



Farewell to two Proud Cornishmen



Clarence, celebrating his 90th birthday at the Fowey Hotel.

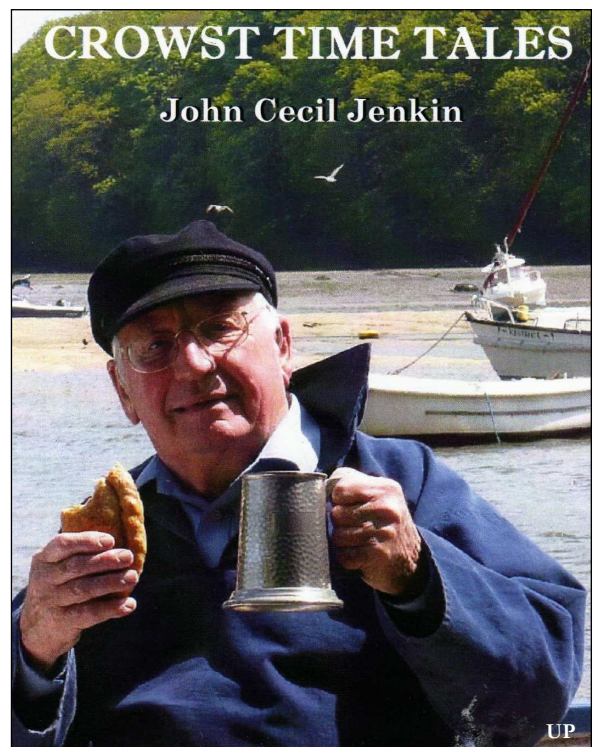
Clarence Paull, born at *Leyonne Farm* in Golant in 1928, had achieved the grand old age of 95 years, when he died on 4th October.

Whilst son Edward's full eulogy can be enjoyed within this issue, other personal family memories include some with a Cornish flavour.

There was a Gorsedd held on Castledore in 1954, when Clarence furnished bales of straw for people to sit on. When he came to collect the bales someone had cut all the binder twine...!

He had an abiding interest in the history of Castle Dore, (an Iron Age hill fort), King Mark's Castle, Tristan & Isolde and *Lawbibbet*. It was thought that *Lawbibbet Farmhouse*, his last home, was built from stone scavenged from Castle Dore.

It was his lifelong wish to have the Tristan stone brought back from Fowey to nearer Castle Dore.



This photo of John was taken at Golant by the River Fowey.

John Jenkin, born and bred in Newlyn in 1928, was also 95 years old when he died on 15th November.

He was very proudly Cornish, and the picture above is the cover for an audiotape of short stories, many featuring Cornish dialect.

John, a fluent speaker of Cornish, was received into Gorseth Kernow (Cornish Gorsedd) as an 11 year old disciple in 1939. He became the Bard Carrek an Jawl (Devil's Rock) in 1960, and was Gorsedd Secretary from 1992 to 2001.

John wrote many articles, booklets and books, including *A First History of Cornwall* for children, and *Newlyn, A View from Street-an-Nowan*, an amazing illustrated history of his birthplace – over 200 pages long. He also wrote *An Historical Guide to St Sampson's Church* and was the main author of *A Short Guide to the Village of Golant*, which has sold nearly 500 copies since its launch in 2008.

FROM THE EDITOR

Remembrance...

This November, not only did we observe, as always, the annual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at St Sampson's, but the word also holds a special poignancy for our village, with the deaths of two very special local Cornish contemporary nonagenarians, Clarence Paull & John Jenkin, both of whom had lived in Golant. We are proud to feature them on our front page and within the issue.

On page 10, you can read the eulogy written and read by Clarence's son Edward at the funeral service and also view a rather special bovine orchestrated photograph!

Soon after we moved here, Mike recalls hearing John talking in fluent Cornish on the phone! A fuller report of his life will be placed in the next issue of the Pill, as his funeral has not yet taken place.

This photograph was taken at *Rose Cottage* in 2008, at a celebration hosted by Vilma & Robert Dunley.

John Jenkin (*seated, left*) would have been 80 years old, as was Clarence (*standing*), and they are obviously enjoying their shared conversation with John East (*seated, centre*), of a similar age, who died in 2017.



Elsewhere in this issue, we report on two wonderful awards achieved in this great village, by the Heritage Group (*p.3*) and by Paddle Cornwall (*p.15*).

A link with Golant's heritage can be found on page 6, with an American flavoured story, but with strong Golant ancestral links. Such special friendships have been made...



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

Gillie Harris (Editor)

Chairman's Report

As the year draws to a close, and in many respects it has been a pretty depressing one, I am sure the readers of *The Pill* would like to join me in thanking Gillie and Mike for all their hard work. While the world is in turmoil in so many ways, *The Pill* provides some welcome relief in reporting the many varied, sometimes bizarre, sometimes very moving, and often hilarious activities that go on in Golant.

Thanks also to the paparazzi, the regular contributors, and to all of you who write for our very special village magazine. Keep up the good work.

The highlight of *The Pill* year must be that day in early August when we all gathered together in the Village Hall to celebrate the 100th edition. It was a quintessentially Golant occasion, involving much chat, excellent cake (thank you, Caroline), a most interesting talk from our editor, and, of course, a glass of Prosecco! The support from all of you was wonderful.

From all of us at *The Pill*, Happy Christmas, and every good wish for 2024.

Simon Funnell, Chairman

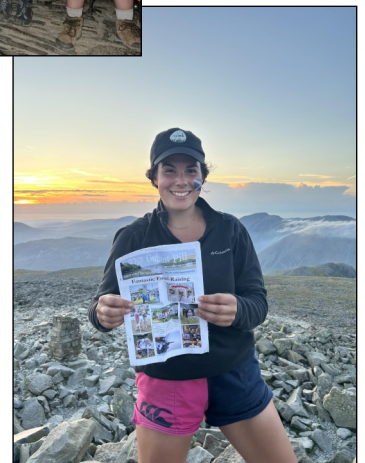
YOUNG FARMERS' ACHIEVEMENT...



Captured on *Snowdon*, a group from Cornwall YFC, who walked the Three Peaks in 24 hours!

Beth Whell, seen here *Taking the Pill* (to new heights!) on *Scafell Pike*, says how grateful they were to have such strong support from everyone in Golant.

They raised over £5,000!



