Golant Heritage Group

Report for Parish Council AGM 2013

At our own AGM in March I began by wishing Golant Heritage Group a Happy 10th Birthday! (Almost to the day of our first AGM!) I think we can say that GHG has achieved quite a lot over those ten years! I would like to thank everyone involved for their contributions to our development and ongoing good work. Ian continues to keep the website and archive active, with much input from Fayre, and Fayre and I have rekindled the Cornwall Archive Network Quality Standard application with QS3 now ready for scrutiny in preparation for our complete submission, hopefully by the summer.

Last summer the interpretation board was installed on the village green alongside the Uturn Round post. Thank you to Peter Edwards for the lovely wooden lecturn he created. I'd also like to record our thanks to the Parish Council for their generous contribution which helped to make it happen. Our little unveiling ceremony last year seemed to work successfully as a prelude to the children's carnival sports and was well attended by both sponsors and other interested parties. It is gratifying to see people, both locals and visitors, consulting the board and enthusiastically turning the handle to listen to the recordings on the Uturn Round.

Sue Reardon's House History project continues to go from strength to strength, with a second very successful display of her detailed research of the south side of Golant. We look forward to the opportunity to be able to help turn Sue's hard work into a valuable reference document. What form and how is still under consideration. Sue is now turning her attention to the farms in the parish, and hopefully this will help to restart our focus on Golant and the Land. At a recent meeting we decided to keep this as an open ended project for the time being, and until we have amassed enough material for an exhibition. However we do need to keep this an active project, not least to allow Sue Strachan to be able to put her embroidery banner ideas for her sewing group into action!

Our 2023 Then and Now Calendar sold extremely well, and all credit to Claire Lower for her dedication and tenacity in bringing it all about. Her accuracy in capturing the exact same viewpoint for this moment in time, provides a true comparison of then and now. We have noted a few 'printer' issues to carry forward for improvement should we plan another such calendar in the future.

Which brings me to one final point. We do need to be mindful that today is tomorrow's history. Using old photos in our archive to trace changes to our village has proven invaluable and we know that there was a significant amount of change during the mid 20th century. We are currently seeing another wave of change to buildings and spaces, and we really should be collecting before and after records now as a resource for the next generation of Golant Heritage enthusiasts!