

# It's all Go in Golant















The joyful return of Golant's traditional Meet & Greet, with a welcome by George!



All these events, and more, were captured by our Pill Paparazzi supremo, Robin Anderson.

Read all about them in this lively issue.



The innovative and often saucy GRADS Revue, which returned to the hall and entertained a packed audience.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

Traditions... So many of our traditional customs, whether family, local or national, are linked with particular times of the year. Some cultural traditions go back centuries in origin, whilst others are more recent.

I guess many readers, like our family, will have personal traditions at Christmas. Since our grandchildren were very young, we have always hung their own home-made decorations on our tree every year – so much more pleasing and heart-warming than baubles and tinsel alone!

There are so many Cornish traditions, including the famous Padstow's 'Obby 'Oss on 1st May. That custom has its origins in the 1600s. In the late 1800s, the west-country Golowan was one of the last surviving midsummer festivals practised in Cornwall. Traditionally, blazing tar barrels were paraded around the streets, but in the 1890s this was stopped. It was revived in 1991 (without the tar barrels!) as the very colourful Golowan Festival, now held in Penzance every year in June.

As for our vibrant village, it excels in traditional events! As Golant was covered by orchards in the mid 19th century, it is great that **wassailing** has been revived in recent years to take place here on January 1st. The Apple Wassail (Old English 'Waes Hael' meaning to be in good health) derives from an old pagan ritual.

And so my heading for the cover of this issue echoes how active our village is with its many traditions, some more recent than others. On page 6, you can read Maurie's report about the **Easter Funday**. It surprised us to learn that this year was the 30th anniversary of these eggbased activities outside the *Fisherman's Arms*, having started in 1992!

Other reports reflect Golant's events which are now becoming traditional – the **Meet & Greet** (page 10) and the **GRADS Revue** (page 15).

We are now looking forward to our way of celebrating the Queen's **Platinum Jubilee** celebrations early in June – a village street party. (See page 10.) Royalty has so many wonderful traditions, including **Trooping the Colour**, which since 1748 has marked the Sovereign's official birthday. On 2nd June, this colourful spectacle will be performed in London, beginning at Buckingham Palace, as part of the **Jubilee** national celebrations.

Gillie Harris

#### From the Chairman

When you read this, we will just have held our AGM. Gillie and Mike have now completed more than 15 years of editorship between them, which, I am sure you will agree, is a remarkable achievement.

When we first discussed the possibility of a village newsletter, I envisaged a very modest affair – not eighteen pages, many in colour, with contributions from every part of our village.

So, as we celebrate the beginning of summer, we should also celebrate this bi-monthly pick-me-up.

The *Pill* team would welcome another member to look after the advertisers who so faithfully support us. Karen Wells-West has nurtured them for many years, but is now too busy at *The Sanctuary*. Would a volunteer please step forward?

One final point: we are no longer able to accept cheques, I'm afraid. Banks now penalise the paying in of cheques, so please either pay online or with cash!

Simon Funnell

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With Sue Reardon's relentless mission to research the House History of Golant reaching the point of sharing, and following her fascinating introductory talk on how to go about tracing the history of your house, the first extremely impressive display of her findings covering the *north side* of Golant was staged in the village hall over a weekend in April. This attracted widespread interest, and in turn furnished Sue with more facts and anecdotes to follow up. Anne Bonsall's skills at summarising the key facts and Claire Lower's fabulous photographs made a huge contribution to the display, and there were many complimentary comments in the GHG visitor's book. And if you are hungry to know about the *south side* of the village, it is currently a work well in progress, with the aim to stage a similar display over the weekend of September 10th and 11th. SO put the dates in your diary now!

Meanwhile Claire has also been very busy creating *then and now* photographs for a proposed GHG calendar 2023, and she has come up with some wonderful choices with extremely accurate 'now' viewpoint matching. You may remember our Golant Past and Present 2016 calendar, and care has been taken to avoid repetition of the photos in that one. More details in the August *Pill*.

The unveiling of the long awaited Talking Post and the GHG Interpretation Board on the Green will take place at the Golant Carnival on Saturday 6th August (time yet to be decided).

Penny Parsons (chairman)

# BACKALONG

We were recently forwarded this wonderful old photograph via our Face Book page, taken at the bottom of Fore Street looking up to the *New Inn* (now *Fisherman's Arms*), from Sarah Deacon, whose Dad's side of the family came from Fowey and Golant. It had been sent to her by a relative.

Amongst those in the picture, and in no particular order, are members of the Lane family: Eden (in the large hat), Ellen (Sarah's great grandmother), Mary, Ann and Harriet (behind the child) who was possibly their mother (nee Phillips). It is thought they lived in the thatched cottage.

Ellen married Thomas Dixon and they lived in *Beach Cottage* (now *Island House*). Wilf Dixon (featured in our last issue of *The Pill* with his wife Rene) was Sarah's Nan's brother . . . and therefore her Great Uncle.





#### ... And a Conundrum

This is a picture of a commemorative cup which Sarah Deacon found in her Dad's house. She wondered if we could find out anything about when it might have been produced.

Penny Parsons

#### Is your Organisation up-to-date?

The village website (golant.net) features local groups in the 'village life' section, most of whom contribute to this newsletter.