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Golant Heritage Group

It was really gratifying to have so many of you come to our Quality Mark celebratory tea, and our certificate now hangs proudly in the hall. Tamsin Mallet (Collections and Development manager for *Kresen Kernow*) spent the afternoon with us and was very impressed with the support we have for the group from our community and our lovely village hall. I didn't like to tell her that where there is cake and tea/coffee you'll always find Golantians! In a recent CAN (Cornwall Archives Network) news update she wrote: *"In other news, I am delighted to let you all know that Golant Heritage Group submitted their application in line with the CAN Quality Standard and have just been awarded the CAN Quality Mark! Huge congratulations to Penny, Fayre and the rest of the team. They have done a fabulous job and are (only) the second CAN group to achieve the Quality Mark."* It is worth noting that this Quality Mark is the only one of its kind in the country, and the hope is that it will eventually be adopted nationally. It serves as a very valuable guideline for history/heritage groups and museums, as well as providing goals to aim for. Once again Cornwall leads the way!



Our focus on **Golant and the Land** is now beginning to get into gear. While Sue Reardon continues to further acquaint herself with the many complications of land ownership in this area over the centuries, our focus as a group will concentrate more on the past hundred years, farming practices, changes to how the land is distributed and used and their relationship with the village.

We have restarted our collection of audio recordings on the subject with Liz and Buz Barclay of *Wringford Farm* recounting the progress of their woodland project, initially developed through a Woodland Trust grant.

(This photo shows them in their kitchen with their wonderful old fireplace, whilst chatting about their project. And see page 6!)

Interestingly, the woodland on the hillside at The Sanctuary was planted through the same scheme and at the same time, which makes for an interesting ongoing comparison. Meanwhile, Sue Strachan's sewing group is enthusiastically planning and creating a beautiful new embroidered banner to reflect the farming theme. This will eventually hang in the village hall alongside the Golant and the River banner.

Please remember GHG is an open community group, and we are very happy for people to dip in and out as topics catch their interest. If you have an idea for a related creative project please do make contact. Equally, we do need to transcribe our audio recordings . . . if anyone fancies having a go?

Penny Parsons GHG Chairman

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NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH

It has been a busy two months at St Sampson's. For Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October there was a good congregation and a most generous supply of dried goods for St Petroc's – many thanks to all of you who contributed. A goodly number came to *Hymns on the Handbells* a week later, and the humming, aided by a glass or two of wine, was pleasingly enthusiastic. There was also an excellent representation from Golant for the Benefice Service at Tregaminion on the last Sunday in October.

Despite the poor weather, many came to the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, and also stayed for the Communion service which followed. A large choir gave a most moving performance of *Steal Away*, and we are most grateful that yet again the Rev Prebendary James Funnell was able to take our service. The following day saw the funeral of Clarence Paull, and a full church heard Taunium sing *Ave Maria* beautifully.

Suddenly Christmas is upon us. As our priest in charge, the Rev Shona Hoad, has written, your presence will be most welcome at the following events which mark a traditional Golant Christmas:

Sunday 17th December: 4.30pm: A Cornish Christmas

Christmas carols for the congregation and on the handbells, with readings from Cornwall's most famous poet, Charles Causley, and a surprise item- *Another Christmas Carol*. Wine will be served at the end.

Wednesday 20th December: 7.30pm: Carols on the handbells at *The Fisherman's Arms*, followed by the famous Christmas raffle!

Sunday 24th December: 6.30pm: A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The traditional Christmas readings, and carols for congregation and choir. A wonderful way to begin Christmas properly, with wine after the service.

Christmas Day: 9.30am: Family Communion – all welcome

Sunday 31st December: No Service at St Sampson – service at 11.00am at Tywardreath

Monday 1st January: 11.30am: Ring in the New Year

Meet at St Sampson's for a chat, a glass of wine and refreshments, and a chance to try the big bells or the handbells – this will be in aid of The Village Playground Appeal. Donations will be most welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you to some – or all – of the above events, and from everyone at St Sampson's, every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.

Simon Funnell

Vicar's Ponderings!

Presents or presence? Which do you most enjoy at Christmas?

It is quite probable that this can be an answer that changes over time and with age. When I was a young child I am sure I was most keen on the idea of presents and could barely sleep for excitement as I imagined what I might receive on Christmas Day; (actually, there was always a satsuma and a new face flannel with some soap on a rope as well as some surprises from Santa!). As I grew up, I began to appreciate more the presence of the company of others – particularly valuing the moments with the different generations as we came together. There have been times in my life when I have been part of a very small family gathering over Christmas, and others when we have been a large and diverse collection of family and friends, all muddling along with different ideas of what Christmas looks like.

I could tell you that we have firm traditions and ways of "doing Christmas" but the truth is, as I look back over my life, there are one or two core parts that have stayed the same from one year to the next, but in the main, each year is different. At its heart for me is the one constant that is knowing the presence of Jesus Christ with us as we celebrate his birth, and I thank God for giving us the present that has more value to me than anything else I will ever be given in life.

If it is presence that you enjoy, then why not join us in our churches over the coming weeks - we shall be offering many varied ways of gathering to celebrate the gift of Jesus, singing traditional Christmas carols as well as some newer songs the younger generation love. For those of you who are keen on presents, then Truro diocese has produced a Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue: trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/christmas-giving/. This allows you to give a gift to someone which lets them know how much they mean to you, but at the same time you are actually making a gift to a charity or community project in Cornwall.

Whatever plans you have for the Christmas season, may you know the blessing of God with you through moments of joy and times of peace. As we look to the coming year may we do so with hope as we understand just how much we are loved by God.

With every blessing for Christmas and the year ahead.

Shona

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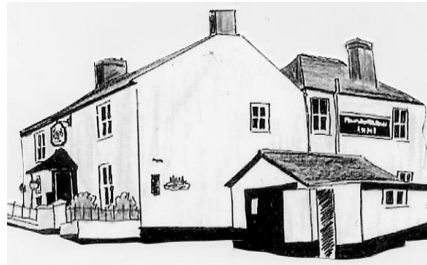
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Meet and Greet

One of the mainstays of Golant village life – Meet and Greet at the Village Hall – is back on Sunday 10th December. Write it in your diary, NOW! Meet and Greet is a totally *informal* gathering of villagers to welcome newcomers and family friends to the village (well, that's the excuse).

12 noon start, and if you are still there at 2.30pm you might be helping washing up. To the initiated- please spread the word and encourage newcomers who might not yet be on the Golant super broadband village network to attend and have some fun; to the uninitiated- we all bring a 'bottle or two' plus some nibbles/bakes/tapas/canapes/cakes/.....you name it.

