



Coronation Celebrations!



Golantians certainly celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III in style, both on the Green and on the River! Read about these happy Village Celebrations within this issue.



FROM THE EDITOR

Celebrations- This issue certainly has its fair share! The cover illustrates our 'royal' celebrations.

Alastair has written about our Coronation Picnic Celebration (*right*), and Golant Boatwatch's colourful celebratory Flotilla is reported on page 8.

On page 11, Fayre has written about our celebration of the 120th year since the opening of the Village Hall, then the Reading Room. What a vibrant community we have here.

There are also two very personal celebrations of village youngsters featured in this issue. One was the wedding of Alice Russell (*page 16*) and the second was that of Henry Taylor, (who coincidentally features in a photo of Alice's wedding!) who was confirmed at Truro Cathedral by the Bishop of Truro. Chris has written a moving & heart-warming report on page 10, whilst Mike's memories of his own confirmation (many years ago!) can be read below this editorial.

Meanwhile, we are looking forward to yet another celebration in August, which will be our 100th issue of *The Golant Pill*, by which time we will have completed over 16 years!! More details on page 9 from Simon, our Chairman. You will have the chance to enter a special centenary competition I have devised for that copy, with very tasty prizes to be won!

Gillie Harris

A 'Backalong' Confirmation Memory

Knowing that Shona, our priest in charge, was preparing Henry Taylor for confirmation, I was pleased to hear that she had arranged for him to join candidates for a service of confirmation in Truro Cathedral.

Then it was announced that the big day was to be on May 20th. I decided to find a book presented to me when I was confirmed in the Cathedral, and was amazed to learn that that day was May 21st 1951! Moreover, I realise that I am writing this article on the actual 72nd anniversary of my confirmation!

I recall that the ceremony was taken by the Bishop of Sierra Leone because Bishop Hunkin of Truro had died the year before. There were about 30 candidates, and each of us had to individually answer a question in the service.

I would so loved to have been there to see Henry but, alas! My serious walking problems, exacerbated the day before by another fall, made that impossible. What a wonderful number of parishioners supported him on the day.

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A Right Royal Occasion

Having spent Saturday 6th May glued to the box, watching the magnificent ceremony of the King's Coronation, the population of Golant took to the Village Green on Sunday 7th May for its own community picnic get-together to celebrate the memorable event.

The fun kicked off with a tea/coffee morning on Friday 5th in the Village Hall, which was suitably decorated in red, white and blue bunting and flags. The highlight was a Union Jack cake made by Carol Gabb. On Saturday, members of the V.H. Committee delivered picnic lunches to those villagers who were unable to get down to the Green for the Sunday celebrations. (*Preparations seen in the photo below*)

And so on Sunday the village was ready to party – the grass had been cut, the large Carnival banners were set up on their tall poles and bunting draped around. Tables and chairs were brought down by the numerous volunteers and a PA system set up with power from the Laughton's garage.

It is thought that about 100 Golantians took part in the festivities. People either brought their own picnic or had a super buffet meal from the pub, together with their drinks. Martyn & Fayre Hardy were dressed very appropriately as King and Queen of Hearts, and Martyn, as Master of Ceremonies, proposed the Loyal Toast.

Participants had made a great effort to dress in red, white and blue. Robin Anderson, initially dressed for a Royal Garden Party in top hat and tails with a rather unnecessary, but beautifully rolled umbrella, later changed into a startling red, white and blue all-in one. Robin took numerous photos of the event.

Once his work in the pub kitchen allowed him to escape, we were joined by our landlord, Nick Budd, whose birthday it was. A hearty version of "Happy Birthday to you" was sung with great gusto.

Another magnificent Coronation Cake in the shape of a Union Jack was made by Caroline Davison (paid for by the Parish Council) and two residents who were unable to be at the party had arranged for fondant cakes to be supplied by Betty's of Harrogate. Finally, the Church Choir gave us a spirited rendering of the National Anthem.

Thanks are due to all the numerous people who helped on the day and with preparations, but especially to Carol Gabb, the mastermind, and to Fayre Hardy.

Alastair Barr





How often do any of us find the time to stop, stare and wonder . . . ?

A merry band of Golantians enjoyed a very interesting walk-about-talk from Sue Reardon on **'The Former Reaches of Tywardreath Bay'**. Apart from fascinating snippets of information at various landmarks around Par, it did highlight the need to simply stand back now and again and to look at our surroundings with knowing eyes.

The cliffs of the former bay are clear to see around the area of St Blazey and Par when you think about what you are looking at, and it is quite startling to realise what an expanse of sea/water there would once have been in that valley. We are of course talking about several hundred years ago, before the affects of mining and then china clay contributed to the silting up of our rivers and bays. It does make you stop and wonder just what the expanse of river off Golant must have been like and how it has changed over the centuries. And most of the changes brought about by mankind!

One interesting piece of information we also gleaned by happenchance was the story behind the old building with arched windows to the left of the traffic lights, opposite St Blaise Church. Whilst we were taking a look around the church we happened to meet a former resident from when the building was a vicarage. Apparently it was originally the coach house for the Carlyon Family who owned *Tregrehan*, which explains its unusual shape.

Penny Parsons, Chairman

And so to the woods . . .

Most people will be aware of the emphasis that is being placed on planting trees nowadays, but I wonder how many realise what a vital resource wood was here in Golant over the centuries? With no coal naturally occurring in Cornwall, wood was the main source of fuel for cooking and heating for hundreds of years. It also provided material for building lots of things from houses to barns, fences, gates, implements and boats. Many of the leases for farms in the parish, such as one for *Trebathery* in the 1760s, contain strict rules about how many trees the farmer must maintain on his land, with clauses to ensure any felled must be replanted.