Please can someone in each group check the information provided, to ensure it is up-to-date. Amendments can be sent to: <u>debbiepughjones55@gmail.com</u>

#### **NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH**

The **Mothering Sunday and Service for Ukraine** was held just as the last edition went to press. The candle lighting for loved ones was much appreciated, and the well-known hymns were sung with gusto. There was plenty of congregational involvement throughout the service, with the choir singing *In a World where People Walk in Darkness*, and Sheila playing the Ukrainian National Anthem.

On **Maundy Thursday** we were able to sing the Grayston Ives service for the first time for many, many months; there was also appropriate music such as *Drop, drop slow tears*, and a Taize chant. **Easter Sunday** saw a full church, a lively rendition of William Boyce's *Alleluia* round, as well as the usual rousing Easter hymns. The floral decorations ensured that the Church looked at its very best.

Our retired priests have continued to offer great support to our services, and we are most grateful to them all.

We have yet to hear the results of our **Quinquennial Survey**, but we do know that the inverter for our photovoltaic panels is unreliable, so this will need to be replaced.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, instead of Evening Prayer, we held **Hymns on the Handbells**, *(photos below)* which proved to be a great success. Over 40 people listened to two groups of ringers playing a wide variety of well-known hymns, and the audience hummed along with unexpected enthusiasm. *Onward Christian Soldiers* proved particularly popular (such militancy is rather frowned upon these days!), and several members of the audience commented that they knew every hymn we played. One said that it was as though he was back in Primary School – I think it was meant as a compliment! I doubt whether his Primary School served wine.





To mark the **Platinum Jubilee** the church bells will be ringing on the morning of Sunday 5th June (followed by the Handbells) and at the end of the service (which is at 9.15am and full of Coronation music) there will be the opportunity to have the first Loyal Toast of the day, as something sparkling will be served!

Simon Funnell

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#### **Easter Funday**

Rain? It was forecast but after three years without a Funday it wouldn't dare! Well it did, but after all the festivities were over. The set up was different this year because Nick had constructed an eating pod where we normally did the decorated eggs, so we decamped down to the patio in front of the bandstand. Nick had erected three gazebos for us and had taped off the area so that we could use it. I took the tape down and put some bits on the table and went to the car to get more eggs etc. By the time I got back people had settled on the table!

There were some wonderful, and innovative, entries for the decorated egg competition. and these gave the judges a difficult time. The same family also judged the Easter Bonnets. and so a big thank you must go to Simon & Maddy Reay and their two boys for performing the onerous task of judging. They are the new owners of *Island House* and, of course, this was their first Easter Funday. They could not believe what this village gets up to and are looking forward to being here for Madness in the Pill and Carnival. Nick and his team provided all of the egg prizes for the decorated eggs and the bonnets.

We had all of the usual events following the Easter Bonnets, with egg rolling, egg and spoon races and egg throwing. Thanks to *Davey's Eggs* from Trerulefoot who kindly supplied all of the fresh eggs. This year we were able to hold a Ladies Egg Throwing competition, thanks to a kind donation by Graham & Ellen Estlick of a splendid cup. Results can be seen below, but it was

good to see that the previous overall champions, Greg & Paul, were defeated, and

that the ladies event was won by local girls.

Gail and I were so grateful to all of those who helped with the running of the events and also selling raffle tickets. Martyn Hardy was a star, and will be 'The Prat in the Hat' from next year, but I must include Sue Reardon, Steve Phillis, Paul Meredith and especially Karen Lower. It was her first Easter Funday and she took full part by distributing egg and chocolate prizes.

My favourite event is the egg & spoon racing. The concentration on the faces is a joy to behold – and I don't just mean the kids. The adults, who are always desperate to take part, become so competitive and focussed (*right*). I think that for next year we must consider having smaller spoons for the adult races.



#### **RESULTS**

#### **Decorated Eggs**

#### 0 -5 years

- 1st Evelyn Parsons with Peckin Chicken
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Erin Connibeer with a bunny with ears
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lucy Jordan with Big Butterfly

#### 6 - 12 years

- 1st Harley Jordan with Octopus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Olly Budd with Golant Express
- 3rd Joshua Longman with Egg Walking Dog

#### 13 - 99 years

- 1st Megan Elworthy with Hatched by the Sea
- 2nd Nicola Parsons with President Shelleggski
- 3rd Millie van den Broek with Elizabeth Reggina

#### **Easter Bonnets**

#### 0 - 5 years:

- 1st Ella
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alfie
- 3rd Lucy

Commendation to Evelyn Parsons

#### 6-12 years

- 1st Freya Justice with Feelin' Clucky
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily
- 3rd Monty

#### 13 - 99 years

- 1st and Winners of the Gwenda Towell Ashtray
  - Ruth Taylor & Team with The Cheese Board (right)
- 2nd Estelle & Andrew van den Broek with Egg Heads
- 3rd Millie van den Broek with Hot & Spicy Chicken Wings





We do not record the winners of the numerous egg & spoon races but the winners of the final competition was the egg throwing and for the prestigious Golant Easter Egg Cup were Rory and Matthew Taylor, relatives of Ruth, with a throw of 19 metres. The winners of the Estlick Cup for the ladies competition were Millie & Edie with a throw of 14.80 metres.

Thank you to all of those who took part, and also to all of the spectators for making it such an enjoyable occasion.

#### Jubilee Fruit Tree Project

Given Golant's long fruit tree heritage, the idea to plant 70 fruit trees to celebrate our Queen's 70 years on the throne was inspirational. At one time Golant was famous for its orchards and blossoms, attracting tourist boat trips from Fowey. The village once had 6 cider presses to process all the apples.