Any questions or queries, such as "What is your favourite wine, Jeremy? Or "do you think a homemade quiche would be welcome?" to jeremylloyddevans@gmail.com. See you there!

Jeremy Lloyd-Evans

THE AMERICANS ARE BACK!

Several years ago, we had a strange phone call. A lady from the States insisted her great-great-grandfather had lived at *Wringford*. I thought it was weird. Other than Buz, not ever an American had lived in this farmhouse. And certainly not in 1836! Duh... Of course! Joseph Searle, a true Cornishman, married Jane Penrose. They lived at *Wringford*, until they made the brave decision to leave everything behind, probably hoping for a better life on the other side of the ocean. They might have left from Plymouth. How must it have felt, to watch the cliffs, with the green fields of their homeland gradually disappearing, knowing full and well, they would probably never see this land again.

Last month, cousins Kay Ach & Joan, with husband Larry, paid their fourth visit. Lucky them! *Wringford* was bathing in sunshine.

During lunch we exchanged some of our experiences of the past few years. Kay very bravely talked about the passing of her husband Tom, and how Covid had made the journey through his illness so much worse. I remember Tom as a gentle and quiet man, and was very sorry not to see him here with Kay. Joan talked about the difficult decision to sell their home. A most beautiful colonial style house Larry renovated himself, but has become too big.

Big changes for all. And not just for us, human beings. Since their last visit, the old beam above the Aga seemed to have changed slightly as well. It has become increasingly difficult to decipher the rough inscription FP 1655.

Possibly the very real proof that someone with the name Penrose once lived here, is slowly disappearing. One day, the past, still so very alive in this old place with its crooked floors and ceilings, will be gone forever. Still, the memory of the Penrose and Searle family having lived at *Wringford* will remain, kept vibrant by their American family.

This quiet autumn day asked for a walk. Nearly back home, I pointed at the two granite uprights behind the little pond. Kay looked at it for a long time. I think she imagined her great great grandfather standing there, slowly lowering a bucket, hauling it back up, and another one. Walking back to the yard. Maybe to give some farm animals a drink. Or bringing it inside for washing and cooking. It must have been a hard life, and possibly the reason he thought he and his family should try and find a new, better life. We shan't ever know how it worked out for Joseph & Jane personally.

But through the centuries their zest for life, to make the best of it no matter what, shines through in the two women I can now call my friends: Kay and Joan. And of course, Joan's husband Larry, a gentle giant with the most infectious laugh, put his own stamp on our fun time together.

P.S. When it was time to leave, the rental car had a flat tyre, and Larry ate all the left-over cookies!

Liz Barclay



LB

AMERICAN EXPECTATIONS MET!

In October we returned to Cornwall and Golant after a 6 year absence. Our first few trips to the area were primarily to find information and experience being in the English village identified in our genealogy search efforts. For this trip we expected to visit special friends made in those searches, including a “discovered” cousin living in St. Austell. We set out to challenge our bodies and minds to meet the moments of driving in Cornwall, post-Covid experiences, jet lag, finding familiar markers and discovery of new sites!

Our time spent with friends, Mike and Gillie Harris, in their charming cottage was a wonderful warm English experience of hospitality. We loved the beautiful views of their land and gardens, a conservatory to enjoy the sun and most especially a hospitable home filled with plants and books and lovely people. We enjoyed tea and delicious Cornish heavy cake (prepared by Mike!) adding to the lively conversation of sharing current and past activities/events of our families. We felt nourished by the visit!

A visit with cousin Diana Tregilgas, and husband Tony, took us to the elegant *Carylon Hotel* in St Austell for an English cream tea. We were joined by their two daughters (expanding the family tree of cousins). We delighted in learning more about their family over the past 6 years. It was a lovely time with a very active family. We were able to walk around the grounds of this elegant establishment, take pictures, and still catch up with each one in conversation.

The visit to *Wringford Farm* reaffirmed our rural heritage and that of our great-great-grandparents who lived there. Their decision to emigrate will never be known, but they most likely would recognize *Wringford* with buildings and land so well cared for (and improved). Yet we were able to find some reminders of the time of our ancestors in the house, buildings and land.

Liz and Buz Barclay, current owners of *Wringford Farm*, welcomed us with a delicious lunch. We enjoyed rich conversations of current activities, events and past, present, and future plans for the Farm.

After lunch we decided to “walk the land” - which is an activity that our Iowa farmers do from time to time. (Most “drive the land” on a 4 wheeler these days!) It was a connecting reminder of our heritage of farm practices. On this walk we were impressed with improvements that had been made, and marvelled at many of the things that were probably present for our great-great-grandparents. So much work and care for preservation of this farm was evident.

We enjoyed our time spent with these three couples who demonstrate love and commitment over time. We were able to experience and observe true partnership and common goals in a marriage. For this moment in time we had a glimpse of their current lives, interests, family activities and pride in their village and England.

Searching for our ancestors and revisiting Golant, St. Austell, Cornwall has been such extraordinary gift of discovery and new friends (and cousins). We are grateful for the warmth and hospitality shown to us. A rural ancestor's farm is especially reassuring to see and experience - with the land/buildings preserved and cared for over time – demanding perseverance, resilience, family and plain hard work!

Expectations MET. We feel quite “nourished”!

Kay Ach

Macmillan Support

Situated between the Sunrise and Mermaid centres at *Treliske Hospital* is *The Cove Macmillan Support Centre*. Their slogan is “We’re here for you,” which indeed, the staff are, regardless of whether you are a carer looking after someone who has Cancer or a patient who has just received a diagnosis which initially can be overwhelming.

However, the staff who greet one on reception are warm, welcoming and helpful, ready to answer any queries.

On the ground floor is an open plan area with shelves containing booklets which can be taken away for personal use. These cover a range of subjects, such as information on the various types of Cancer, dietary needs, and living with Cancer. One can relax in comfy chairs with coffee or tea. It is a welcoming space and has an area of calm about it.

There is also a small cafeteria with indoor and outdoor seating. It is well stocked with sandwiches, cakes and other snacks, plus there is a splendid machine which dispenses cappuccinos, lattes and other types of coffee for the price of £1.50! A variety of teas are also available. Takeaways can be purchased for partners or friends who are receiving specialist treatment elsewhere in the hospital. Access is available for Benefit advice, counselling, physiotherapy, ‘look good, feel better’ sessions to name but a few. Support sessions are also held for carers.

The Cove provides an oasis of peace, away from the bustle of the hospital. I think it gives people a chance to reflect quietly on consultations and treatments, and if needed, they can talk to a professional or volunteer who will try to inform and help them on their journey.