Estovers is the ancient right to collect wood from Common Land which the villagers of Golant could use to gather fallen branches and brush wood from the Downs, although they didn't have the right to cut down trees there. Logs were obtained from local woods such as Lantyan or Milltown, from the tenant wood ranger who maintained the trees, coppicing them on a regular basis.

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NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH

Easter seems a long time ago now, but it is worth recording the good attendance for the reflective and moving Good Friday service, which the Reverend Shona Hoad had devised, and which began with the choir singing *God so loved the world*, unaccompanied and most effectively.

Nearly 80 people came to the Easter Day service, where the choir sang William Boyce's *Alleluia* with great verve as the anthem, and the handbells played *Upon Paul's Steeple*.

On the last Sunday in April our first Benefice service (for both parishes) was held at Tregaminion Chapel of Ease, and for this auspicious occasion the Bishop of Truro, the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen came to preside. Golant was well represented, and it was good to see this small chapel so full.

On Sunday 7th May, we held our service to celebrate the Coronation. A good congregation sang well known hymns with obvious enjoyment, and the choir sang as an introit *Jubilate*, attributed to Mozart. The handbells rang a *Coronation Medley*, which included three patriotic tunes and culminated in the final bars of *God Save the King*. The highlight, though, was *Amazing Grace*, with the choir singing an arrangement by Sheila, and featuring Tauniua as soloist. *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* and *The National Anthem* rounded off a memorable and enjoyable service, ending with something sparkling with which to toast our new King and Queen.

Henry Taylor was confirmed in Truro Cathedral by the Bishop on Saturday 20th May, and his family and friends numbered some 30, as can be seen in the photo accompanying Chris Taylor's article (*page 10*). It was a joyful occasion, and at the following day's Evening Prayer we all enjoyed singing the hymns that had been chosen by Henry.

Simon Funnell



St Sampson's Church, proudly flying the Union Jack.

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Vicar's Ponderings!

Over the last few weeks there seem to have been numerous opportunities to meet with people as we spent time together over Easter and then, more recently, celebrated the King's Coronation. In St Sampson's Church that generally seems to be a great reason to ring the church bells with more enthusiasm than ever, for the handbells to play wonderful medleys in our service, and for the choir to sing anthems that are uplifting as they enhance our worship. We may not be Westminster Abbey but we are certainly able to hold our own!

One of the other amazing things about St Sampson's that I am discovering is the beauty of the silence as I stand and take in the view along the river. Knowing that over the years many pilgrims have also stood and gazed in similar manner as they have prayed and journeyed along the Saints Way increases that sense of awe and wonder. We frequently get comments left in our visitors' book from those who have stopped by and found refreshment that does not require payment.

Psalm 46 says *Be still, and know that I am God*. Taking some time out of our busy schedules to simply stop what we are doing and be still, enables us to re-set our minds; it enables us to be mindful of our own needs as well as the needs of others. Of course, that is often easier said than done and I am thankful that Jesus modelled this in his own life as he found time and space away from others to reflect and pray. It is so easy to get drawn into the culture of busyness that we can forget to nourish and care for our spiritual wellbeing as well as our mental and physical wellbeing.

St Sampson's Church is open every day of the year (thanks to our willing volunteers) and I encourage you to spend some time sitting in the stillness, perhaps contemplating the countless visitors who have sat similarly over the centuries and found a peace that is priceless. Of course, if it is music and laughter you need to help your spiritual life and get you through the busy week, then please join us on Sundays as we worship together – you will always be very welcome.

With every blessing,
Shona

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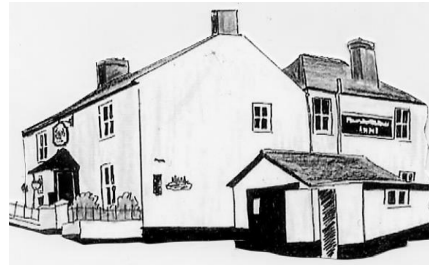
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REACHING FAR & WIDE

Little did we imagine, when we began our publications over 16 years ago, that *The Golant Pill*, which from Issue 62 was placed online at our village website, would then reach readers from across the world!

Recently, we received an email, also sent to The Heritage Group, from an American lady, Beth Zang, who reads *The Pill* and explores the GHG's archive, both accessible online.

Beth has researched different ancestors from Golant, and she wrote: *"It was fun to see my 3rd Great-Grandfather, William Sweet, blacksmith at Castle-Door, listed in the Advertisement for the Auction of Lawhubbett in the Royal Cornwall Gazette, April 1823, which you included in the April Golant Pill newsletter!"* I had indeed placed this old newspaper cutting on the Gleanings page, and was delighted that this little snippet of information had been noted as an important clue to a family history buff!

Beth was visiting here on 18th May, and it was arranged that Sue Reardon and I would meet her in Golant- Sue in the morning down in the village, and me in the afternoon at the church.

Sue writes: *"We met by the pub, and I gave her a short tour of the inner part of the village before taking her to my home, and over a cup of coffee we looked at her ancestors' family trees and old maps of the village. Her **Blowey** family had farmed at Trebathery, became builders, including the school house, Pen Eglos & St Cloud, and ran the pub, over the course of a hundred years. The **Sweet** family were blacksmiths at Castledore, and it was one of them who had emigrated to America. As a thank you, Beth very kindly took me to the pub for lunch, a much appreciated gesture."*

I then met Beth at St Sampson's, where 18 of the Blowey family are laid to rest, and was able to show her their graves, ranging from 1821 to 1983 – nine in the upper churchyard, (*all standing in the front row, as seen in the photo below*), one in the middle, and the most recent grave in the lower area. There are no Sweets buried here.