I now have now had requests from over 50 households in the village to host over 100 fruit trees. Whilst many only want one, there have been 3 or 4 requests for mini orchards of a few trees. The Parish Council will finance 70 trees (one or two per household) with the rest paid for by those wanting more.

Given these numbers and the flexibility shown in the choice of varieties, we can not just plant 70 Jubilee fruit trees but also 70 different varieties (there are plenty of West Country varieties to choose from). It will also be nice to know that your tree is unique to your garden. We'll be doing our bit for biodiversity and to preserve heritage fruit trees and hopefully give added interest and value to each tree.



Maybe in the not too distant future we can hold autumn 'apple' days and/or have a barrow on the green where we can sample all these different varieties and tastes. Grafting to produce new trees of the same variety would also be possible, so that future Parish fruit trees can be sourced from our own gardens.

It's a shame that we can't have a mass planting over Jubilee weekend, but young fruit trees need to be planted in the winter. Orders will be place soon with trees arriving in November/December when we can all get together for a planting weekend. They should be nicely settled in time for Wassailing on New Year's Day when our Green Man and his many followers will bless the them and guarantee them a fruitful life.

A big thank you to everyone taking part and your enthusiasm for this project. What a great and appropriate way for Golant to celebrate the Jubilee and our village heritage with trees that will grace the Parish for generations to come.

David Johns

#### Handing over the Helm at Fowey Harbour Commissioners

Since its formation in 1869, the Board of Commissioners has been dedicated to protecting the Fowey Harbour's envilonment, while supporting, facilitating and promoting the many businesses, groups and individuals, whose livelihoods depend on it.

After serving the maximum 12-year period on the Board, Captain Will Mitchell has stepped down as Chair. His knowledge and passion for the Port has kept the harbour on course through changing and often challenging times, from variations in commercial cargoes, demand for leisure facilities and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic. Will has worked with three different Harbour Masters during his tenure to continue the crucial role of the Commissioners in their stewardship of the estuary.

Fowey Harbour Master, Captain Paul Thomas, said, "We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Will for his absolute dedication and service to the Port. We are also delighted that Will is to retain his position as a Harbour Pilot, so we are sure he will continue to keep his eye on the harbour which he knows and loves".



Taking over from Will is former Vice Chair, Nick Gill. Having been a Board member since 2015, Nick has a strong understanding of the Harbour and its operations. Nick lived in Fowey for over 15 years and served for 10 years on the Fowey lifeboat crew before moving to Lostwithiel. As well as having a successful career in the marine industry, Nick is a leisure boater, who says he is happiest afloat and enjoying everything Fowey Harbour has to offer. Upon taking the helm from Will, Nick commented, "I am thrilled to be taking on the position of Chair of the Board of Commissioners and I relish this opportunity to further serve the Port of Fowey".

Claire Hoddinott, Environment Officer, FHC



For the first time since November 2019, we were able to hold a Boatwatch indoor get -together in the Village Hall. On March 25th we held a delayed AGM from 2021. This was attended by nearly 50 members, togeth-

er with our guests, Captain Paul Thomas, Fowey Harbour Master & Russ Hall BEM, Marine Special Constable. The meeting included a presentation from Border Force, relating to their role in gathering intelligence to assist in intercepting illegal activities.

#### **Key Points from the AGM**

Committee: Changes since the last AGM are that Anne Marie Phillis and Ian Laughton resigned from the committee. Thanks to both of you for all your hard work. Debby Marshall-Reeve joined the committee last year and Sue Reardon has now re-joined, having been a founder committee member.

Chairman's Summary: After the completion of the Boatwatch Hut renovation and CCTV installation, we have positive cash in the accounts and we will be looking at ways of using this to benefit members. New members continue to join with Membership being around 73, plus the Honorary members. No crime has been reported. We managed to hold successful flotillas between lockdowns, and plan two for this year. The Boatwatch Facebook site continues as key means of communicating information to members and the wider community about things happening around the river.

Captain Paul Thomas was able to give good news on the Harbour's business. Commercial shipping numbers have been rising. China Clay business is up and large increases in Aggregate (Cornish Granite) tonnage are being shipped. Last summer visiting yachts numbered 6700. Cruise ship numbers were up and 17 cruise ships are booked for 2022.

Russ Hall reported Marine crime in Cornwall down to its lowest level in 8 years. In 2021 no crimes were committed in Golant. With such low levels of crime and the end of Covid, Russ feels that vigilance is required to ensure figures are kept low. Russ reminded us of the importance of keeping details of outboard serial numbers and also pictures of the engines. Paul reiterated that this will help to ensure criminals can be identified and have the added benefit of returning stolen property to its owners.

**Border Force**: We then had a presentation from Peter Newman and Helen Trevorrow, who are the only two Border

Force intelligence officers for the Cornwall & Devon region. Peter gave details about seizures of vessels involved in drug trafficking and people smuggling. We were shown examples of what signs to look out for on boats involved in these activities. Their final request was that should anyone spot anything suspicious then they should report it'

**Raffles:** The Free Raffle was drawn, with Brian Murray winning a Free Flight over Golant, generously offered by David Earl. The raffle for the lovely David Parry painting was drawn, the winner being Paul Meredith.



A further reminder that we will hold flotillas this year in June and August, the first being a 'Platinum Jubilee Fleet Review' on 14th June, which is intended as a whole village event. The second event on 9th August will be an afternoon on the river. We will send out more details closer to the time.