So maybe this may help to understand how some of the money raised at **The Macmillan Coffee Morning** goes some way to help people living with Cancer.

Thank you again, Golant, for all your support for this charity. The final total raised at our recent event was £629.40.

Jacky Fletcher

Christmas 2023 Annual **INBLOOM** Challenge

This will be the seventh year of my seasonal botanical challenge.

Two years ago, we recorded a bumper number of flowers blooming in Golant over Christmas – 77 different varieties, whilst last year’s disappointing collective count of 39 had been caused by a week of severe frosts just beforehand.

And now we’ve had another strange weather year, so once again, plants have been confused. As I write this, despite two frosts (not too hard) we have many spring flowers in bloom, including primroses, violets and a camelia which usually flowers in early January.

It would be good to have more villagers take part. The challenge is NOT a competition, as we aim to make it a collaborative result. If you have even ONE flower blooming out of season you think may add to the search, do please let me know.

Remember, we record wild as well as cultivated flowers, and a day or so either side of Christmas Day is fine.

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Paul Holden, FSA, is an architectural and cultural historian. He was House and Collections Manager at Lanhydrock for 20 years. Paul has lectured internationally and has been widely published.

Saturday 13 January 2024, Fowey Town Hall

Harvey's Forgotten Shipyard

A talk by Daisy Culmer

Exploring the lesser-known shipping history of Hayle, now part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage site, and the shipbuilding accomplishments of the Harvey Foundry. Daisy works as the Museum Curator for Harvey's Foundry Trust at Hayle Heritage Centre, responsible for managing a collection of around 8,000 objects and archival items.

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A review of this year shows that Boatwatch continues to thrive, with a strong and involved membership who supported our two flotilla patrols of the year very well. Through our Facebook notifications we have managed to re-unite a number of people with property that had gone astray, and also were able to intervene early to get a response to vessels that had either sunk or come adrift.

On the negative side, there were two marine thefts in Golant this year, both from boats in the Pill. This is an area where we do not currently have CCTV coverage, which might have helped in deterring the crimes, or in detecting the offenders. However, by the end of the year, the CCTV coverage will be extended to cover the Bridge and Road section of the Pill, which will also provide coverage of the exit from the Green.

We had an excellent turnout for the Boatwatch Annual General Meeting on 24th November in the Village Hall. This year we had two main speakers - Russ Hall BEM for the Police, and a representative from Border Force. Russ has normally provided only feedback on marine crime in the area but, this year he gave a presentation on how he came to be a Marine Special Constable, and the activities he carries out in that role. Many of us were somewhat envious of the boats that this role enables him to operate. The Border Force representative gave us an update on the work done since they spoke to us in early 2022, in intercepting smuggling operations involving capturing drugs with street value of hundreds of millions of pounds.

David Parry has once again generously donated an original painting, this time a showing sunrise at St Winnow Church.



We started sales of tickets at the AGM, and the raffle will be drawn at the Spring Get Together Barbecue on Saturday 30st March 2024. Do save the date for that event.

The raffle is only for Boatwatch members, so anyone yet to join should do so now, to be in with a chance of winning. When you join or renew your membership, you have the option of buying tickets for the raffle by adding

extra to the subscription. There will be another opportunity to buy tickets at the Spring Get Together.

As winter approaches, we need to make sure our boats are secure. For boats staying on a river mooring and those on the frapes, it is important to check that mooring lines are adequate. There have been a lot of issues this year with large branches and even full trees coming down the river and tangling with mooring lines. We need to stay alert for this, as trees can easily damage lines and move moorings.

The Christmas Fair in Golant is early this year and many boats in the Pill have already put lights in place ready for the Christmas Boatlights event. Let's hope the lights bring an extra sparkle to the early December evenings.

Membership renewal time is approaching, and membership fees remain unchanged this year. Richard Gabb will be sending round an early renewal reminder in early December. 2024 Tide Tables will go out to each of you as you renew or join. For non-members wishing to join, membership details are on the web at:

<http://golant.apps-1and1.net/village-life/golant-boat-watch>

Have an excellent Christmas and New Year.

David Bonsall, Chairman, Golant Boatwatch

Golant Quay Users Association

We have a changing of the guard over our finances, with Allan Foster taking over from Fayre Hardy.

We are very sorry to lose Fayre, but totally understand her decision to stand down, and thank her very much for all her hard work in looking after our finances and keeping us all in order over the last 3 years.

So, we warmly welcome Allan onto the committee and wish him, no doubt ably assisted by Claire; good luck in looking after the accounts.

Many of our members have now brought their boats in for the winter, and many will now be planning their Christmas boat light displays, as this has proved to be very popular with Members and the Village.

Seasons greetings from Quay Users Association.

Peter Edwards & Ian Barker

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

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Village Hall

I would like to thank all the trustees, representatives and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the functions organised and presented in the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee would also like to thank all those parishioners who have attended, contributing to the fund-raising events throughout this year. You have all been marvellously supportive.

Fayre Hardy

CFylm

The last film of the year is all about pink on Friday 29th December, when we will be showing *Barbie* (villagers' choice), which has the best last line of a film since *Gone with the Wind*. Doors open at 7.15pm, and the film commences at 7.30pm. Booking required.

Keep emailing films you would like to see and we will try and include in the programme. Films aren't always available through CFylm, or are £100 instead of the usual £25.

La Soupe Populaire

Join fellow Golantians and visitors for a Christmas-themed warming soup and mince pies on Wednesday 13th December at 12.15pm. Not only is the soup delicious, but it's a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and maybe meet someone new. Booking is essential. (cagabb23@gmail.com)

Carol Gabb

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Fowey River Lions

Lion President Tony Bartlett

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the loss of our President Lion Tony Bartlett who died on Sunday 12th November 2023. Tony was a Charter Member when the Club was founded in 1977. He had been President four times and had filled many of the other posts such as Treasurer and Secretary over the years. Tony was a dedicated Lion and certainly embraced the Lions motto "We Serve". Our thoughts are with his wife and family. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Secretary: Lion Lynn Gould

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Although Tony was not a villager, many of us here will have known him. He was our friendly electrician, and we will miss him.

Gillie & Mike Harris

Cornish dialect words for Fruits

Bullums	Damsons
Day Berry	Gooseberry
Hoggans	Haws
Mazzards	Cherries
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Slonas	Sloes

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Clarence Paull, RIP

Dad was born August 25th 1928 at *Leyonne Farm* as the youngest of seven. Four brothers and two sisters.