Mike and I had documented all the graves in 2000, with alphabetical & numerical lists together with a map, based on a plan by John Fenwick in 1984, (all in the church). During lockdown, Sue came to further update the records with me, and she very diligently recorded all the inscriptions on the stones in our graveyard. I was able to print off the relevant Blowey pages of Sue's work to give Beth; a fascinating personal touch for her to keep. The headstone for one William Charles Sweet Blowey (there's the family link) who died in 1880, aged just 22, includes the words: "Though called from us in manhood's early day his earthly race so quickly run, teach us O Lord to meekly say thy will be done..."

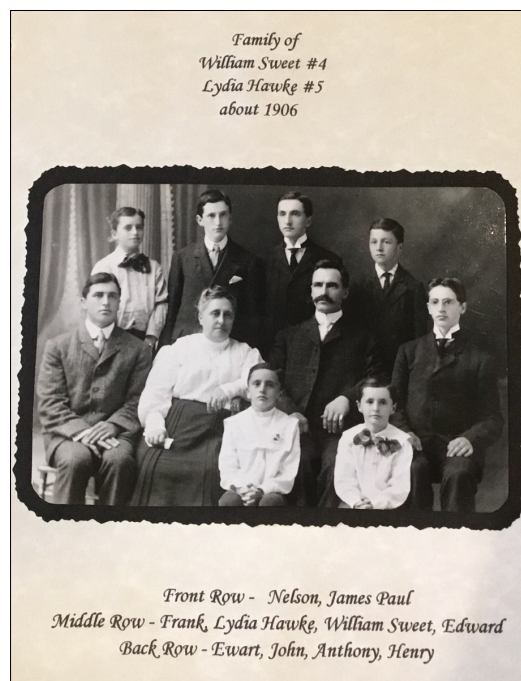
Gillie Harris



Beth has sent this image of a treasured family photo of members of her **Sweet** family.

William and Lydia were her great-grandparents, and Anthony, in the back row, was her Grandfather.

Beth writes, "The two William Sweets who were the blacksmiths at Castledore were my 3rd & 4th Great-Grandparents".



A Blowey Postscript

An interesting passage in John Fenwick's book '*The Parish of St Sampson*' records more details of one member of the Blowey generation observed by Sue in her report above.

"In March 1904, Mr Charles Blowey, a prosperous farmer and owner of the village public house, opened a quarry on the Common with verbal permission from Jonathan Rashleigh. Blowey wanted the stone to build two cottages on land he owned just below the church (Pen Eglos and St Cloud on Church Hill), but he was 'so threatened with the opposition of the inhabitants' that he asked for written permission from Rashleigh. It would appear that the villagers' anger was directed against Rashleigh for charging dues on the stones raised and not against Blowey."

AGM - April 2023

We held our AGM in April when Jane Staniland received an award from the Society for her research into local war graves. This was a project she began during the Covid Pandemic and is almost complete. Jane has 6 further names to research on the Fowey War Memorial. She was thrilled to receive recognition for this research which she has become completely immersed in and delighted with the award received made from Cornish Tin.

At the AGM we were also treated to a really fascinating talk by Dr Helen Wilson on the The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters. Helen has spent the last 10 years researching the Pinwill sisters, Mary, Ethel and Violet, who with the support of their mother, learnt to carve as teenagers during the restoration of their father's church at Ermington, Devon. By the time Violet died in 1957, there were over 650 pieces of carving work in more than 180 churches in Devon and Cornwall.

Our programme of events for this season is now complete. We shall resume our talks in September, so please look out for details nearer the time. In the meantime have a lovely summer.

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In addition to our Autumn and Winter programme of Talks and Events, we have a Grant Scheme in place to promote the history and heritage of the Fowey Harbour area. Any Club, Society or organisation may apply to us for a grant to offset all or part of the cost of project they would like to get off the ground and which meets this criteria. We are always looking for worthy causes and would welcome any suggestions or approaches for future Grants. We are able to give grants of up to £1,000 to help to encourage and promote research and projects in our local area. Please contact our Secretary, Kath Pearce (kathpearce@gmail.com) for further information or visit our website (www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk).

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Spring on the Water

In the last couple of weeks the weather has improved somewhat, and we have seen more boating and sporting usage of the river. But as we all venture out again it has been a busy summer for the Fowey lifeboats. The inshore and all-weather lifeboats have both seen a number of call-outs recently in response to issues with people and vessels. There is information on these call-outs on the Fowey RNLI Facebook site. It is important to remember when going out to sea to ensure that you have a means of calling for assistance with you.

The Fowey all-weather lifeboat is open again to visitors every Wednesday and Saturday, from 10.30am to 3.30pm through the summer season. It's a fascinating visit for both children and adults. The inshore boat can also be viewed, together with a display showing recent launches and the stories behind them. Both vessels can be seen at the lifeboat station in North Street, Fowey, which is next door to the RNLI shop. So, you can support the RNLI by stocking up on presents and cards while you are there.

Coronation Flotilla

The date of the Coronation meant that we brought forward the date of the first flotilla this year to May 9th. May can, of course, be a lovely month, but not this year. On the day it poured with rain through the morning and into the afternoon. After sounding out a few skippers, we concluded that the combination of a weather forecast that promised improvement, and the determination of our members, made it worthwhile pressing ahead with the flotilla. In the event, the sun broke through, and by the time we reached Fowey Harbour there was hardly a cloud in the sky. Considering the conditions, the turnout of approx. 10 boats and 25 people was excellent. Many boats and crews were very well dressed in the spirit of the Coronation theme.

After a circuit of Fowey Harbour, we returned to Pont Pill to raft up for a convivial event, still in the sunshine, followed by a Loyal Toast. We had hoped to have a flypast for the event, but the weather cleared too late, so that had to be cancelled. Another strong showing of the Boatwatch presence.

