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WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNVEILED

During the interval at the Pillaton World War 1 Memorial event held on Saturday October 17th, Richard Warwick unveiled a memorial panel in the entrance hall of the Village Hall. The panel (pictured right) is made up of nine individual mosaic panels all linked to the theme of poppies.



The small panels were designed and made by members of the Pillaton Arts & Crafts Group under Richard's tuition and the frame was built and fitted by Roger Warne. The location was seen as fitting for such a memorial because a number of the men from Pillaton who fought or died during the Great War

would have attended the hall when it was the local school (see page 6 for more details regarding Pillaton's memorial evening).

The panels were made by Alison Downing, Josephine King, Richard Warwick, Linda Mavin, Eleanor Russell-Hsieh, Maire Warwick, Jean Warne, Don King and Pam Lowther. The photo shows Roger Warne fixing the panel, watched by Richard.





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What is it about this time of year? No sooner have the poppy petals fallen at the Festival of Remembrance then there is an unseemly rush to start promoting Christmas. Out come all the Christmas television adverts that seem to get longer and longer and I thought time was supposed to pass quicker as you got older. The adverts have also become more obscure and it becomes increasingly difficult to guess what is actually being advertised until the final few seconds, by which time you've gone to make a cup of tea. In recent years we've had penguins, rehashes of recent pop tunes right through to Sainsbury's moving reconstruction of the 1914 Christmas Truce. The adverts are becoming major works of cinematography so much so that and I've already seen learned discussion about the essential message behind John Lewis's man on the moon.

Well all I can say none of this will be happening in the Village News. If someone has paid for a half page advert, that's all they are going to get – just about room to get a phone number down, an e-mail address and details of the service you are offering. The Village News adverts may not all aspire to be miracles of art, but on the plus side they normally bring in around £500 a year in support of the Village Hall.

As this is the last edition before Christmas season's greetings to all readers.

The next copy date is 4 January 2015 - full details page 23.

Robin Dwane, Editor



PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

<u>ATTENDANCE</u> Cllrs Dolley, Heap, Martin, Harris, Warne, D Floyd, S Floyd and County Councillor D Pugh.

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were 4 members of the public present. There was a statement from the floor that the proposed caravan storage site at High Kernock offered poor access for caravans arriving for storage. However it was pointed out from the floor that the existing site for caravans had posed no problems.

MINUTES

The minutes of 15 July and 24 August 2015 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Neighbourhood plan. In the absence of support it was decided not to form a group to formulate a plan.
- b) Damage caused by Contractors of solar farm. County Councillor D Pugh assured the Council that Cornwall Council held a bond and that the road sign would be repaired by the year end.
- c) Road repairs at Pillaton Mill. County Councillor D Pugh informed the Council that the work to repair the road at Tiddlers Well was scheduled by Cormac for November 2015.
- d) Damage to Clapper bridge. It was pointed out to County Councillor D Pugh that although the bridge had been repaired there were no bollards in place to restrict wide traffic. Also the Council asked for warning signs advising of the width restriction.
- e) Cycle route Callington to Saltash. Councillor Harris had not yet attended the meeting regarding creating the route which was now being held in September.

PLANNING PERMISSION

- a) The Council approved the planning application for caravan storage at High Kernock by a majority, subject to Cornwall Highways having no objection.
- b) The Council decided to approach Cornwall Council for a grant to purchase a lap top and projector to show details of planning applications received electronically.

FINANCE

The Council approved payments of £159.99 for garden maintenance at the field and £15 for a remembrance day wreath.

The Bank position of current account £435 and deposit £1,642 was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council agreed to provide a letter of support for the planned purchase of the freehold of the playing field.

The Chair reported that he was discussing the possibility of Pillaton being able to use a local Hoppa bus service.

Concern was expressed by the Council regarding traffic congestion at a hotel planned at Carkeel.

Chairman D Dolley

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2015

ATTENDANCE Cllrs Dolley, Heap, Martin, Harris, Warne, D Floyd & S Floyd.

APOLOGIES County Councillor D Pugh.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> There were no members of the public present.

 $\underline{MINUTES}\;$ The minutes of 16 September 2015 meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Damage caused by Contractors of solar farm. The Council were assured that the road sign had been made and awaited installation.
- b) Road repairs at Pillaton Mill The Chairman reported that he had met with Cornwall Highways engineer and been warned that all road repairs faced long delays.
- c) Cycle route Callington to Saltash. The Council decided not to support the proposed cycle route because of safety implications.