Traditional parenting in those days, and farms were no different, was the mother running the household and father very hands off, at a safe distance. He left school at 16 years old (?) and worked on the family farm when tractors and mechanisation post war was making big changes in agriculture. Although his older brothers worked with horses it seems father was given the 'boys' jobs, which may sound a little easier on him but they invariably were the jobs others didn't want to do. Raking dowses from under the threshing machine was a filthy job, dragging all the loose chaff and barley awns (iles) from under the working threshing machine with all the cogs, gears and wide drive belt whirring overhead, completely unguarded of course, threatening to snag any loose clothing. Carrying buckets of water from the well to the steam engine was always a welcome release. Father told me he was delighted when he was promoted to carrying the corn sacks up the steps into the barn for storage. Is it any wonder farm boys were strong; those sacks were 1.25 cwt West of England corn sack, 63 kg in today's weights.

Dad would go to dances with his brother Bert, two up on a motor bike, and petrol was still rationed so it wasn't unusual that they pushed the bike home the last few miles. As long as they reported for work in the morning nothing was said.

When dad met mum at a dance in Liskeard he clearly had ideas above his station, as mum was a year older than him. At some point before they were married they went to Paris for ten days. Making that trip so recent post war makes queuing at Heathrow fade into insignificance. Train from Par to London, onwards by train on a ferry to Paris then find their hotel in Paris. Mum was not impressed when they found she would have to take another room in another hotel. They survived the vagaries of post war travel and went on to see many other parts of the world together. To finance his travel itch at that time- no credit card or travellers cheques in those days- he had a pair of fattening pigs who filled that requirement. When he arrived home, his father, the dear, informed him that work was ten days behind.

As with most farmers of that era it was essential to keep a steady cash income all year round. So in the early years of dad's farming, with mum at his side, they grew potatoes, cauliflower and barley for the livestock which were dairy cows, beef fatteners, sheep, chickens for eggs, pigs and turkeys. Bank managers either had limited knowledge of farming or none at all in those early days. In one annual review with the manager for an ongoing overdraft of £200, the manager stated that they should reduce it, as it was excessive, and to achieve that they should sell some of their ten dairy cows.

Dad had a lasting thirst for knowledge- travel was part of that. In the war years he was able to trade cigarettes for a few language lessons from the German POWs. In later years he extended an interest in poetry and even in his last days could quote many verses he knew by heart.

He had a sense of humour that chuckled at the likes of Harry Secombe, Bernard Cribbens, Peter Sellers and Ken Dodd. I'll always remember him for laughing out loud to Neddy Seagoon....."You dirty rotten swine, you."

The Eulogy for Clarence, written and read by Edward Paull at the funeral service at St Sampson's Church on 13th November

THANKS

Edward, Suzanne & Gill would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support.

Our thanks to Rev. Shona Hoad, Vicar of St Sampson's Church, Golant for conducting the service; to St Sampson's Church Musical Director & Choir for playing the organ so beautifully & singing so magnificently.

Finally, to Martyn & all the staff at *Personal Choice Funeral Directors* at Par Green for their attention to detail & care - our sincere thanks.

With our thanks to all those who generously donated to Cats Protection or St Sampson's Church Fabric Fund, raising a total of £298.00.



Cattle Contemplation of the Funeral Cortege!



Beth Whell, young dairy farmer at *Leyonne*, describes the idea behind this photograph, taken on their farm, where Clarence had been born and raised.

"When Ruth Paull passed away, we were crossing the cows over the road when her cortege was going down to the Church, and we held up the traffic accidentally!

Gill and Edward thought it would be a nice idea for Clarence to have the same thing for him! Gill had asked me the night before."

Golant Gleanings

CONGRATULATIONS

Elijah James Russell-Cross, son of Felicity Russell and her husband Ian Cross, was born on 24th October. His grandparents, James and Valerie, are looking forward with great excitement to his first visit to *Torfrey House* and to showing him Golant. Eli and his parents live in Bristol with Rupert, their yellow Labrador.

Having spent five years teaching English as a foreign language in both Taiwan and Vietnam, Rosalind Russell successfully completed her PGCE in July, and is now working as a primary school teacher in Bristol.

BACKALONG- 76 YEARS AGO

It somehow seems appropriate to include these final paragraphs from John Jenkin's book *A School with a View, A Short History of St Sampson's School, Golant*, written by him in May 2002, especially as he was a Headmaster himself!

Mrs M Francis came as Headmistress on 28th September 1942 and saw the school through to its end in 1947. By that time numbers had fallen below a viable level, the water supply had been condemned as contaminated and it was no longer economic to keep the school open with so few pupils.

Mrs Francis wrote her last entry on 18th December 1947: "School closes today and I relinquish my appointment here to take up a fresh one at Fowey. Children are being temporarily transferred to Fowey until final closure is signed."

So ended 70 years of locally based education in Golant, provided first by the Church of England and latterly by local government. Like most small village schools it seems to have been a generally well-run and happy place. Certainly those present-day Golant residents who went there remember it and their teachers with affection.

The abandoned school stood neglected and falling into increasing disrepair for a number of years, but was eventually acquired and run by a local committee as a Village Hall. It was not an outstanding success as many people were reluctant to climb the very steep hill to take part in its activities and the maintenance costs were excessive. When the Reading Room, lower down in Water Lane, was made available to both men and women it was decided to sell the school building, make improvements to the Reading Room and concentrate village social life there.

Once again the old school became empty and remained so until it was extensively converted into a very comfortable house, the former classrooms providing large rooms. One wonders if the ghostly voices of children still echo around it and in what was once their playground.

Do you have some time to offer?

Childrens Clinic for Cornwall would really appreciate some of it!

We are a small charity in Lostwithiel that offers support to children and their families, enabling access to alternative therapies. The building opposite the Doctors' surgery in the carpark is run by the charity, and hosts the *Lostwithiel Complementary Health Clinic*, with therapists in Cranial Osteopathy, Psychotherapy, Homeopathy, Assist Dogs, and more. We have some inspiring stories of people who have received help not available on the NHS, and of the many children who we have been honoured to support.

Our stalwart receptionist/manager is retiring, and we really need help with managing the property, promoting and developing the services, admin and financial book keeping. It is a voluntary role which could be split into smaller parts depending on your interests and the time and skills you are offering. And the web page needs updating!

For more information and to express your interest please call Bridget Whell (Trustee) on 07854 735205. Please offer what you can; thank-you!

Cornish Carols in St Austell

The St Austell Choral Society will be holding its annual Advent Concert at Mount Charles Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Friday 15th December.

