

The Golant Pill:

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2023

In many ways there is no need to make a report on *The Pill*, as most villagers read this excellent publication every two months. It is, I am sure you will agree, a wonderful vehicle for reports on the many village activities, and the splendid photographs are a lively record of Golant life.

This evening does, however, give me the opportunity to thank Gillie Harris in particular who, as Editor, undertakes 95% of the work in order to produce *The Pill*. It is also an appropriate moment to thank Mike Harris, who was the founding editor, and in more recent years has been secretary of the newsletter. Mike now wishes to lay down his biro, and he can look back on the remarkable success of *The Pill*.

It is a team effort, though, and Tony Strachan has rescued the finances from near bankruptcy to relative prosperity – so much so that we have just given £1,000 to the Playground Appeal. Our finances are greatly helped by the loyalty of our advertisers, and by Palace Printers in Lostwithiel, who produce work of the highest quality and bills of extraordinary modesty.

Robin Anderson and Penny Parsons ensure that we have a flourishing presence on social media, Debbie Pugh-Jones nurtures the website, and has just taken over as Secretary, and Sharon Holloway is now in charge of advertising. Jacky Fletcher ensures that you all receive your copies, Sheila helps me with the proof reading, and I am here as a splendidly inactive chairman who calls as few meetings as is humanly possible. To all The Pill Committee, my grateful thanks for all their hard work over the past year – a year during which, thank goodness, life has returned to near normality – as the pages of *The Pill* have faithfully chronicled.

But I do have one useful function this evening, and that is to give notice that the June / July issue will be the 100th, and so on Friday 4th August, at 4.30pm, we are inviting everyone to this Village Hall for cake, tea, and something stronger. Gillie will give a brief talk on the history of *The Pill*, and on some of the memorable events that have been covered over the years, and I might even say a few words, as well. Despite that, I hope as many of you as possible will come and help us celebrate.

Simon Funnell

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