PLANNING PERMISSION

It was noted that Cornwall Council had given a grant of £700 to purchase a lap top and projector to show the planning applications received electronically. Cllr Martin produced details of possible purchases and volunteered to have a trial run at the November meeting so that the Council could decide upon the most suitable equipment.

FINANCE

The Bank position of current account £1,070 and deposit £2,224 was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported that he was concerned about a broken services box at Mary Moon Close and the Clerk was asked to report the matter to Cornwall Housing.

Concern was expressed regarding the poor state of the finger posts at Amy Tree and it was agreed that Cornwall Highways permission would be sought with the possibility of repainting the signs.

Cllr Harris has noted that Mushton Lane appeared to have been downgraded to a bridlepath and clarification was to be sought from Cornwall Highways.

Chairman D Dolley

PILLATON AND THE GREAT WAR

The Pillaton and the Great War event at the Village Hall on the 17 October was the end product of a process that began with a tentative email sent from me on 24 January 2014 to a small group of people. I was suggesting a village commemoration

in words and music, based on the young men whose names are on the Village War Memorial. From that initial suggestion we formed a small team who came up with a plethora of ideas, carried out detailed research and spent ages doing multiple rewrites, based on hours of internet scouring. Then followed days of assembling video footage, months of interweaving this with scripts, singers and



pianist relentlessly practising, read-throughs in people's homes, in the church and finally full rehearsals in the Village Hall.

The success of the night depended on more than 30 people and involved a number of talented individuals, plus many of our Village groups, including members of the church and church choir, tower and hand bell ringers, the WI, members of the Pillaton Arts group, members of the Village Hall Committee and the Editor of the Village News. Between them, they fulfilled the roles of video operator, sound and lights operator, caterers, readers, singers, accompanist, general support and whatever I have forgotten to list! Apologies for any I have omitted.

It was a combined Village effort, a fitting way to remember our young men who died so that communities such as ours can exist in harmony today.

The audience must also be thanked here. The evening was a sell out, and the packed hall (81 seated in total) did get a bit steamy by the Interval, but you were responsive and appreciative, which lifted the performers and contributed to the atmosphere. It was a privilege to welcome as guests for the evening some of the descendants of the men who died. Somehow their presence with us added to the poignancy of the event. During the interval, those who managed to squeeze into the crowded lobby watched Richard Warwick, on behalf of the Pillaton Arts group, unveil a commemorative plaque made up of 9 mosaic tiles, each made by a member of the group and mounted in a frame put together by Roger Warne. It will remain in the foyer of the Village Hall for us all to enjoy and to ensure we remember those who died in the war.

Don King has compiled a commemorative booklet "Pillaton at War 1914 to 1918",

based on the extensive research carried out for the event and focusing not only on the young men who died but remembering too those who returned after the end of the war. It is available to purchase at £6 a copy from Don, with proceeds going to the Pillaton Memorial Playground Fund.

Finally, the evening raised just over £600 profit, which will be shared between "Help



for Heroes" and Pillaton Village Hall. A DVD of the show will soon be available to buy so please look out for the adverts. Thank you for supporting us.

Here are all the people who took part that evening:

Readers: Ken Beal, Alison Downing, Giles Greenhough, Graham Heap, James Heap, Ann Henderson, Peter Johnson, Don King, Josephine King, Chris Ley, Tony Rowe. Singers: Alison Downing, Liz Llewellyn Jones (soloist), Don King (soloist), Karon Martin, Dawn Opie, Shelagh Skinnard (soloist), Tanya Taylor.

Tower bell ringers: Richard and Maire Warwick, Sheila Bridle, Kevin Edwards. Hand bell ringers: Chris Barwell, Sandra Beal, Evelyn Brewer, Sheila Bridle, Greta Jope, Noreen Symons, Sheila Vincent, Maire Warwick and Janet Willcocks. Production Team: Alison Downing, Ann Henderson, Don King, Josephine King, Chris Ley, Susan White.

Musical Advisor & Accompanist: Kathryn Bunkum. Clavinola kindly loaned by the church.

Design and Technical Advisor: Robin Dwane. Sound and Lighting: Brian Henderson Grateful thanks to all those who helped with research.

Ann Henderson



ANNUAL CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26th September 2015 at Pillaton Village Hall

A very 'Big' thank you to all who helped or supported us in whatever capacity, to make the recent "Annual Charity Coffee Morning", a huge success. Without everyone's support, the event would not or could not happen on the same scale.