This is always a lovely occasion, with carols and seasonal readings – but this year, they are including a group of traditional Cornish carols and readings, just to make it extra-tempting. And their concerts always end with a delicious finger buffet!

Go to www.staustellchoralsociety.co.uk for further details.



Our winter talks have proved popular, with an event in October at the RFYC, when we jointly held a talk on acoustic monitoring of dolphin and porpoise chatter in the St Austell Bay, by *Research Development UK*. The equipment was developed by a clever organisation based in Mousehole and deployed on one of the yacht racing marks. Computer programmes analyse their chatter, be it for feeding or socialising and it was evident that both dolphins and porpoises are not only present in the area, but dolphin chatter had been recorded for up to 9 hours a day during some periods!

In November, we had a fascinating talk by Bridget of *Leyonne Farm* fame on their project with *Trewithen Dairies* to reduce the amount of carbon produced in dairy farming. It was interesting to hear about field rotation for grazing to make sure the cows do not reduce the height of grass too much, and a system is used to measure the grass in their fields so that they always know where the cows should graze next. Summer droughts are obviously of concern, and they discussed how they are able to adapt their operations.

They have reduced the amount of ploughing, as this releases carbon from the soil, and now directly drill seed into the soil, and by planting grasses and herbal leys with deeper roots, carbon sequestered from the atmosphere is stored at greater depths, keeping it 'locked up' in the soil. One of their next aspirations is to cover over the slurry pit and to convert the methane collected into a fuel to power the farm machinery.

Fayre Hardy has decided to step down at our AGM; we would like to thank her very much for all her hard work over the past 3 years, and we warmly welcome Jeremy Edwards as our new Treasurer.

The committee are busy organising next year's events, and these will include a talk on Seagrass by *CWT* in January and the re-scheduled nest-box building event in February. Our AGM on 19th March will be an opportunity to celebrate 25 years of FOFE and we have arranged a talk by Ian McCarthy on otters. This will be a fundraiser for the ongoing care of the young otter rescued in Fowey earlier this year, which is being rehabilitated at the *UK Wild Otter Trust* in Devon.

If you are not already a member you can join by visiting our website at www.friendsofthefowey.org.uk We also have an active Facebook page where you can follow the regular posting of activities for ours and other local groups.

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Golant Wassail - January 1st 2024



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Join our merry band of wassailers as we wend our way around the village. Enjoy a drop of mulled cider and apple treats on the way – *bring your own cup* . . . oh, and please bring something to shake, bang or blow!

Muster at the Church Lay-by 2pm. We will visit various orchards/gardens on route through the village, ending up in the two young orchards on the **Sanctuary** hillside before descending to **The Fisherman's Arms** where there will be pork and stuffing rolls (or veggie option) on the menu to soak up the booze! *N.B. the pub closes at 6pm that day.*

If you would like us to wassail your apple trees, please let me know!

pzparsons@yahoo.co.uk tel: 832727

Nature Notes

I am sitting here struggling for things to write about this month. Those who know me know that I am not usually lost for words! My time has mainly been filled with mulching my no dig beds, harvesting the last of the fruit, veg & flowers, and devising fiendishly protective covers for the beds.

I discovered that the majority of my carrot harvest, planted in mesh lined beds or smooth sided ceramic pots had been decimated by voles and mice! I had been harvesting them up until a few weeks ago when, suddenly, they were almost all eaten over night... On reflection, we think that because David mows the pasture areas in September, initially the owls & buzzards make the most of the short grass to feast, but eventually, the rodents are so numerous and run out of things to eat and head for the buffet provided by yours truly...

So I have had to dig out my raised beds, line with welded mesh, and refill before I can plant - it's taking a huge amount of time and effort, but the only way I think I will be able to rely on harvests! I have also made custom mesh clothes to go on the smaller beds - the wood bases just need a dry day to paint them.

Having had an abundance of haws this year, they have mainly been demolished by visiting fieldfares and (possibly) redwings. The holly berries are intact so far - although the temperature is due to start dropping now. The few crab apples I left for the birds don't seem to be good enough to attract them and so are just rotting - next year I won't bother!

The 'Woodies' have been doing incredible work helping David to process cut wood and ash die back. He has made yet another order for more fruit trees, which he plans to plant where the ash has been. We had a reasonable first crop of medlars - about 1kg, so plan to plant a few more this winter. I would like to concentrate on planting of some more unusual fruit varieties that are difficult to buy - Boysenberries/Japanese wineberries, and some more Chilean Guavas - I had never heard of these plants until we had some lovely Argentinian and Chilean volunteers staying a few years ago. I found some and planted them to remember them - more in hope than expectation! The first two years not much happened, but this year - a fabulous crop of small, pink, cranberry type berries, with the most wonderful scent and taste - a cross between a strawberry and a pineapple. On researching recipes, I discovered that they were Queen Victoria's favourite fruit - she had them transported from Cornwall to London...so I want to try and find out a bit more. So far, they are steeping in alcohol with quince to make a liqueur, I have frozen some, and we have eaten some fresh! Eventually, the plan is to either have fruit and/or cuttings for others to try, fingers crossed!



I also was lucky enough to attend a talk by Ian McCarthy about his research on the Otters in the Fowey. He was able to help rescue a lone cub in October and it is doing well at the UK Wild Otter Trust in Devon. He talked about his surveillance of certain sites with cameras and the different 'regulars' that use those sites. I have always wanted to see one, and despite spending the best of 10 years up and down the river on an almost daily basis, have never seen more than the hint of one disappearing underwater. We were told that they have been seen in daylight, mainly on neap tides, but have yet to witness it for ourselves!

As this edition will also cover Christmas, don't forget that there will be the usual Wassailing on New Year's Day. We hope to finish at the Sanctuary and the new orchard to bless another new tree! They have all been putting on fabulous growth this year, so it definitely seems to be working! We have also noticed an increase in wild flower varieties in that area - I am doing my best to record them via the *I naturalist* app.

If anyone is interested in seeing what we've been doing - let us know. We will either arrange a winter open day, or can possibly take you around - as long as you give us enough notice!

Karen Wells-West



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ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings:

As the eagle eyed amongst you will have spotted, we didn't have a meeting in October! We should have had one, but for a variety of reasons, (but mainly that the date coincided with half term holidays) many Councillors were away and we would not have been "quorate." So, the next meeting will have been held in November according to our normal schedule. For information (and for new readers) we don't have a scheduled meeting in December, unless we need to discuss a planning application, or unless an extraordinary meeting is called for a specific reason.