There is a second flotilla planned for August 15th. High tide is at 6pm, so this will probably be a late afternoon event. We will confirm the timing later in the year. So, let's hope for good weather in August and, with luck, we may be able to arrange a flypast.

Happy and safe boating.

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch



Golant Quay Users Association

We held our AGM on Wednesday 10th May in Golant Village Hall, when our Limited Company Directors Fayre Hardy & James Fuge were re-elected together with all the remaining Committee. The Committee consists of Peter Edwards as Chair, Ian Barker as Vice Chair, Fayre Hardy as Treasurer, Robin Anderson, Simon Funnell, Janet Longman, James Fuge, Paul Meredith, and Simon Robins.

The requirement to have a minimum of third-party boat insurance, together with increasing the annual membership fee to £15 along with the joining fee, both up from £10, was ratified at the AGM. Failure to produce an insurance policy will now result in membership not being renewed. We spent £556 on the Pill clean-up and £78 on marker buoys that identify the stern chain along the Green and Beach areas. We also spent £120 on tree surgery making the trees above the quay safe.

We spent £540 on disposing of derelict boats last summer and have just spent another £300, a total of £840 in the year, and without the assistance of local helpers would have spent considerably more. So far, a total of £1630 across the 3 years we have been disposing of boats.

Our total expenditure in the year was £2741, leaving a year end bank balance of £16,076.

We have just spent £3200 resurfacing the top of the quay and have planned repointing on the quay walls later in May. Having moved the granite blocks off the quay tarmac to resurface it, they will remain where they are and a new seat to match the existing will replace the old metal seat that had rusted. We will also need some maintenance to the track; all of this will be in next year's accounts.

The area known as the 'Sink', the muddy ditch to the left of the track opposite the playground, has over the years been the subject of various requests to improve it or to fill it in and this was raised again this year. Further investigation as to what might be possible has revealed that the *Marine Conservation Zone* designated in 2013 extends to the whole of the Pill and the 'Sink'. *IFCA (Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority)* states that the 'MCZs protect an area that 'create an environment capable of supporting a diverse range of species'. The requirement for intertidal coarse sediment and intertidal mud is to 'maintain it in a favourable condition'. Any alteration to the existing condition does require a Marine Management Organisations licence, which is unlikely to be granted given the existence of the *Marine Conservation Zone*. These restrictions will prevent any removal of mud or filling in, they will also prevent any further concreting to the Road area opposite the pub. This unfortunately does stop any further attempt to remove the mud we have or provide car parking on Quay Users' land.

Peter Edwards & Ian Barker

If anyone spots a problem on the river, please contact one of the following:

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David Bonsall (Boatwatch) 01726 834458

GOLANT PILL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The AGM of *The Golant Pill Newsletter* was held at the end of April, and on behalf of everyone I thanked Gillie and Mike for their unstinting efforts, and congratulated them on 98 issues successfully published. We are also most grateful to Palace Printers for the quality of their printing over many years. *The Pill* is a team effort, though, and all those who help deserve considerable thanks.

All the present committee were willing to stand again, except for Mike Harris, who, after being editor from the outset and then secretary, has finally decided to lay down his biro for a well-earned rest. Debbie Pugh-Jones has agreed to take over as Secretary, and we also welcomed Sharon Holloway, in charge of advertising, to her first meeting. Social media and the web-site continue to give us a strong on-line presence.

Our excellent Treasurer reported a healthy bank balance, and it was unanimously agreed to give £1,000 to the Playground Appeal.

This is issue 99, and to celebrate our 100th edition we are inviting the village to the Village Hall on Friday 4th August, 4.30 – 6.00pm for tea, cake, and something stronger. Do put this date in your diary. Gillie will give a brief talk at 5.00pm on the history and highlights of our favourite publication. We very much hope you will come and celebrate with us.

Simon Funnell

Cornish Sayings

She's a proper wild-de-go (rash, reckless)
 Like a fly in a jam pot (can't keep still)
 Will 'ee have a drop of warm? (a cup of tea)
 She'd skin a flea for a farthing
 We don't pull and drag Sundays (shake mats)
 The poor soul was in some taking (upset)
 Going up tembern hill (going to bed)

Taken from '*A Cornish Hotchpotch*' by Kathleen Hawke

A larger dose of *The Pill*

As our issues are published bi-monthly, it is not possible to immediately cover all the happenings in our lively village.

So don't forget that you can catch up with more immediate village news in our *Golant Pill Facebook* page, put together by our team members Penny Parsons and Robin Anderson.

GOLANT GIANT CAR BOOT SALE

Get your drawers, wardrobes, garages, boat stores sorted in time for the Giant Car Boot Sale on Saturday 1st July!

Andrew van den Broek has kindly offered us the use of his top field up Water Lane for this event, so load up your cars and bring your tables for display (or rugs if you haven't got one).

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On Saturday 20th May, we had the great pleasure of celebrating Henry's Confirmation at Truro Cathedral, and what a lovely service it was! Interestingly it was nearly 19 years to the day that I had been confirmed (along with my sister) at St. Sampson's, and also 72 years, very nearly to the day, that Mike Harris had also been confirmed at Truro Cathedral. (*See his memories on page 2*).

Henry had wanted to be confirmed for a while, but whilst we didn't have a regular vicar it proved difficult to arrange; however thanks to the perseverance of the PCC and the timely arrival of Shona, our new vicar, we were able to set the wheels in motion. This included Shona coming to our house every two weeks to discuss matters of faith and Church with Henry, helping him to prepare for the event itself.