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch

#### Golant Quay Users Association

Notifications have gone out for our AGM on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in Golant Village Hall. This will include reports, accounts and the re-election of the committee.

The big green wooden derelict fishing boat has been cut up and removed; all but one of the remaining derelict boats have owners who at the moment are responding to correspondence, just not removing them. The removal of these boats has so far cost £1040.

We are planning a Pill clean up to get rid of old ropes and rubbish over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June. We will provide disposable gloves, so any helpers will be more than welcome. Details will be posted near the dates via Maurie Mail.

Peter Edwards & Ian Barker

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#### Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall has waved goodbye to our last Chair, Paul Meredith, at the AGM, and welcomed Annie Budd into the seat. The Committee is hugely grateful for all the hard work and enthusiasm put in by Paul over many years.

The **Easter Egg Trail** on Good Friday was a huge success, with all ages making their way around the village and often sharing where Graham Estlick's beautiful wooden painted eggs could be found. Michelle Robins' upcycled wooden octopuses were painted as various Easter chickens, and were added to indicate the end of a trail. With grateful thanks to Karen Wells-West at *The Sanctuary*, who generously sponsored the cost of chocolate eggs for all the participants, whether or not they completed the trail. Penny Parsons and Carol Gabb already have plans for next year's trail.

#### **Cfylm**

The film for June will be *The Viceroy*, and then there will be a short break over the summer until we recommence with the annual 'film on the green'. Look out for more details via Maurie Mail.

#### Coffee & Book Shelf

On the first Friday of the month, coffee mornings and afternoon teas continue to be fun and a great success, with new attendees. This really is a wonderful way to chat and catch up with friends. Thank you to everyone who attends, to everyone who volunteers AND Carol for her delicious cake. Scrummy!

Other news is the organisation by Carol Gabb of the **Jubilee Afternoon Tea**, and, like the film nights, table tennis will have the usual summer break.

The **Refurbishment** is continuing, with the Hall shortly to have new exterior doors, one of these being supplied and fitted by *Solartec* at a much reduced price to help the hall funds. Our annual Charity returns have been completed, the accounts have been reconciled and agreed, policies reviewed, licences paid, so everything is shipshape.

#### A White Sighting

On 8th May, Maryjean Stone sent us an intriguing email about a suspected sighting she made of the albino hen pheasant which featured in our hen party diary series of reports last year.

She wrote: "It happened between the turning to *Penquite* and *Leyonne Farm*, on the right-hand side. She was struggling to get into the field through the hedge. I presume she made it. What a beautiful bird!"

If anyone else thinks they have sighted either Ali or White Nut, as Gill and I named the two white pheasants we identified, do please get in touch. We'd love to know what happened to them!

Ed.

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Fayre Hardy

#### **NOTE**

On page 11, Fayre has written, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, an article about the monthly **'La Soupe Populaire'**, organised by Carol Gabb and a dedicated and hard-working team of volunteers.

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We have enjoyed two easy and very accessible walks. In early April Greg devised a circular round Par and Treesmill, *(below)*, a lovely local walk with views over St Austell Bay, Tywardreath and Par.

Our first walk in May was also local and easy: a stroll through the Pentewan valley with plenty of time for coffee. In between these we visited the coast, walking down from *Coombe Farm* to Readymoney from where we stretched our legs on the coastal path to Polridmouth, all the while feasting on fabulous views out to sea. A paddle at Polridmouth was tempting, and for dogs, refreshing.

Our next walk in late May will see us travel to St Just in Roseland for a delightful and varied walk via creek, woodland and open countryside.

Anne Bonsall





#### Spring-time Meet 'n Greet

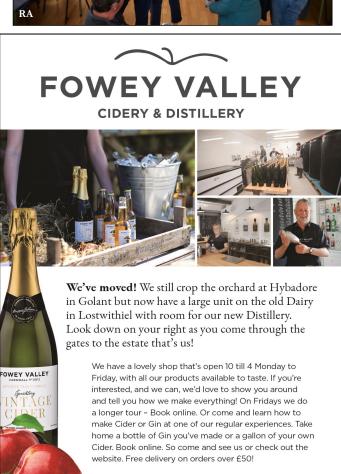
On April 24<sup>th</sup> a large turn-out of Golantians celebrated the resurrection of the Village Hall Meet and Greet gathering to welcome newcomers to the village.

A fine collection of wines, a wonderful spread of canapes and much chat were enjoyed; many, many thanks to all who contributed to making this such a success.

Alastair Barr explained to us all the early days of this event, whilst David ('Doc') Skerrett, chief instigator of this tradition, oversaw the proceedings by projection. (See photo.) We expect to return to the original date of a week or so before Christmas next time, but there are moves afoot to make it a biannual event – watch this space.

Jeremy Lloyd-Evans





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#### **SUPER SOUPERS**

Very late on in 2020, two of the Village Hall committee members decided to prepare and serve a monthly soup, **'La Soupe Populaire'**, each one different from the last.

During Covid lockdown this was provided free of charge and delivered to the homes of a set criteria of people. As we came out of lockdown we were able to roll (excuse the pun) out the service as a sit down Covid-restricted table service, or home delivered, charity-funded activity.

Finally, when 'things' settled down a small charge was introduced. Carol Gabb's mission was for the soup to be self-funded and not draw upon any funds from the charity bank account. Our mission was to make it themed each month.