Water Lane:

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the benefit of the new road surface on Water Lane, which with a couple of exceptions went extremely well. The reversing of the priority at the top of Water Lane proved tricky for a couple of days, until the white lining team came back to correct the error. It was suggested by some wag, that the chap doing it had his bit of paper upside down?? However, as a matter of goodwill, the same team came back and did some white lining in the northern end of the car park for us, but unfortunately, the National Grid turned up and parked 'horizontally' over the first 5 bays! Which is why those bays look in need of some of the white stuff!

Church Hill:

So pleased with Water Lane being done, that some residents have asked when Church Hill might also be re-surfaced. I have put this request forward to "Highways" to be informed that they will put it 'in the hat' for scheduling discussions (along with other priority requests) in the new tax year. But no guarantees.

Castledore Crossroads:

For a while now, we have lobbied for increased safety measures at the crossroads at the top of the hill as we leave the village, but large schemes (like a roundabout) are way beyond the scope of our local Community Partnership funds. However, in the most recent correspondence, I am led to believe that Highways will consider improving the 'signage' to make it obvious that a tricky crossroads is ahead. This is being 'priced up' now and I will let you know as soon as this is confirmed.

Budgets/Tariffs/ and Precept:

By the time you read this, your Parish Council will have been engaged in the annual debate and discussion to determine the correct level of pricing and precept for the village. And given the general inflationary trends on all cost fronts, and the reduced income courtesy of having to register for VAT, and with additional admin' costs for the new ticket machine, it is inevitable that things will need to change. As ever, we will work hard to limit any precept increase to a minimum, but given the very low starting point, we may be obliged to move this to a level that is more sustainable for the future.

David Jenkinson

Chairman St Sampson Parish Council

Village Kayak Store

Having finally obtained planning permission for 'change of use' in October, volunteers have been busy making good progress in transforming the long redundant gents and ladies public toilets into a kayak /SUP storage facility.

We have now installed inside racking for 20 plus kayaks (maximum length 4 metres) and there is an existing 8 kayak rack outside to the rear. We plan to fill these spaces first before adding additional racking as needed. We can probably accommodate a maximum 40 kayaks (or SUPs).

We plan to leave the large metal doors in place with sturdy combination locks for easy access and security. Outside storage users will need to provide their own security. The plan is to match Quay Users annual permit charges (currently £35 per annum).

Outside improvements, decoration and landscaping is planned, but is waiting for the weather to improve (volunteers welcome). Thanks to date in particular to David Goss, Steve Phillis, Ian Barker and Andrew van den Broek for all their efforts.

All permit payments will go to the Parish Council, who own the building, and these should comfortably cover any on-going costs. They will oversee annual permits long term in a similar way to the management of car park permits. Conversion costs have all been covered by volunteers.

Any Parishioners wanting a space should contact David Johns at gogolant@gmail.com giving the following details

Name - Address - Phone - Email

Kayak / SUP - Make - Model - Length - Width - Height

The hope is that this facility will become a permanent community asset for village paddlers, saving many the onerous task of hauling their kayaks from home to foreshore.

David Johns

Creative Christmas Fun

The recent Wreath Making evening hosted by the Village Hall proved to be great fun. Twenty lovely ladies (and Neil) had a very enjoyable evening getting creative and partaking of some festive refreshments. Soon lots of lovely Christmas wreaths should be appearing around the village!

Jackie would like to thank Debs, Carol, Fayre, Martyn and Neil for all their help foraging, setting up, making mince pies and tidying up afterwards... We did make a bit of a mess!

Jackie Smith



What's in an award?

Besides the reams of paperwork we have to complete, and answering questions such as "explain in less than 500 words what you do"- yes, we offer guided tours, SUP lessons and Kayak hire on the stunning Fowey Estuary, and we can talk till the cows come home about the stunning scenery and the abundance of nature we encounter everyday.

But how do you put into words the faces and feelings of our customers? The novice paddler who is exhilarated after standing up on a Paddle Board for the first time! The smiles and laughter of the school children as they dive off the Mega SUP, and the peace and calm experienced by the solo paddler as they venture out in a Kayak for the first time?

So the answer to the question for team Encounter has to be the official acknowledgement that we bring pleasure to those that join us out on the water, and the sense of pride we get in showcasing the beauty of the village and the waterways on which we work.

Special thanks to the **Cornwall Tourism Award** judges for presenting us with the 2023/2024 **Silver Award** in the category of **Small Visitor Attraction of the Year** at the awards ceremony that took place on 23rd November in *Truro Cathedral*.

We are thrilled to have won our award and to have shared our category with such amazing and worthy businesses, but our heartfelt thank-you(s) go to the team of Instructors and water shepherds that venture out every day and make each session so special, and to our followers, community supporters and customers near and far, we offer our sincere thanks for all that you do in supporting and encouraging us.

Gold next year...



Clair, Ben, Julie & Phil, Paddle Cornwall SUP

The Sunday House Christmas Get-Together



Christmas is fast approaching and I suspect many of you will have calendars bursting with appointments for this that and the celebratory other.

So, I would like to add to that list and invite all Golantians to *The Sunday House* on Saturday, 16th December for our annual open house. Start time is 2pm-2.30pm and we aim to throw you out so that you can bumble down to *The Fishermans* for their Generation Game event which starts at 6.30pm.

For those of you who have not been before, we provide foodie bits and some starter drinks and you bring yourselves and some of your favourite tipples. All very informal - no speeches, no political rallying and no charity collection.

Only one other request (mainly for the gentlemen) no stilettos please - the wooden flooring just can't take it.

Hope to see you all there.

Martyn and Fayre Hardy



Village Wood Group

Now in its third year, the end of October marked the first gathering of our weekly Wood Group at the Sanctuary. We meet Mondays at 10am for a couple of hours to manage The Sanctuary's 7 acres of woodland, now 20 years old and in need of regular thinning and coppicing. Participants enjoy the exercise, banter and free logs - and the post session debrief over coffee and cakes.

The season started with us logging and distributing last winter's harvest of sycamore and ash. Over 600 ash trees were planted and all are slowly succumbing to 'Ash Dieback' disease. The only plus side is that it is fabulous wood for log fires, burning hot and slow.

With most of last winter's wood processed, we're now starting to fell this winter's harvest - again mostly diseased ash, but other native trees also need thinning - so oak, birch and hazel logs are also being produced. We're learning the burning qualities of different woods. While ash and sycamore logs are good all round logs, birch is great for starting fires but burns quickly, while oak and hazel burn well and slowly in hot established fires if seasoned for 2 years.