When the day came, Henry was one of nine candidates from across the county, and the youngest, but was also the one that had the largest 'fan-base', with around 30 people showing their support for him as a mixture of family and friends from the village. The support he received from everyone was wonderful, and it really was very touching to see so many from the village there; Henry was very pleased! It also helped that so many who attended are regular members of the choir; this meant there was no awkward mumbling of hymns, just a full throttle rendition was always given. The service was very engaging, and involved moving around the Cathedral in procession in a fashion meant to represent Henry's journey through the Church up to this point (including a surprise re-baptism that led to a sudden exclamation of those involved).

The confirmation itself was very moving from our perspective, not just remembering my own and those who were there who are no longer with us, but also from a parent's perspective to see our boy growing up with so much love and support around him; I must confess to having shed a tear. After the confirmation Henry was then able to take Communion for the first time, something I'm not entirely sure his motives were always faith-based for (Sherry anyone?!). This was again very emotional for me; as a regular Church goer I do find that moment to be both moving and peaceful, reflective yet full of symbolism and now Henry was doing the same – it's very hard to describe the feelings sufficiently well, but needless to say we were all exceptionally proud of him. After the service lots of photos were taken, with the unmistakable feature of each being Henry's huge grin throughout!



The next day we decided that an afternoon in the pub before Evensong would be a very fitting way to spend the day; Nick put on a wonderful spread that was enjoyed by many and was utterly delicious (if you haven't had one of his ploughman lunches yet, I strongly urge you to do so!).

Then it was off up the hill to Evensong at St. Sampson's on a lovely May evening. Henry had been given the privilege of choosing the hymns, and went with *O worship the King, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind and Thine be the Glory*, real rip-roarers that allow for a confident approach (especially with a couple of pints on board - me, not Henry!). This capped a wonderful weekend for us all, especially Henry.

In this secular age it can be easy to forget the significance and support the Church still has in many walks of life, and the joy it bought Henry over this weekend will abide with us forever. Many thanks to all of you who came, sent a card/gift or simply messaged me; it was all greatly appreciated and further evidence (if actually needed) of what a wonderful place it is in which we live. Many thanks to you all from Henry and the Taylors.

Chris Taylor

Golant's answer to booking.com

On Saturday 22nd May Hugh had his 11th birthday party – unfortunately the weather was refusing to play ball! What to do?! A nerf gun party had been organised for 20 youngsters, but bad light and heavy rain was threatening to stop play; who you going to call...? Fayre Hardy!! Within a flash we had booked the wonderful facilities at the village hall for the entire afternoon and arrived there to find it all set up for us. Twenty 11 year olds were thus able to have their battles and fun without getting soaked and being covered in mud, and all for a very reasonable price. Thank you Fayre and Martin. If you haven't made use of the village hall for a private event then I highly recommend it.

Chris Taylor

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

After all the fun of the week before at the King Charles III Coronation picnic lunch, the Village Hall opened its doors to celebrate the 120th year since the Bishop of Truro opened the Reading Room in Golant.

It was another wonderfully attended event, but as we had so many freshly cooked cakes and savouries, we could have done with more mouths to feed! Thank you to all those who baked– they were delicious.

Neil and Jackie helped to set up the room, and we were all ready for the off at the appointed hour. Thank you to Carol for her non-stop serving of tea and coffee, and to Martyn Hardy who was asked to say a few words (*after trying to nick some cake?!*)

Thank you to all the volunteers from the 18 groups attending who arrived with interesting facts and figures; their display boards were tremendous. They were: Boat Watch, Book Group, Church Choir & Church Hand Bells, Euchre Group, Flower & Produce Show, Friends of the Fowey Estuary, Sewing Group, Golant Heritage Group, St Sampson Parish Council, The Golant Pill, Quay Users Association, Fisherman’s Arms Share Club, Table Tennis Group, Carn to Cove & CFylm Club, Walking Group, Carnival & Madness in the Pill, GRADS (Golant’s Really Amateur Dramatic Society) and the Village Hall.

The Village Hall displayed the local newspaper report of the Opening Event in 1903, details of the 1874 indenture (provided by Sue Reardon) who had also typed up the 1902 & 1903 indentures. The old receipts and minutes books had been bound magnificently by Ian & Sarah Laughton. Newspaper reports detailing Women’s Institute meetings were displayed, and their banner is in the Village Hall under Perspex for protection.

All this was accompanied by a slide show of past and present activities within Golant.

Finally, thank you to Shona Hoad, our priest-in-charge, who came along, meeting many more people. (*Below!*)

If you want any more information, I am more than happy to provide contact details.



Fayre Hardy, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

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Nature Notes

It seems quite hard to realise that we are only just under a month before the longest day. Wassailing seems like last month! We have had pretty cold temperatures throughout the spring and either days of rain, or more often days, even weeks, without much rain. Suddenly the temperature has risen and everything has exploded in a shower of growth - I can hardly keep up!



KW-W

However, although the sunshine is so wonderful for visitors and for getting those outside jobs done, we are pretty concerned about the effects of cold and dryness on the general landscape. Our apple & fruit trees burst into fabulous blossom, but very few appear to have been pollinated - we think that the temperatures were too cold for the bees; we are not particularly talking about honey bees - they are a tiny percentage of all the bees that we rely on for pollination and therefore food. We have three solitary bee 'hotels' (*left*) on our south facing wall under the roof overhang, and they were completely full - suddenly, the air was full of buzzing and flying as they emerged, and then frantic flying as they refilled the spaces ready for next year! I found a wonderful book in Heligan called '*The Wild Bee Handbook*' by Sarah Wyndham

Lewis, which also tells you that the bee hotels only cater for about 3 types of solitary bee, so we will read more and see if we can create more habitats.