The team of helpers, in the kitchen, worked tirelessly to supply wonderful freshly ground and brewed coffee and tea to the very many folk who generously supported the event. We were blessed with wonderful weather which allowed many supporters to enjoy the glorious sunshine, chat with neighbour's and friends, as well as eat the scrumptious cakes and coffee.

The 2 charities who have benefitted from the event, namely Macmillan Cancer Support and Sue Ryder Care, have shared the amazing amount raised of £1,080.....Our best ever total, breaking £1,000!!

Next year's date will be the last Saturday in September on 24th September 2016. My very grateful thanks.

Helen Edwards

SALTASH HOPPER BUS

Saltash Hopper bus are interested in providing a two day service form Pillaton to Saltash on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If you are interested in the service please let me know by e-mail at davejohndolley@gmail.com or by telephone on 350159. I will be speaking again to the management at Saltash in the next 2-3 weeks.

Dave Dolley



The 40th Annual Ploughing Match organised by the Launceston & Callington Ploughing Association took place at Howton Farm on 4th October. It is believed that this is the first time for 10 years or more that the event has been held in these parts. John Moss, from Howton Farm, is the current President of the Association. As well as the many tractors, there were two horse teams in action. (Photo courtesy John Wheeley).



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PILLATON WI - A CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS

The Women's Institute came into being 100 years ago. In order to celebrate this centenary, Pillaton WI held a tea party on Sat Sept 19th. It was a beautiful, sunny and warm end of summer afternoon.

Our guests for this event were Pillaton ex members and current members from Blunts, St Mellion and Botus Fleming WIs. All in all there were about 50 of us. We were so pleased to welcome Alice Warne who was accompanied by her daughter in law Jean, as Alice has been associated with our WI for longer than anyone else.

The invitation suggested that anyone who wished might like to dress in a costume from any era during this past century. Well of course WI ladies rose to this challenge. So we had amongst others, long dresses, a very jazzy 60s outfit, several skirts with bouffant petticoats, a land girl and of course lots of hats. There was also another type of "rose" as the National WI had commissioned the development of a rose aptly called "Inspiration" – a creamy salmon colour I believe, Ann Henderson kindly donated one to us so were able to start our celebrations by planting this in the Village Hall garden. The honour of planting being carried out by Carole Hoskin. We then all sang Jerusalem. Did you hear us? I hope you did as it sounded wonderful. Hopefully the rose will flower next year so we will be able to see just what it looks like.

We then moved into the hall to enjoy a typical WI tea – sandwiches, sausage rolls, sausages and cake, cakes and more cakes! The centre piece of all of this was the figure 100 made of cup cakes each decorated with a chocolate square with one of the WI values inscribed on it. These and the chocolate decorations were made by Linda Mavin and looked lovely. (Great British Bake Off eat your heart out in relation to the skills of some of our members!). The "100" was then surrounded by another 100 cup cakes all in white and pink cases. These were made by other WI members and the overall effect was stunning.

Of course the level of noise in the hall was high with all the chat going on! Can you believe that? The hall looked very festive as it was decorated with the "village bunting". Each table had a coloured table cloth and each had a 1970s milk bottle as a flower vase. These bottles were the ones that had brightly coloured adverts on them. Anyone remember these? On the stage there was an exhibition of old photos and memorabilia from each WI.

Overall it was a lovely sunny day with a very pleasant and friendly tea party. None of us will be around in 2115 for the 200th celebration so hopefully the photos from today may be carried forward as memorabilia for any events then but I bet they won't have as much fun and laughter as we did!

Pam Lowther

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WORLD WAR I DIARY - November to December 1915

The Gallipoli campaign that had started in April ground to a halt by November 1915. On November 11th, Kitchener ordered that Allied troops should be evacuated from Gallipoli. This was against the express wishes of Churchill who promptly resigned from the government and elected to go to the Western Front to become a battalion commander. It was a month before the evacuation actually took place during which time many thousands of men suffered from exposure as a result of heavy rain followed by blizzards and sub-zero temperatures. Starting on December 8th, 83,000 men were taken off the Gallipoli peninsula. Captain C. Attlee (later to be Prime Minister in the post World War 2 Labour government) was commanding the rear-guard defending the beach at Suvla Bay during this massive evacuation.

Meanwhile, General Townshend, commanding the British and Indian army in Mesopotamia, was preparing to attack the Turkish stronghold at Ctesiphon on the way to Baghdad. The assault was launched on November 21st, but met a determined defence by the Turks who mounted an effective counter attack. The British were forced into a dangerous and exhausting retreat to Kut where from December 5th they were besieged for 147 days before they surrendered.