When they first began it was rather difficult; risk assessed, tables scrubbed, masks were worn, hands were sanitised, windows opened, doors ajar. Carol has been a super souper trooper, sourcing the recipes, buying the ingredients, making the soup, taking the bookings, directing her elves on deliveries and on table service, all of whom enjoyed their time volunteering.

Anne Bonsall, always smiling and cheerful about the tasks to be performed; Cris Dodridge (scissor hands) in the kitchen making tea, coffee, whilst at the same time ladling into warm bowls; Sue Reardon serving, passing on her wealth of knowledge on the village. I danced about, welcoming and seating everyone then 'washing up' and 'putting away'.

The 'deliverers'- Martyn, Louise, Paul, who set forth often in wet, hooley, weather; Sue, when she had to race around at the last minute delivering.

The last one on Wednesday  $13^{th}$  April, with an Easter theme, using Golant wild garlic, was a huge success with maximum attendance. You can always tell how much people are enjoying themselves by the volume of noise in the hall. Having served the last soup before we start again in October I can report that having started with a float of £20, now repaid, we have been able to bank £100 and have a small float for next season.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for making the effort to attend these luncheons and made them such a success. We look forward to seeing you souping later in the year.

As an aside, a rough calculation of volunteer\* time spent in the Village Hall, across all activities, during 2021 was 750 hours! 'Volunteer' being committee members and those happy to spend their time, in whatever way, helping out without reimbursement.

Fayre Hardy

#### **Golant Summer Produce & Craft Show**

In the April/May edition of *The Pill* we published the full Schedule of Classes for this year's show, to be held on Satur-Iday 30th July from 2pm-4pm.

At the end of June a full programme (with recipes) and entry forms will be delivered to each house in the village, which will include dates and times for **returning your entry forms**, and when your produce must be in the hall on the day of the show.

This information will also be on the Golant village website, golant.net Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any queries on 01726 832425

Janet Gore (Chair)

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#### **Nature Notes**

At the end of last time's notes I was waiting to see if our Swallows were going to arrive back, and I'm pleased to say that I looked out of the window one evening, and they were flying around. There were three of them this year, and they settled into the old nest in the carport. David forgot, put the outside light on, they flew out in alarm, and we thought we had lost them! However, after a few attempts to build a new nest right above the back door, they went back to the original nest - phew! They seem to have arrived with one of their offspring, so perhaps they were trying to build a new home for them nearby! It is such a privilege to have them nesting - we hear their chattering in the mornings, and watch them swoop and fly at incredible speeds around the house. It's a marker that the season has begun!

You would know that anyway if you had seen the bluebells and wild garlic turning to seed. It seems that we wait excitedly for them to arrive and then they are over before you know it - I am just about to try and pick the last of the garlic leaves for preserving, and then I will possibly try pickling the seed heads, although that looks a bit fiddly!

Our new orchard is flowering very well - possibly one tree didn't survive, so out of about 60 trees that is good really. David inspects them every day, and last year's are bulking up - their growth is quite noticeable now they have had their first year of putting down roots. Interestingly, in the Forest garden, some of the varieties that we had planted so that they were flowering at the same time for pollination, obviously didn't read their labels and have flowered completely randomly! So a few varieties this year blossomed, but didn't set fruit, as they were much later than usual. To balance that we are thinking of planting a few more nearby, plus some more flowers to try to encourage the pollinators to visit. Un-

fortunately we have quite a few Ash trees that are beyond hope, so they will have to be removed. We want to plant some different cherry varieties as well as they seem to do well there.

Talking of pollination, most people, us included, have always thought of honey bees as being the main pollinating insects. Not true, we have found; there are over 250 species of bee, the honey bee just being one, and many of them are solitary bees. We don't know much about them at all, but I was given a beautiful bee hotel as a present and we set it up on the south facing wall of the Sanctuary - ideal as the roof overhangs and provide some shelter. I watched it for a while, but nothing seemed to be happening. All of a sudden, one day I looked at it, and all the canes

were full and capped! I hadn't seen it happen, but we had full occupancy! We paid better attention this

year, and watched as slowly all the spaces emptied - only to start rapidly filling up again, this time even the gaps between the canes! So we went and bought two more to put nearby. I was given a lovely metal bee wall hanging, *(above)* so we now have a proper pollination display on the wall!

We have been so encouraged we are going to drill holes in some of our dead Ash stumps to encourage as many as possible. That also gives me a perfect excuse to grow even more varieties to feed them, including the fabulous Echiums (*left*) which are full of bees at the moment! I am also trying to photograph and log as many bees and insects as possible to understand their role in the landscape.

We are really only in our third year of actively planting and managing, but the balance is starting to turn in favour of bio diversity - every little helps!

Karen Wells-West



The Sanctuary Cornwall



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Spotted by Jacky Fletcher through her bedroom window – one of a pair of deer in her back garden.



#### THREE MEN ON THE MEND

#### **Robert Dunley**

Vilma has sent the following message: "Thank you to all friends and neighbours who kept me sane during the three month period Robert was in hospital after his stroke. I really couldn't have got through that terrible time without you all. Robert was sent out at the end of March and had many problems to overcome. Due to our somewhat difficult stairs he was confined upstairs until his whole being repaired itself and he learned to walk and enjoy being with company again. Gilda Davies (who is a retired GP,) who has been Robert's personal trainer for the last month, has achieved wonders by providing and overseeing his exercises to build his weakened muscles and confidence. He can now get up and down the stairs (almost like a three year old) and actually today has been able to get over to the terrace. Onwards and Upwards!"