Gillie & Mike got a very excited text from me as I found some double Ladies Smock (*right*) in our new Orchard. I had seen a few plants of the single variety, but only knew about the double from working with Mike in the past with St Sampson's 'living churchyard' and I knew it was found there. We are using the 'what3words' app to locate the positions of these discoveries, (this provides 3 unique words associated with a square metre) so hopefully we can search for them next year. It's wonderful for us to find these things (I get very excited!) as it is living proof that the light touch of mowing once a year (not sure David would say that its light work...) and then raking off is creating a different type of habitat that is allowing these plants to flourish - but how they got there is a bit of a mystery...



KW-W

Our Swallows have returned - a little later than last year, and then they disappeared for a few weeks before settling back on the nest. We wondered if they had gone south again as it was so cold, but they are back. I had to rescue two that had



KW-W

flown into the *Sanctuary* kitchen the other day - one was a very confused swallow sitting with my washing up brushes! We see them daily swooping over the pond to drink, along with the bats at night, and the Heron searching in vain for fish, so it is well visited!

One final joy this spring has not only been the fantastic Bluebells everywhere, but the incredible profusion of Hawthorn or May blossom (*left*). We were lucky enough to get to *Enys Gardens* near Penryn to see the acres of bluebells there - stunning! And just looking on the downs and across the river you can see the white haze of hawthorn blossoms - just another reminder of how privileged we are to live here...

Karen Wells-West

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Golant Gleanings

JUNE EAST

We are sad to report the recent death of June East. She will be laid to rest with her late husband, John, who died six years ago. Both were regular members of our congregation at St Sampson's, and June was a keen and loyal member of the flower arranging team in the church.

James Funnell will be taking June's funeral and service of thanksgiving at St Sampson's on Friday 2nd June at 10.30am. We hope to include a longer article as a tribute to her in our August issue.

BACKALONG CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN GOLANT

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At Golant, Mr. W.G. Mills, of Torfry, presided over a meeting to consider the Coronation Celebrations.

Messrs. W. Tuckett, C. Blowey, White, J. W. Burt, W. Broad, Fiddick, T. Mills, B. Rundle, Magor and R Phillips were elected the Committee.

Those, with Mr F. Parkyn, of Penquite, as chairman, would, Mr Mills thought, arrange a good programme, and make the day a happy and memorable one.

It was proposed that tea be given the children (about 100). Carried.

Mr Mills said if the weather would be unfavourable he would place his outbuildings at the committee's disposal for the tea.

It was resolved to give a cup or mug to each child as a memento of the event, and to canvass the parish for subscriptions. Mr Mills headed the list with £10.

A bonfire will be lit on Castledore Hill at 10pm.

St Austell String Band has been engaged by Mr Parkyn.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

GOLANT- Lady Poole, of Torquay (*sic*) *presented prizes at the Coronation fancy dress dance, and Mr G. Reynolds was MC.

A Celebration for the Coronation of King George VI (12th May)

Western Morning News- 2nd June 1937

* Note the error- should have been Torfrey, not Torquay! Ed.

GOLANT

Peals were rung on the bells and celebrations were opened with a service on the green conducted by Rev. W. G. Hayward, vicar.

Sports for children and adults followed, and Mrs. Hills, of Golant, presented beakers to the schoolchildren.

Tea was followed by a fancy dress parade, a bonfire, singing and dancing. Many of the older children were given souvenir tins of tea and biscuits.

A Celebration for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II (2nd June)

The Cornish Guardian- 11th June, 1953

Playground Funding

A huge thank you to all who are contributing to this worthwhile cause, whether in terms of donations or the organising of fundraising events. We will publicly thank and celebrate the contributions of those parishioners who are happy to be named when the Appeal is completed, as their enthusiasm and support is inspiring, and Golantians are doing what they do best and responding so enthusiastically and generously to this request to help renew our small, but important Playground. We now have a total of £5750. We have not set a target, as the more we raise the more equipment we can purchase, but to give an indication from the research, we have refurbishment proposals ranging from £15,000 for a self-installation solution to £55,000 plus for a more sophisticated installed solution! Other individuals have kindly offered to help apply for grant funding to support the Appeal. Upcoming events for your diary are:

- **Sunday 11 June:** Village fete organised by Fisherman's Arms. To get involved contact Nick.
- **Saturday 17 June,** 1.30pm to 4.30pm: Fun dog show on the village green organised by Jackie and Neil Smith (who have also set up a Just Giving Page for donations)
- **Saturday 1 July:** Car boot sale - *more information to come from Ali Murray.*
- **Monday 28 August,** 7pm: Auction of Promises, Fisherman's Arms. We are looking for lots to auction, such as boat trips, dinner parties, gardening, odd jobs, dog minding as well as homemade cakes, plants and arts & crafts.

To offer a lot contact debbiepughjones@aol.com

Thank you from SSPC

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting:

I am pleased to report that we had most of the village groups and societies at our recent Annual meeting in the village hall, to report on their year's activity. But for those who were not able to attend, the reports will shortly be lodged on the Parish Council web site: stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk

It was particularly pleasing to meet Shona Hoad, our new Priest in Charge for St Sampson's, who provided an annual report for the church. And I think we were all surprised to hear of the various successes by members of the Canoe Club, which I hope we hear more about in the future?

Election of Officers:

Immediately after the above meeting, we continued with the regular business of the Parish Council, which this month (as is traditional) commenced with the election of officers for 2023/4 as follows:

Chairman: David Jenkinson. Vice Chairman: Andrew van den Broek. All other councillors agreed to remain in post.

