bursaries and grants and is available to those in Tertiary education, awarded on a yearly basis throughout the duration of an individual's studies.

The charity is overseen by a board of trustees that represent the qualifying parishes and preside over the sound financial management of the foundation, and also the awarding of bursaries and grants each year. The reason I'm writing this article is that for many years Mary Skerrett was that representative for the Parish of St. Sampson's, but decided to relinquish the role in 2017, and having now left the village I feel it would be a good time for her efforts to be recognised, and thanks given on behalf of the parish.

Obviously, Mary's 'standing down' created a vacancy, one which I was invited to fill, primarily due to my working in education at the time (though not wholly for this reason). It was a great privilege to be asked to take on this role, given all the good work Mary has previously done, and also that I follow on from my Grandfather Major Roberts, formally of *Torrey*, in this role. It is a little known fact that the foundation awards over £50,000/annum to young people, with the total awards this year being £58,870! This is a remarkable sum, and my role within the trust is as part of a committee reading the letters of application and agreeing the level of award given to each young person. I never fail to be amazed by the ambition, intelligence and resourcefulness of the young people applying, and am often quite humbled by some of the challenges they face in getting where they wish to go, what with fees and COVID this past year; the fact that so many stick at it is a credit to them.

Having been in the role for three years now, it is also nice tracking the progress of individuals through their time in Higher Education and then onto prospective careers; sometimes the young are not necessarily represented favourably in the press, but rest assured, there are a lot of remarkable young people out there, all of whom seem to take their studies a lot more seriously than I ever did...

Further details and information can be found on the websites of either Fowey River Academy (<https://foweyriveracademy.org.uk>) and the charity commission (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission) or by contacting the clerk (Mr. M Kotwinski -01726 812285). If you know of anyone currently studying, who meets the qualifying criteria but is not in receipt of this award, please direct them to the aforementioned websites. (The main qualifying criteria being either residency in qualifying parishes or having attended Fowey Primary or Fowey River Academy). Applications for this academic year are shut, but it's never too early to start for the next academic year.

Chris Taylor, Trustee St Sampson's Parish, Fowey Grammar School Foundation

Golant Walking Group

October was a good month for Golant Walkers. The sun shone and the sky was blue when we made our way to Pentewan, (right) only to find that the dogs were not allowed on the beach, but we could buy coffee.

Later in the month, the rain waited until after we had finished our wander through Cardinham Woods and enjoyed our coffee from the delightful café. The walks might have been short but the company and the views made for two grand mornings.

With the resumption of lockdown restrictions in November, walking even in socially distanced groups of six was no longer possible.

Now we look forward to December, the end of lockdown and perhaps the return of tiers, when we hope to meet again in the second week for a local walk within whatever rules are the order of the day.

If you would like to join us then do get in touch :

anne.bonsall@btinternet.com

Taking an optimistic view of the future, we need to plan for many walks in 2021 – there's a lot to see and do out there!

Anne Bonsall





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Nature Notes

The last notes for 2020, and who would have believed all that has happened? Hopefully, some good will have come out of it, in that many people have engaged with nature in a more meaningful way.....whether just to be glad to get out of the house, or to have time to literally watch the daisies growing, the end result is much more awareness of the beauty and fragility of the natural world that surrounds us.

We have been luckier than most and able to spend most of our days outside, either on land or water, and it has seemed that visitors have been eager to embrace outdoor activities and learn more about this special bit of Cornwall. The fact that we are in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has been acknowledged and appreciated.

This time, in a second lockdown, the rules about being outside have not been so strict, so we have walked and kayaked further, noting as much as we can.

There is still a Curlew hanging out with the Redshanks on the railway embankment - it has been with them for at least the last four years! There are quite a few little Grebes, or Dabchicks about, although you normally only see a ripple where they have dived under at your approach. We have enjoyed hearing the Geese practise their annual migration training, watching the 'squadrons' line up on the foreshore to take off - not always in the best of formations! There are lots more Mallards on the river - they actually migrate to parts of the U.K. to overwinter. Many of the berries in our Forest garden have been stripped by visiting Fieldfares, and a lone Kestrel has been hunting regularly above the hillside - even sitting on the bench by our pond!