#### John Kift

John & Christine Kift wish to give their thanks for all the kind offers and good wishes, following John's seizure in early May. The CT & MRI scans showed nothing, and so he was sent home, and will be monitored, though not being able to drive at present is an understandably difficult issue. As you can see in his 'Uncle John's Garden Patch' on page 16, it has not stopped Nort in his tracks; in fact, his very words to me on the phone were; "I feel a <u>proper</u> fraud." (Imagine this in his lovely westcountry accent...!!)

#### **Terry Rundle**

Terry came home on 17th May. Neighbours Fayre & Martyn Hardy, who have been keeping us all informed via Maurie Mail, write, "He was very touched when we said everyone was cheering him on to get back home. Hopefully, when he has found his feet and sorted his routine out, he will be taking short walks around the FLAT bit of the village."

#### **GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION**

Sue & Tony Strachan recently celebrated their Golden Wedding. They write: "Please thank everyone for their good wishes and cards. It made our special day even more memorable."

#### **NEW GRANDCHILDREN**

"I am delighted to welcome two new grandchildren to the Parsons family, with cousins born 2 weeks apart in the merry month of May. Firstly, Rafferty, a son to Sam & Kirsty and brother to Evelyn, and then Fern, a daughter to Tom & Amelia.

I am looking forward to seeing them all playing together on the village green over the years to come!"

Penny Parsons

#### 125 Years Ago

The following piece is extracted from John Jenkin's excellent little book- 'A School with a View - A Short History of St Sampson's School, Golant', and has a clear relevance to the <u>Royal Celebrations</u> we are about to enjoy.

"1897 was the **Diamond Jubilee Year of Queen Victoria**, and each child at Golant School received a Jubilee Medal and two shillings. Considering that another parent at this time wrote to Mr Burt [the Master] asking for permission for his son to leave school a little before the statutory time because 'as soon as he starts work there is a pound a month more, and that do make a brave difference to our family', the gift of two shillings was a generous one."

Interestingly, when comparing the relative value of two shillings, 1897 to the present, looking at <u>labour earnings</u>, it would be worth £44.73, whilst the real price for <u>spending</u> on commodities would be £11.60!

Gillie Harris

#### ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

#### Annual Report of St Sampson Parish Council:

#### Neighbourhood Development Plan:

One of our more technical and demanding issues was finally concluded during the year, when Siobhan successfully managed to steer us through to complete our Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is now available for all to see on the Parish Council web site, which (as a reminder) also includes all the minutes of our regular meetings. As the first tier of Government, we are obliged to operate within strict guidelines, but thankfully we have a very able Parish Clerk in Sue Blaxley, to keep us on the straight and narrow.

#### **Devolution:**

I forget now just how many years ago the first mention of Cornwall Council devolving the carpark and toilet block to the Parish Council. But after some positive intervention and support from our Cornwall Councillor, we have finally reached the stage of engaging solicitors, and undertaking surveys. We are now very close to the final stage of the devolvement process when we can finally look forward to designing something useful for the village from the two defunct parts of the toilet! We will of course maintain and keep open the disabled toilet, especially now that we have a fancy new handwashing machine in place. At the same time, and when we take ownership, we will also fulfil an existing commitment to resurface the southern end of the car park when the development of the Cormorant site is finally complete.

#### **Cormorant Development:**

As I mentioned in last year's report, we have maintained a close and healthy dialogue with the developer and builder for the Cormorant, and although not always achieving everything that we have wanted, it has nevertheless managed to get us within a couple of months of completion of the site. The target date remains as the end of July 2022. As you can imagine, this development has generated the greatest number of emails and 'phone calls (all of which we share with the developer) and by and large, individual issues have been handled sympathetically and with success. One of the upsides of this development, has been the introduction of *superfast fibre broadband to the premises*, which will open up the village to faster internet speeds very shortly.

#### Car park Ticket Machine:

This year we will replace the car park ticketing machine, and have already concluded our strategy to 'go cashless.' There are many benefits from going down this route, but we recognised during the Pandemic, that cash was not favoured and many retail outlets preferred to deal in contactless transactions. And we believe that his trend will only continue in the future. However, we also know that to achieve this, we need a good enough 'phone signal near to the machine. But we don't have one! So, we are currently arranging with BT to install a Broadband router in the Boatwatch Hut which will deliver an ethernet connection to the new machine. We are very grateful to David Bonsall as Chair of Golant Boatwatch in finally getting the Post Office to award the building its own post code, which in turn will allow BT to recognise the building, as having an address!!

#### Parking:

To both create more spaces and to support the income stream from the car park, we took the decision earlier in the year to remove four of the Annual Rental spaces. As you can imagine, this was not good news for those Parishioners hoping to obtain or retain a rental space, but given that an average space would be expected to generate around £500 per year, we did not feel we could justify the discount on those spaces by such a large amount going forward. The one remaining space was awarded to Paddle Cornwall on the proviso that they continue to 'bus' their customers down into the village to alleviate some of the additional strain on parking. At the same time, we also rounded up our pricing structure to compensate for VAT charges on all our parking receipts. Meanwhile, we continue our dialogue with Quay Users about diagonal parking lines on the concrete strip in front of the pub to try and generate more parking opportunities. But realistically, we conclude that we will always have stress on parking at peak times.