Kayak Store:

The plans for the kayak store continue, on a 'self help' basis, given the potential cost of engaging architects and builders etc. But we are still obliged to follow due process and seek 'change of use' for the building, and we are therefore waiting for that application to come through the appropriate channels. Fundamental to our future policy is that the operation of the kayak store will be a benefit to the village, but we must be careful that it is not a drain on PC resources. So, we are discussing how best to set the 'price point' to achieve a suitable equilibrium, but one that is consistent with Quay Users fees.

Water Lane and Potholes:

As I mention often, the quickest (and dare I say....only) way to get a pothole repaired, is by identifying one on the Cornwall Council website on the appropriate reporting page. That is **their** system and the only one that is likely to work. Having said that...there has been a delay (bad weather apparently has held up work) so they are behind in following up these reports...but I am reassured that the plan to re-surface Water Lane is pencilled in for September!

I will let you know when we have a more detailed plan, especially as they (Highways) need to coordinate their plans with CML who are the contractors engaged by Network Rail to carry out repairs to the foreshore. At some point...CML will set up a public meeting in the village hall to explain their plans in more detail.

Playground Appeal:

Just a brief word of thanks to all those who have stepped up to offer their help and support to assist in this appeal, to generate sufficient funds to upgrade our playground. My sincere and grateful thanks to you all.

David Jenkinson
Chairman St Sampson Parish Council

Two Cornish Jokes

- ◆ Strict father to son already tucking in to his dinner, "You haven't said Grace, son." "Iss, I have." "I didn't hear you." "I weren't talkin' to you."
- ◆ A new curate was asked to mention the name of Tammy Gay in the intercessions. Thinking this was the name of a sick parishioner, he prayed for her for several Sundays in succession. Then he was told he could stop, as the mare had done what was wanted, having won her race at Bodmin by a length and a half.

Taken from 'Best Cornish Jokes', published by Tor Mark Press, Truro



Our last event was a joint venture with *BTO Cornwall* and *Encounter Cornwall*, with wildlife in mind. Below is Claire Hoddinott's response on getting back to land.

What a beautiful morning for a kayak trip! We were treated to a tour of the upper Fowey Estuary with *Encounter Cornwall AKA Paddle Cornwall Sup* and spotted some cormorants, herons, egrets, shelduck and even a peregrine flying overhead, all set against a stunning backdrop of trees with their new bright green leaves.

We are so lucky to have this amazing place on our doorsteps. If you fancy exploring the Fowey Estuary for yourselves, we highly recommend Clair, Ben, and the team at *Paddle Cornwall*.

Thanks to everyone who came- a great trip with great company.

There is an unexpected treat at Golant Village Hall on June 2nd at 6.30pm, with Chris Jones giving a talk on the Cornwall Beaver Project and his beavers.

Our next planned event is a Walk, Talk and fundraiser by *Cornwall Wildlife Trust* at Helman Tor. Meet at Gunwen Chapel, Breney at 5.00pm on Monday 31st July to understand CWT's plan to create a wildlife corridor at their 700-acre nature reserve, where there are already plant communities supporting butterflies, dragonflies, birds, mammals and reptiles and they want to make it even better.

Peter Edwards & Claire Hoddinott

ANOTHER PHEASANT STORY!

Recently, this very striking bird was spotted going up the drive to Brenda and Roger Page's garden by neighbour Kay Edwards, who followed it and took this photo as it rested in the undergrowth. Its brilliant red & yellow colours identify it as an unusual cock



Golden Pheasant,

an ornamental variety not normally seen in the wild!

Gail Parsons posted the picture on Facebook locally, and the owners came forward from Lower Lampeto. They are trying to breed them, and this one was lost from the laying pen. Despite its owner coming to Golant that day, there was no sign of it, so, at the time of press, it is still at large!

Many readers may recall an even more exotic avian visitor, exactly three years ago - Raj, an Indian Peacock, which had escaped from its owner in Lostwithiel. He explored most of Golant, and was photographed by a number of residents! (*Two below*) We ran that story in issue 81.

Meanwhile, our very tame hen pheasant Phyllis the Fearless, which I featured in the last issue, has recently gone AWOL. Perhaps she succumbed to Percy's pestering and is now nesting somewhere?!

Gillie Harris



Cream Tea and Open Garden

AND a pets' tour to see piglets, alpacas, horse, goat etc

Wednesday 7th June from 2-4pm

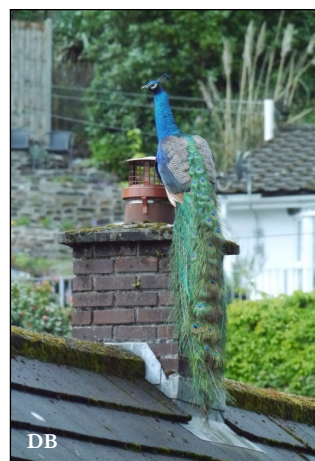
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Entry £5 to include Tea & Cake

Raffle, Cake Stall, Garden Plants, produce, bring & buy

(any donations for raffle, cakes, plants, produce are very welcome)

Funds towards St Sampson's Church & Lostwithiel Flower Group



Raj obviously thought David & Anne Bonsall's chimney pot was a good viewing platform – or a warm spot for a rest?!

Simon Funnell captured Raj in his display as a 'peacock proud'.



FUN DOG SHOW

Neil and I have, for our sins, decided to arrange a Fun Dog Show in support of the Golant Playground Appeal. The date for your diary is **Saturday 17th June** and registrations for the classes will open at 12:30pm on the day. Judging will start 1:30pm and hopefully we'll be finished around 4:30pm.