I watched a fascinating interaction between the Kestrel and a Magpie; the Magpie repeatedly goaded the Kestrel from different angles on the same branch - it would become exasperated and chase it off, only for the Magpie to return and have another go. I managed to capture the exchange on camera, but was a fair way away (*part of the sequence below*) Were they fighting? Or might they be playing? David thinks so.



We are waiting for a delivery of fruit trees to start planting our new orchard, and more fruit bushes to extend the veg and fruit patch - all growing with permaculture techniques (far too long a subject for here!).

That's a positive note to end with - gardeners are always looking forward to next season, and growing trees mean looking forward even further into a future that the grower may never see - all with hope...

Karen Wells-West

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Golant Gleanings

PETER STONE

Very sadly, on 29th October, Peter lost his fight against the illness which had touched his & Mary Jean's life for so long. It was his personal and fiercely held wish that NO fuss should be made at his passing. A very simple cremation service was held, and his ashes will be scattered at sea.

Peter gave so much to the village, and will be greatly missed. RIP.

CONGRATULATIONS

Air Commodore Polly Perkins, CBE MA FCILT FCMI RAF, who paid her respects at St Sampson's Act of Remembrance on 8th November, was awarded the CBE in the October Honours List.

Her parents, Di & Ian Perkins, are regular worshippers at our church, and Polly joins them for services when she is here.

Robin Anderson



WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to three new families who have recently moved into Golant. They are:

Allan & Claire Foster at *Crosstrees*

Sharon Leonardi at *Harbour House, 1 St Sampson's Terrace*
Jools, Karen & Claire Lower at *Rose Cottage*

Sadly, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, we won't be able to hold our annual village Meet & Greet, which has been held so successfully early every December, primarily designed to meet and welcome new residents. Perhaps sometime early next year...?

Meanwhile, we hope all three families will settle happily into our special village.

To the Rescue

A few weeks ago I went as usual to one of our advertisers (*John's Hair Studio*) for a haircut. I wear hearing aids & glasses, so adding a face mask before entering a shop can be tricky. And so it proved. As I got out of the car I decided to remove the hearing aids in case one became entangled with the scissors. As I did so one slipped off, fell on the road and went into a drainage grill by the back wheel! "That's the last I'll see of that," I thought, and was a bit furious with myself.

When I sat in the chair I told Tara about my misfortune. I had had the hearing aids for only a short time and we discussed the irritations which would ensue to be fitted with a replacement.

What a pleasant surprise I had after my hair had been cut when Tara & her two staff came out to see if anything could be found near the car. I realised how fortunate it was that I was the only customer at the time so that the staff were free to come outside to help. I moved the car forwards a few feet and in no time Tara and Co had lifted the grill cover. I expected to see just a hole filled with muddy water but there was a ledge around the circumference just a few inches down filled mainly with leaves. Tara gave a shout because she had spotted something glinting amongst the leaf debris. My hearing aid had been found and it wasn't even damp!

I'm told that the story of the retrieval of my hearing aid became a talking point with customers at *John's Hair Studio* for some days afterwards! All I know is how lucky I was to be helped by such generous, lovely people. Thank you!!

Mike Harris

BACKALONG

An Update

In the last issue, I told the story from a newspaper report in 1873 of a "**Mr W Hosken, of the Saw Mills, Golant,**" who brought an action against a farmer, **Mr Hicks**, who had let his pigs eat apples in Mr Hosken's orchard.

I could find no census records in Golant of either man, but Penny Parsons came up with the answer! She had researched the history of the *Saw Mills* for the Golant Heritage Group's Railway Exhibition in 2019, and within the 1871 census had found a **William Hosking**, a 'timber dealer,' living at '*Bodmin Pill (Saw Mills)*' and employing two men. So not only was I looking for a misspelt surname, but Golant hadn't featured either!

When I then checked out this information within the same 1871 census record, I noticed that the nearest neighbour to Mr Hosking was one **William Polglass Hicks**, a farmer who lived at **Penventinue**. Eureka!!

Interestingly, Penny noted that the 1861 census also named the same family living here, and William's father, another William, is recorded as a 'machine sawyer,' living with his wife and nephew, an 'assistant sawyer,' plus two servants. She could find no mention of any residents at *Bodmin Pill* in the earlier 1841 or 1851 censuses.