On the Eastern Front, the Russians managed to stem the German advance and the line was stabilised. In the trenches of the Western Front, the rainfall in November was so intense that the trenches were often knee deep or more in water. That, reinforced by the increasingly cold weather, led to a sharp increase in "Trench Foot" amongst the troops. At this time some battalions lost more men suffering from Trench Foot than from gunfire.

On December 19th, Sir Douglas Haig replaced Sir John French as C in C of the British army in France, the same day that the Germans used Phosgene gas against British forces in the Ypres salient. Although Phosgene was 10 times more toxic than Chlorine gas, the British army was now better equipped and trained to deal with gas attacks and the panic the Germans were expecting to follow its use did not happen. At the end of the year, General Joffre persuaded the British High Command to mount a joint and simultaneous Anglo-French offensive in the summer of 1916 over a 40 mile front North and South of the river Somme. This decision was to have a major impact on Pillaton and some of its men at the front.

The attrition rate of the British army in 1914 and 1915 and a growing reluctance by young men to volunteer for military service led to the introduction of a scheme devised by Lord Derby to require all eligible men between 18 and 41 not in a "starred" essential occupation to declare publicly whether they intended to enlist. By December 1915 a third of single men and half of all married men had refused to enlist and conscription was to become inevitable in 1916. A number of Pillaton men did decide to enlist in December 1915 including Sydney Dolley,

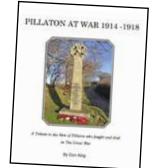
Eddie Barrett and possibly Charles Ambrose Pearce. On November 7th, William Hocking (son of Richard Hocking, rector of St. Odulph's) gave up his career in the merchant marine to join the Royal Naval Air Service as a Flight Sub-Lieutenant. He gained his Aviator's Certificate on December 18th. On December 28th, Eustace Elliott of Smeaton farm, back from service with the DCLI in India, was gazetted second lieutenant in the 9th East Yorkshire regiment. Also in December, Sub-Lieutenant Gerald Collins RN was allocated to destroyer flotilla duties after service in cruisers and dreadnoughts. For many of these men, these developments had fatal significance in 1916.

Don King

PILLATON AT WAR 1914-1918

A Tribute to the Men of Pillaton who fought and died in the Great War

This is a 45 page booklet compiled by Don King about the men killed during WWI who are commemorated on the Pillaton War Memorial and in St. Odulph's church together with some information on others from the local area who served and survived.



Copies will be on sale (price £6) at the Memorial Event being held at the Village Hall on Saturday

17 October, but you can also order a copy by emailing Don at donald.king@btinternet.com or call 01579 350890. All net proceeds will be donated to the Pillaton Memorial Playground Fund.

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On Sunday 25 October, I completed my first ever marathon in aid of St Luke's Hospice. I was thrilled to run the challenging Sanlam Bristol + Bath Marathon in a time of 3 hours and 15 minutes and was even more delighted to be the fourth lady finisher. I would like to thank everyone for their support and for their very generous donations. I would also like to thank everyone that attended Shelagh Skinnard's charity lunch in October and of course, my mum for hosting such a wonderful event. The proceeds of which were shared between Pillaton Church and St Luke's Hospice. A delicious lunch was provided courtesy of Shirley Floyd's and her legendary catering skills. People also kindly donated tasty cakes and stylish clothes for the stalls and Jim Bennet oversaw the running of the greatly enjoyable day, so thank you to Jim too! I had started a new assignment within the Environment Agency three days before, so apologies that I was unable to spend more time with everyone that came.

The varied and scenic marathon route saw over 6,500 entrants run from the city of Bristol, 26.2 miles to the elegant Roman Spa city of Bath. The route took in the beautiful South Gloucestershire countryside and ended victoriously in Victoria Park in Bath. I was very touched by the vast amount of support from locals of all ages, from children handing out jelly babies through to elderly spectators seated in the autumn sun. The latest total stands at £1,340 and St Luke's Hospice is thrilled. I am also visiting the Hospice in November for a tour and to witness their invaluable work first-hand. For my sins, I have since also pre-registered for the 2016 event, so I am sure I will see many of you whilst I am training on Pillaton's country lanes (the hill from Clapper Bridge up to Amy Tree excluded!).

If anyone else would like to make a donation, please visitwww.justgiving.com/Bethany-Skinnard1/or please see Shelagh Skinnard. www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk A big thank you to everyone.