#### Playground Project:

One result of the devolution process has been the need to contain our cash reserves for 'yet' unknown expenditure. Because this has taken an obvious priority, it has sadly pushed back our plans to re-generate the playground. We also discovered to our surprise that good quality playground installations (like those at Lanhydrock and Cardinham which we like) don't come cheap, and our initial design was priced at over £55,000 (excluding groundworks and safety flooring.) As a result, and to deliver something within acceptable financial parameters, we have embarked on a mission to secure funding from the Lottery or any other suitable sources, to assist in this important project, so that we can put together a finished playground that the village can be proud of for years to come.

#### Village Map:

When Sue Reardon re-discovered her original village map stored in the village hall, we were reminded just how valuable it had been, and especially so to new people moving into the village and to the many delivery drivers. So, we asked Ian and Sarah Laughton to come up with a new version that would recognise all of the new properties and those with changes of names. I am pleased to report that the new village map is finished and will be available for viewing by the village green in a new display case on the day of the Jubilee picnic and individual A3 copies will be available (at no cost) from the pub, or the village hall.

#### Using the Cornwall Council web site:

As a final and a somewhat technical point... I think it is worth stating, that we are not an 'enforcing authority.' So although I receive a lot of emails or 'phone calls about pot holes, damage to posts or signs, or mud on the road etc, all of these items have to be reported via the Cornwall Council web site. There is no short cut. This is their system for both receiving, logging and then hopefully resolving the issues that **we** have and want **them** to put right. So please use the Cornwall Council web site to identify those issues that need attention: Report a problem with a road or pavement - Cornwall Council

#### A Review of the GRADS Revue

As 'newbies' to the GRADS Revue, we bought our tickets with a degree of trepidation.

What were we letting ourselves in for; would it make us cringe or crease up? We need not have worried, the Revue was an excellent evening's entertainment.

We arrived to take our seats (complete with a bottle of wine, which seems to be a pre-requisite for most village evnts) to find the hall packed, and the audience buzzing with anticipation.

The tone for the evening was set by the opening act. When Jeremy appeared to deliver the prologue with more than a passing resemblance to the grim reaper, I was fleetingly concerned that Anne-Marie's grandkids were going to be scared. However, as they roared with laughter and heckled, it could not have been a better start.

Little did we know of the multitude of hidden talents Golant harbours— music, singing, sketches, skits and poetry followed, culminating in the grand finale.



So many highlights, from Chris & Hugh Tavlor's rendition of the Duck song, (left), Brian's 'Albert & the Lion' recital to Chris's singalong, to which the audience joined in with gusto. Special mention has to go to Grads Geezers, who had us all in stitches. Their enthusiastic performance of 'Higher and Higher' and the Olympic Special (right) still makes us chuckle.

This was topped off by Little Rock Stars' brilliant version of 'Crocodile Rock', again requiring the audience to sing along; a brilliant end to an evening full of fun.

Congratulations to all those involved both on the stage and behind the scenes.

Jackie Smith





'Olympian' Martyn Hardy & partner-in-crime Paul Meredith!!

#### **GRADS News**

In April we were finally able to present the twice-delayed GRADS Review. Most people who witnessed the performances were wishing it had been thrice-delayed! It was fabulous to have the support of the audience for the two night run and great to hear the laughter and appreciation that has been sorely missed in the last two years. We thank you for your continued support. In the Review it was nice to see some new faces demonstrating their hidden talents along with the more seasoned performers demonstrating their ability to continue to hide their talent.

Next year will see the return of the GRADS pantomime. Martin Whell, who has chaired the GRADS committee for the past decade and starred in or directed the last four pantos, has decided to step down from these two roles to "give somebody else the opportunity of shaping one of the leading village acting ensembles and bringing new direction to the Post-Covid era of theatrical, pantomime entertainment." In other words, he has had enough! We all thank him for his tireless contribution and endless patience in the face of hapless performers struggling with the nuances of pantomime performance.

So, we are calling upon all Golant villagers to look to their burgeoning show-business ambitions and put their names into the hat for their chance to direct the 2023 pantomime. We don't know what it is yet but are confident that it will be a stunner!

More details will follow. We will be holding a meeting later in the year so that anybody who is interested in the role of director or in taking part in the pantomime - be it acting or scenery making or make-up - can sign up. We don't ask for references and we don't circulate names through Interpol so no need to worry on that score.

Watch this space for developments.

Martyn Hardy



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The headings for the June & July chapters in Uncle John's Gardening Year Book

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

These *Golant Pill* publications are usually available in the Church, Walter Baileys at Par (Gardening Book only), or from Mike & Gillie (833897).

£6 each or two for £10 (Mix or Match)

#### **UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH**

'Tis fingers crossed time now, and hope that Jack Frost baint g'wain to put in an appearance and upset the applecart with everything that is growing away handsome like.

We'm able to plant out and sow seeds with just about everything that we d'want to, now we d'ave some decent spells of rain. 'Tis all very encouraging with the amount of blossom this yer, and I've got apples and gooseygogs set, and already the little blimmers the sawflies 'ev had a bit of a nibble on the gooseygogs, but I soon put paid to their little games!!

Seeds of carrots and beetroot that were sown earlier can now be thinned out, and if the beetroots be lifted carefully then they can be transplanted quite easily into another row to grow on, after being watered in. If n you'm of a mind to thin out a row of carrots, then 'tis best done late in the evening when the beastly little blimmer the carrot root fly bain't around. This little rascal can be a real nuisance in some areas, and if 'tis possible, try planting the seed in a raised bed, for he suffers from altitude sickness and he won't get more than 18 inches off the ground!!