Gillie Harris

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings:

As confirmed in the last issue of *The Pill*, we are continuing to follow the guidance of the Association of Local Councils to hold our meetings on ZOOM. These are never as good as the real thing, but while there is any risk from meeting 'at close quarters' then we shall avoid it. Just for information, we traditionally don't meet in December. So, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th January 2021.

As a reminder.....all meetings are open to members of the public who are able to 'address' the councillors at the beginning of each session should they wish. But if you cannot attend a meeting, you can catch up with current activity by going to the Parish Council web site: www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk and looking at the minutes of previous meetings.

Cormorant Development:

This last couple of months we have had real difficulties with the amount of rainfall affecting the 'run-off' from the building site, made worse of course by the frequency of the large dumper trucks clearing away 'spoil' as they level the ground in preparation for foundations. A drain/soakaway was installed at the top of the drive which has had a positive effect, and the chap working at the bottom of the drive has continued to operate a bit like 'Canute' (demonstrating the futility of opposing nature) by trying to sweep up the muddy debris against all the odds. The next stage is the building of a new road up to the site (including a drain at the lower element of the drive), which is hoped will alleviate the issue. At long last, this work has started.

Meanwhile, and following meetings on site with the Cornwall Council tree specialist, it was agreed that a number of Ash trees could be removed as they have Ash Dieback; and a single Oak tree, that was in danger of collapse near to the back of the site, where the ground was originally excavated for the hotel swimming pool.

Parking issues:

I invited anyone to come forward in the last issue of *The Pill*, to see what could be done to combat the 'perfect storm' of vehicles in the peak summer months. I am delighted to confirm that Julie Phelps (one of the Directors of the new Encounter Cornwall and SUP business) came forward to offer a variety of ways to minimise the effect that their customer numbers would have on the village, including clients parking elsewhere (and walking into the village) and social/family groups (that are allowed to) coming in a single vehicle. They are also investigating the possibility of creating two parking spaces outside of their premises, which would allow them to 'give back the spaces' they rent in the main carpark. Every little helps!

Finances:

We are in a strong financial position at the moment, with an extra boost from a Covid related grant from Cornwall Council. This has allowed us to 'ring fence' certain amounts of money for specific projects that are either in the pipeline or expected to occur in the near future. For example, we are waiting at the moment to see if we will acquire the toilet block and car park in the Cornwall Council Devolvement process. This will require us to spend money on developing the building structure (maybe for a kayak store or similar) and for which we will need to engage our own legal team.

Similarly, given the slow but steady decline of our playground equipment, we are now facing a fairly large investment to bring it back up to an acceptable safety standard, and fit for the next 20 years. These are not small investments, so we will set aside money in preparation for these costs for when they occur.

Planning:

If you follow any of the planning requests that we receive in the village, then they are available on the Cornwall Council Web site. Since the last issue of *The Pill* the following applications have been reviewed:-

PA20/07643

PA20/07492

PA20/08187

David Jenkinson, Chairman St Sampson Parish Council

Paddle Cornwall River Encounters

The Gift of a River Experience – “making memories”

Two local outdoor water based activity providers, *Paddle Cornwall SUP* and *Encounter Cornwall* have become one business, **Paddle Cornwall River Encounters**, based at the Boatshed in Golant and launching onto the stunning River Fowey.

Following the purchase of *Encounter Cornwall* by the team at *Paddle Cornwall SUP*, we are now fully qualified and insured to offer either a Stand Up Paddle Board Lesson or Tour or one of our Kayak River Tours or hires, and with gift vouchers available to buy it's a great way to give the gift of “making memories.”

Since we received the keys on 1st November, we have been busy adding our own stamp to the Boatshed, a dream come true in the shape of our very own premises. Whilst we became masters at balancing paddle boards on the back of the truck, the opportunity to have our own base was one not to be missed. It's been a very busy few weeks, but things are starting to take shape, and we can't wait to open for business!

With a fully refurbished café and office, and our own STAND. Clothing range on sale in the ‘corner’ shop, we will be open for business daily from 10am till 4pm, offering coffee and cake and a warm welcome, so pop in and say hello.

Jules, Clair, Ben & Phil are looking forward to meeting you, and you don't have to venture out on the water to receive a warm welcome.