We're also learning the best ways to season logs using metre square gabions for our main stocks but also carefully stacked freestanding log piles. The secret is to maximise air circulation, ideally all around each store.

We're almost certainly not the first village wood group, and suspect that for centuries villagers coppiced hedge trees around the village for fuel. This would explain why many hedgerows comprise many coppiced ash, sycamore and hazel trees, with many overdue for a trim.

There is an old saying that wood keeps you warm 3 times. When you cut it; when you split and stack it; and when you burn it. Additional help is always welcome, so get in touch with David Johns at gogolant@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

David Johns



A tantalising glimpse of the *Fowey Harbour* 2024 Calendar and Tide Tables



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 2 tsp Mixed Spice
 250g/ 9oz Golden Castor Sugar
 3 Eggs, beaten
 1 Orange Zest, coarsely grated
 85g/ 3oz Raisins
 85g/ 3oz dried Cranberries
 50g/ 2oz Blanched Almonds, roughly chopped
 50g/ 2oz Shelled Pistachios, roughly chopped

Method

1. Heat oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/Gas Mark 4.
2. Line two baking sheets with baking paper.
3. Put the flour, baking powder, spice & sugar in a large bowl and mix well.
4. Stir in the beaten eggs & orange zest until the mixture starts forming clumps, then bring the dough together with your hands – it will seem dry at first but keep kneading until no floury lumps remain.
5. Add the fruit & nuts & work them in well until evenly distributed.
6. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and divide into four pieces. With lightly floured hands, roll each piece into a sausage about 30cm long.
7. Place two on each of your baking sheets – spaced well apart. Bake in a preheated oven for 25-30mins until the dough has risen, spread and feels firm. It should still look pale.
8. Remove from the oven, transfer to wire cooling trays for a few minutes until cool enough to handle. Turn down your oven to 140°C/fan 120°C/Gas Mark 1.
9. Using a serrated bread knife, cut into slices about 1cm thick on the diagonal, then lay the slices flat on the baking sheets. The biscuits can be cooled and frozen flat on the baking sheet at this point, then bagged & frozen for up to 2 months.
10. Bake for another 15mins (20 mins if from frozen). Turn biscotti over and bake for a further 15mins until dry and golden.



11. Tip on to wire cooling trays to cool completely, then store in an airtight tin for up to 1 month, or pack into boxes or cellophane bags straightaway if giving as gifts.

Gill Paull

*So festive...
 Love the carrot left for
 the reindeer! Ed.*

It's Revue Time

Well - we have spent the last six months trying to separate you from your hard-earned cash for a range of worthwhile causes. Now we would like you to give something that should be a whole lot easier to find. Your talent.

Yes, it is fast approaching the time when the fine people of Golant need entertaining, and it is right now that I need Acts with which to entertain.

GRADS Revue takes place on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th February 2024. It will follow the usual format of a string of lacklustre, barely average, 5-10 minute slots of people doing whatever it is that they think will go down a storm in front of their fellow villagers.

So, dust off your tap shoes, fetch out your juggling equipment, re-learn your favourite poem, rehearse your finest songs and help me put on a show to remember.

All ages are welcome, and any type of performance (well, almost any).

If you want to avoid ninety minutes of Martin Whell and I performing ancient Two Ronnies sketches, then please come forward.

Contact Martyn Hardy or Penny Parsons to secure your place.

Martyn (833380) Penny (832727)

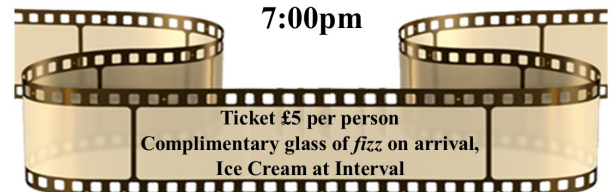
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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS



DECEMBER

Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 10 th	12.00pm – 2.30pm (ish)	Meet and Greet	Village Hall
Sunday 10 th	12.00pm/2.00pm/6pm-8pm	Christmas Roast	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 12 th		12 Days of Christmas begins (<i>see flier</i>)	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 12 th	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 13 th	12.15pm	La Soupe Populaire (<i>Booking essential</i>)	Village Hall
Wednesday 13 th	8.00pm	Tywardreath Morris Dancers	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 15 th	7.30pm	Wind in The Willows: Director's ½ Cut! (<i>Booking essential</i>)	Village Hall
Saturday 16 th	6.30pm	Christmas Generation Game (<i>Booking essential</i>)	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17 th	12pm-12.30pm/2pm-2.30pm/6pm-8pm	Christmas Roast	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17 th	4.30pm	A Cornish Christmas <i>Carols for congregation & handbells & festive readings</i>	St Sampson's
Sunday 17 th	8.00pm	Christmas Carols on the Terrace	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 19 th	8.00pm	Christmas Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 20 th	7.30pm	Raffle and Auction with Handbells	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 24 th	6.30pm	A Festival of Lessons and Carols <i>Traditional Christmas readings, and carols for congregation and choir</i>	St Sampson's
Sunday 24 th	8.30pm	Christmas Eve Sing-a-long	Fisherman's Arms
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Christmas Day	11.30am- 2.00pm	Drinks only	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 26 th	10.30am – 2.00pm	Boxing Day Brunch (<i>pub closes at 4pm</i>)	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 29 th	7.30pm	CFylm <i>Barbie</i> (<i>Booking required</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 31 st	11.00am	Benefice Service at Tywardreath <i>No service at St Sampson's</i>	St Andrew's Church
Sunday 31 st		Fancy Dress Party – <i>theme: Figures from History</i>	Fisherman's Arms

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Monday 1 st		New Year's Day Brunch	Fisherman's Arms
Monday 1 st	11.30am	Ring in the New Year	St Sampson's
Monday 1 st	2.00pm	Wassail <i>See page 11 for full details of venues</i>	Church Lay-by
Friday 5 th	10.30am	Coffee/tea, cakes, books, chat	Village Hall
Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 9 th	2.00pm	Golant Heritage Group meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 10 th	12.15pm	La Soupe Populaire (<i>Booking essential</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 21 st	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Sampson's
Tuesday 23 rd	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 24th	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	thegolantpill@gmail.com
Friday 26 th	7.30pm	CFylm (<i>Booking required</i>)	Village Hall
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's

FEBRUARY

Friday 2 nd	10.30am	Coffee/tea, cakes, books, chat	Village Hall
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Fri 16 th /Sat 17 th		GRADS Revue	Village Hall

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