'Tis coming up time for the soft fruit, and you immediately think of strawberries and raspberries. The crop you get is governed by just how they 'ev bin looked after so far this year. Keep the soil around them covered with a good mulch of grass cuttings to keep the moisture around their roots, and a liquid feed wouldn't go amiss.

I take it by now that you'm all got the runner beans set up in their places with the supports they will climb up. They need to be well trigged up to take the weight when we d'get a brave blow dreckly, as we'm bound to.!

As I was saying earlier with the apples, if n there be a brave crop and water is scarce, then the tree may decide to aive off some of the crop. This has the effect of saving damage to the tree and with this June Drop the fruit left will be of a bigger size and quality, so don't be afraid if n you believe that there's too much fruit that the tree is suffering, then 'tis best if'n you rub off some of the young fruit

Now, onions. A good staple and essential crop for the garden. They d'need feeding and watering right through the summer. I d'knaw 'tis very tempting to keep the weeds down by scratching about with the hoe, but the onions be brave and touchy about having their roots disturbed, so 'tis best if'n any weeding is done by hand.

Keep an eye on any teddies and tomatoes for the first sign of blight. This be a beastly disease that if left unchecked will not only kill the plants, but also make any fruit inedible. There's not much can be done except to cut off the tops of the teddies, and doan't 'ee try to compost them, but get rid of them by burning.

Nort

On page 13, within the Golant Gleanings, you may have read that Nort, alias John Kift, alias Uncle John, was suddenly taken ill and stayed in hospital for tests. Whilst we didn't expect him to write his regular Garden Patch article, there was no stopping him!! I guess for him, the garden is his true healer...

#### Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

This issue covers the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and Carol Gabb has given us, via Maurie Mail, the recipe for the winning entry for a dessert—the Lemon Swiss Roll & Amaretti Trifle Recipe. I hope to be able to take a look at the various things people are bringing to our Street Party on June 5th, and perhaps asking if I could include their recipe in the next issue of The Pill. In the meantime, I include the simple recipe below.

#### **FALAFELS**

One tin Chickpeas (240g when drained) or dried 4 Cloves Garlic 2 Banana Shallots or a small Onion 2thsp fresh chopped Coriander 1tsp ground Cumin 1tsp ground Coriander 3thsp Plain Flour Seasoning to taste Oil for frying

- 1. If using dried chickpeas, soak them overnight, drain and simmer in fresh water for about 30-40 mins until soft. Use 240g of the ones you have cooked. Any left over can be used in another dish.
- 2. Mix all the ingredients in a food processor. You don't want the mixture too smooth. It is good to have some of the chickpeas not completely broken down.
- 3. Add a vegetable oil to a frying pan. Mould small amounts of the mixture in your hands, then fry until brown on both sides.

These are good hot, or cold for a picnic.



Paddy Shelley

#### A Colourful Wedding!

Felicity Russell of *Torfrey House* married Ian Cross on April 22nd in Bristol, where they both currently live and work, together with their Labrador, Rupert.

The beautiful ceremony and reception were attended by family and close friends.

The couple had planned everything meticulously and contributed their own words to the service.

The colour scheme was yellow and white, including the yellow decoration on Felicity's trainers and Ian's yellow socks. It was a truly joyful day.

Valerie Russell





#### Volunteering in Ukraine

Emily Jenkinson is supporting Hope UA on a multi million pound funding mission.

This photo shows her in Lviv "at an Orthodox Easter service, with Volodymyr the priest, Curtin my colleague in high viz, and a young girl who came to say thank you after we had been spoken about in the service and I had been thrust the microphone to say a few words…"

Emily has written an inspiring article ahout this mission, which we hope to place within the next Pill, as there is not enough space in this issue. So this is merely an inspiring taster.

Ed.

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#### Wednesday 27th July

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# **CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS**

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Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30pm	Jubilee bookshelf, coffee/tea and chat	Village Hall
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> /Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00  am - 4.00  pm	Encounter Cornwall open for cream teas	The Boat Shed
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> /Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>		Beer, Cider & Gin Festival	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30pm	Live Music: Lost in Space	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 4th	8.30pm	Live Music: The Hoodle	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Platinum Jubilee Service	St Sampson's
		Music from The Coronation: please note earlier time	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm - 6.00 pm	Platinum Jubilee Street Tea Party	Roadway along foreshore
		N.B. Road closure in place 3pm - 6pm	
		See page 10 for further details	
Tuesday 7th	4.30pm	GQUA AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 14th	2.00pm	GHG meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 14th	5.00pm start	Platinum Jubilee Fleet Review	-
	6.10pm sail past th	ne Quay	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Friday 24th	7.30pm	Cfylm Club	Village Hall
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Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 28th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
JULY			
Friday 1st	10.30pm	Bookshelf, coffee/tea and chat	Village Hall
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.50 am	Independence Burger Day	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	GHG meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion St Sampson's	St Sampson's
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Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Copy Date	C	olantpill@gmail.com
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm-4.00pm	Golant Summer Produce and Craft Show	
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Sunday 31st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
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<u>AUGUST</u>			
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30pm	Bookshelf, coffee/tea and chat	Village Hall
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Golant Sports and Carnival	Village Green
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	L	Live music: Bird on a Wire (The final flight)	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 9th	3.00pm	GBOA Afternoon Tea on the River	The Quay
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	~.~~P	Madness in the Pill	(from) Fisherman's Arms
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Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
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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 <u>Copy Date</u> shown on this page of the newsletter, and we will try to include it.