Subject to lock down guidelines, we are hoping to be open to guests from Monday 7th December.

Call Jules on **01726-832451** or **07792-062471** or visit our websites at-

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WORTHY PRAISE

A few weeks ago, Maurie Parsons received a personally signed card from Colonel Edward Bolitho, OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, thanking him for the contribution he has been making towards the community spirit in Cornwall, during these extraordinary and challenging times.

He assumes it is because of his Maurie Mails, and treasures the card with its sentiments.

Maurie has no idea who put his name forward, but we at the *Golant Pill* would certainly second that anonymous person's recommendation! Go back to Issue 81 and read Simon Funnell's ‘Thank You’ poem on page 7, which includes Maurie amongst others!!

GH



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A Thank You from the Treasurer of the Village Hall

Many years ago a group of people responsible for the Village Hall set up a Charity to administer it. There is initial correspondence from 1966, and it was sealed in 1972.

By doing that, they included items of reference as to what the aims the said Charity encompassed.

During the Covid epidemic many Village Halls have had to apply to the **Charity Commission** to vary their terms of purpose. This has proved to be a time consuming business and an unwanted level of bureaucracy to wade through.

I thank those people who all those years ago ensured that no such onerous task was down to me to perform.

We could, and continue to do so, organise all of the social events without fear of acting ‘ultra vires’.

My thanks to those persons.

Fayre Hardy

... and now something to look forward to and start planning for

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Christmas Gifts required?

We've had a couple of requests recently for merchandise items normally available in the Church - *Nort's Gardening Year* book & a St Sampson's tea towel – both as Christmas presents.

If any villager would like any such items, contact Mike & Gillie (833897); we can access them.

UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

Well, yer we be- another two months gone by and we'm close to the end of 2020. 'Tev bin a brave struggle at times trying to guess just what Mother Nature was going to aive down next. P'haps we should put on wellies or sandals an 'twodn't be two days the same at times. Oh she be a hard master at times!

But we have had a brave spell of fine and sunny weather, just when 'twas needed, and now we must put our minds as to what has to be done for the winter.

For a first start, all the frost tender plants will have to be taken inside to the greenhouse, and if'n they'm in pots and too big to get inside, then move them to a sheltered side of the house and cover them with some of that there fleecy trade. 'Twill keep 'em warm and snug and ward off Jack Frost's attention. But doan't ee forget to keep an eye on 'em, and give 'em some water- not too much mind; 'tidn't needed.

Put up some stakes around any plants that need some securing, because if'n this yer Autumn be anything to go by, then there's gwain to be a brave amount of wind still to come. I doan't believe I can bear to mind quite so many storms, one after t'other, as to what we'm having at the moment. And these yer winds ev just about stripped all ov the leaves off'n the trees, and left 'em scattered about in a brave strew. Now, doan't ee leave 'em laying there smothering grass and plants, but rake 'em up, for they do make handsome compost, and the best part is they'm free!! Something for nort baint bad!!

Now 'tis the time to cast yer mind back and see what did well and just what was a waste ov time and money, and bear this in mind when you'm getting seed or plants for next summer; so just think on and instead of sticking to what you usually grow, then why not try something different. There's nort like trying summat different to keep the interest g'wain. Try some herbs in the greenhouse to add flavour to your cooking, and a few salad leaves can make the base for salads during the winter.

But when you'm growing any young soft things in the greenhouse, including any cuttings, then you must keep the ventilation going to ward off that beastly botrytis (grey mould) turning things merthery, because once 'tev set up camp on the plants in there 'tis a blimmer to get rid of! 'Tis a brave and good example of good husbandry, summat that should be second nature to any gardener right throughout the yer.

In the greenhouse 'tis the ideal place to get goin some broad beans, (*Aquadulce Claudia*), or some Sweet Peas, sown in either pots or seed trays. But be mindful of the fact that those little blimmers the mice can smell seeds from a brave long way away, and will merrily dig them up to eat. Get some small meshed fence wire and put over the tops of the pots to stop them, or try soaking the seeds in paraffin; that should deter them and give them a chance to germinate, when the mice seem to lose interest.

Both Christine and myself would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year, and we can only hope for an improvement next year!