It should be a fun afternoon with rosettes and prizes to win from the 17 Classes, Competitions, Raffle & Tombola arranged. The classes and competitions we have for you to choose from are:-

Fun Classes

Best Rescue	Best Mover
Best Crossbreed	Best Condition
Best Pedigree	Scruffiest Hound
Best Puppy (<i>under six months</i>)	Best Dressed (hound & handler)
Best Oldie (<i>over 7 years</i>)	Waggiest Tail
Best Junior Handler (<i>handler <14 years</i>)	Best Trick
Prettiest Bitch	Best Pawshake
Most Handsome Dog	Salty Sea Dog (fancy dress - hound & handler)
Most Appealing Eyes	

If you'd like to secure your entries, we're taking online registrations beforehand to minimise cash handling and hopefully make the day run more smoothly.

If you'd like to pre-register, please email jackie.smith20@outlook.com.

Good luck and see you there!



Marriage of Alice Russell and Alex Woodward

120 guests enjoyed a magnificent wedding at *Bar Silo* on 22nd April, and the joy of the day was not in the least dampened by the occasional showers.

Alice fulfilled her dream of walking to the venue from the family home, with her bridal party, albeit wearing wellington boots. Their passage through the gardens of *Orchard View* even came with a guard of honour! (*below, left*)

A musician friend had composed a piece of music to mark the occasion entitled "Golant Wedding", and which he played beautifully on the cello as Alice's father walked her down the aisle.

Alice and Alex were delighted by the wonderful setting and are very grateful for the enormous amount of work put in by *Bar Silo* to make the event so memorable.

Valerie Russell



A Cornish Maid's Recipe Corner

Beetroot Tart with Feta and Thyme

Total preparation and cooking time- 2 hrs

This beetroot, feta and thyme tart looks amazing, and tastes delicious too. It requires a bit of time, but the recipe itself is really easy. It is vegetarian, and serves six, so it's perfect for summer entertaining. Replace pastry with gluten free pastry for a gluten free option.

400g Beetroot, scrubbed very clean
Olive Oil
One Red Onion, finely sliced
300g block Puff Pastry
One Egg, lightly beaten
3 tbs Balsamic Vinegar
150g Feta, crumbled
One sprig of leaves stripped Thyme, plus more to serve
Seasoning

Step 1

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/Fan 180°C/Gas Mark 6
2. Trim and quarter the beetroot (wear gloves if you don't want pink hands) and place into a roasting tin. Drizzle over some olive oil and roast for 30 minutes.
3. Add the onion and roast for a further 20 minutes.
4. Leave to cool for a little.
5. Pop a flat baking sheet in the oven to heat up.

Step 2

1. Roll the pastry out into a large rectangle and score a 1cm border around the edge.
2. Put on another baking sheet and brush the edge with egg.
3. Crosshatch the centre with a sharp knife, but don't cut all the way through.
4. Peel the skin off the beetroot wedges if you like, and cut each piece into 2 or 3.
5. Toss the beetroot in the balsamic vinegar and scatter it over the tart, along with the onion, feta & thyme leaves.
6. Season the top well.
7. Put the tart tray on top of the baking sheet that is already in the oven, and bake for 20-30 minutes or until the pastry is puffed and golden.
8. Push down the centre if it has ballooned up.
9. Scatter with more thyme leaves.

Gill Paull



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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

Friday 2 nd	10.30am	Coffee, tea, cakes, books, chat	Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	6.30pm	Our Future with Beavers - a talk with Chris Jones	Village Hall
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 4 th	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 7 th	2.00-4.00pm	Garden Tea Party <i>in aid of St Sampson's Church & Lostwithiel Flower Group</i>	Penquite Farm
Sunday 11 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 11 th	12.00pm - 4.00pm	Grand Fete <i>in aid of Golant Playground Appeal</i>	V Green/Fisherman's
Tuesday 13 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group Meeting	Village Hall
Saturday 17 th	1.30-4.30pm	Fun Dog Show <i>in aid of Golant Playground Appeal</i>	Village Green
Saturday 17 th	5.45pm	Safari Supper begins at-	Orchard View, Church Hill
Sunday 18 th	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Saturday 24 th /Sunday 25 th		Golant Open Gardens and Art Trail	
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 25 th	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 27 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 28 th	8.00pm	Tywardreath Morris Dancers	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 30 th	7.30pm	Cfylm Club <i>'Living'</i> (Booking required)	Village Hall

JULY

Saturday 1 st	1.00-3.00pm	Car Boot Sale - <i>in aid of Golant Playground appeal</i>	Van den Broek's field
Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 2 nd	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 4 th		Independence Burger Day - Lunch and Dinner <i>Special Burger Menu with £1.00 for every Burger sold going to the Golant Playground Appeal</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 7 th	10.30am	Coffee, tea, cakes, books, chat	Village Hall
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion: <i>Sea Sunday</i>	St Sampson's
Sunday 9 th	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 11 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group	Village Hall
Sunday 16 th	12.00pm - 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 16 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Friday 21 st	7.30pm	Cfylm Club (Booking required)	Village Hall
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 23 rd	12.00pm - 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 25 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 26th	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	thegolantpill@gmail.com
Saturday 29 th	2.00pm	Flower and Produce Show	Village Hall
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	St Sampson's Day: Benefice Service	St Sampson's
Sunday 30 th	12.00pm - 3.00pm	Alternative Sunday Lunch	Fisherman's Arms

AUGUST

Friday 4 th	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Celebration of 100th edition of <i>The Golant Pill</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 5 th	TBC	Madness in the Pill BBQ - possible <i>Shanty Band</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 12 th	2pm onwards	Golant Sports and Carnival Evening BBQ from 6pm - Band from 8:30pm	Village Green Fisherman's Arms

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.

To keep up with events, and when you are planning an event, you can check out the new **'What's On' Page** on the village website at golant.net If you want to have an event listed on the page, email debbiepughjones@aol.com