Nort

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

This is a traditional Scottish recipe, often made one year and served the next for Hogmanay.

Black Bun

Shortcrust Pastry

225g/8oz SR Flour

100g/4oz Butter

The Filling

50g/2oz Chopped Almonds

450g/1lb Raisins

50g/2oz Mixed Cut Peel

25g/1oz Soft Brown Sugar

1tsp Ground Cinnamon

1tsp Ground Ginger

1/2 tsp Allspice

1/2 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda

100g/4oz Butter

2 Eggs

1. Butter a 900g/2lb loaf tin well, and I like to line it with baking parchment.
2. To make the pastry, rub in the softened butter with the flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Add cold water, a little at a time, to bring it together into a ball.
4. Roll out $\frac{2}{3}$ of the pastry to line the tin.
5. Mix together the almonds, raisins, peel, sugar, spices & bicarbonate of soda.
6. Melt the butter and add to the fruit mixture.
7. Beat the eggs and stir them into the mixture.
8. Smooth it into the pastry case.
9. Roll out the remaining pastry, and cover the black bun, dampening the edges and pressing to seal. Brush with milk or egg.
10. Make some holes with a skewer or kebab stick.
11. Bake at 170°C/325°F/Gas Mark 3 for 2 hours.
12. Cool in the tin, then turn out and wrap in a double layer of foil and store in the freezer for up to a year. It can be eaten the year it is made, but should be kept for at least 2 weeks before it is eaten.



Paddy Shelley

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In Golant -
Outside The Fishermans Arms

In Fowey -
*Readymoney Beach Cafe
Royal Fowey Yacht Club
Royal British Legion- Town Quay
Gallants Sailing Club
Caffa Mill toilets
Safe Harbour Inn*

Please write clear location instructions here. Draw a map if it helps make things clearer.

- > Always start CPR immediately - then use the defibrillator
- > If a trained first aider is not available, please follow the voice commands given when you open the defibrillator lid (paediatric pads may be needed)
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Please note that the **Copy Date** for the
February/March Issue is

Wednesday 27th January

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the drive to *South Torfrey Cottage*.



CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS



DECEMBER

Thursday 3 rd	7.45pm	Grand Switch on of Boat Lights in the Pill	Safe vantage points
	8.00pm	Kerbside Carols 1 (<i>see page 6</i>)	Doorsteps or Foreshore
Friday 4 th	10.00-11.00am	Coffee/tea & biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Thursday 10 th	8.00pm	Kerbside Carols 2	Doorsteps or Foreshore
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 13 th	7.00pm	Film Night- <i>Saving Grace</i> (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Tuesday 15 th	12.15pm	La Soupe Populaire (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Thursday 17 th	8.00pm	Kerbside Carols 3	Doorsteps or Foreshore
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	A Cornish Christmas	St Sampson's
		<i>Readings from Cornish authors: to reserve a pew please email simon@golant.net</i>	
Sunday 20 th	3.00pm	Film Matinee- <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	Village Hall
		(<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	
Thursday 24 th	8.00pm	Kerbside Carols 4	Doorsteps or Foreshore
Christmas Day	9.30am	A Christmas Family Communion	St Sampson's
		<i>Please email whitevinepenny@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a seat</i>	
Sunday 27 th		No service	

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JANUARY

Friday 1 st	2.00pm	Wassail (<i>details to be confirmed – see page 10</i>)	TBA
Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Friday 8 th	10.00-11.00am	Coffee/tea & biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 12 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group Meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 17 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Tuesday 19 th	12.15pm	La Soupe Populaire (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 26 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (ZOOM or Village Hall – <i>check website</i>)	
Wednesday 27th	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	<i>thegolantpill@gmail.com</i>
Sunday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's

FEBRUARY

Friday 5 th	10.00-11.00am	Coffee/tea and biscuits (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Tuesday 16 th	12.15pm	La Soupe Populaire (<i>Booking Essential</i>) **	Village Hall
Tuesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (ZOOM or Village Hall – <i>check website</i>)	

PLEASE NOTE:

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

**** Booking contact details: ****

Fayre Hardy (*Coffee Mornings*) - 833380 or fayrhardy@btinternet.com
Carol Gabb (*Soup Kitchen & Film Night*) - 833557 or cagabb@gmail.com

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.*