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PILLATON PET SERVICE

Our annual pet service took place on Sunday Oct 14th. We had a change of venue this year. Instead of using the Village Hall grounds we moved to the graveyard in the grounds of the Church. This move appeared to be successful and it was lovely to be among the trees that are just beginning to turn into beautiful autumn colours.

The variety and number if pets this year was amazing. We had ponies, cats, guinea pigs, dogs an even a pet lamb called Puff who came complete with a pink neckerchief whilst walking on a lead. Apparently she doesn't realise she is a lamb! (Sorry if I have forgotten a type of pet) What is always so amazing is that with this variety of animals, some of whom traditionally chase others, there was no animosity at all. They all were so friendly to each other. (Can people learn from this?)

The service was lovely too and included a number of children. We had readings beautifully done by Dylan, Immie, Yasmin, Alice, Rosie, Sophie and Tom. What a crew! Their input had been masterminded by Annette and Susie.

Roger Desborough led the service and gave each pet a personal blessing. Darren as usual accompanied the hymn singing. Quite a feat to play his keyboard standing on rather uneven ground.

So overall another successful Church event, rounded off by a cup of tea and cake.

Pam Lowther

Have you cleaned your bird feeders and bird tables lately? Dirty feeding stations cause a disease in finches

FOR THE BIRDS

and other small birds that prevents them from swallowing and the effects are heart-rending to witness. OK – it's a drag but if you care about birds then Please –take the time to clean up your act.

Another problem involves birds flying into windows, thinking the reflections imply more garden and space. So often they break their necks and die though occasionally the damage is not so bad and they recover. Silhouettes of birds of prey on the outside of the windows don't work. Mostly the windows in question are near the feeding station. A tricky one to solve, but I have found that hanging a sheet of transparent plastic on the outside of the windows with a "fringe" cut at the bottom edge is less shiny than glass and flapping in the wind, deters attempts at suicide.

This year has seen more goldfinches than ever and, according to the British Trust for Ornithology, the increase is all over the country. We have seen up to nine of these exquisite little birds at a time on the bird table. Incidentally, those without red faces are youngsters. Rather delightfully a group or flock of goldfinches is known as a "charm." They were even taken to South East Australia at one time (by folk unaware that Australia has masses of colourful native finches).

Enjoy your bird watching but watch out for bird watchers in fur coats!

"Chirpy"

The autumn colours have been especially flagrant this year, gorgeous, catching the sun with their almost

FRUIT CASE

waxy leaves, and producing their own Red Carpet to display. I absorb the changing blast of colour from the Persian Ironwood (Parrotia Persica)as the first explosion of daylight is revealed as curtains are drawn. I did not recognise the tree until I saw a line of them at Eden pruned and tidy and helpfully labelled, so unlike mine. My tree is not large but spreading, branches like fingers spread towards my bungalow, without touching, but framing and enhancing the entry to the garden. It is glorious at this time of year when colour is everything, foliage choice so important when blooms are scarce, it also has the dubious advantage of being a super shape my small grandsons to climb.

The seasons are expected to perform as proscribed but with climate changes they really merge and move, without the actual definition that we expect. I find that the hot period of summer is earlier so that by August the weather is wet, spoiling the holidays for families who crowd to the beaches for sun and sandcastles. Winters are unreliable and usually wet, rather that chill and frosty, killing the bugs and slugs, instead of encouraging them to do their worst.

I am still struggling with my apple glut and the necessity of buying a new fridge freezer, did not help my mass storage problem. The apple carpet to be gathered from beneath the trees will be appreciated by Gary's pigs, as built-in apple sauce, though according to Dorothy L Sayers pigs fed on peaches give the best flavour! I do not eat pig, as they are more intelligent than dogs; it seems wrong to me.

I will persevere but the job has been made more fun since I bought an apple peeler

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Call: 07762 131377 or 01579 389644 from Lakeland. It makes peeling apples a wizz, and an absolute necessity when faced with the daunting task of prepping four buckets of apples for chutney and freezing. I am slowly getting the garden ready for winter, I have carefully positioned the repaired hedgehog 'travelodge' on a paving slab beneath the big camellia. I have been forced to replace a shed that was quietly rotting. After scaring myself silly by reading an article on Super Rats, I thought it wise to check my oldest shed, which must be about 20 and has a leaking roof. Most of the contents had been boxed, so it was relatively easy to sort. Sod's law would reveal behind the boxes, a rotten wall carefully held together by the layers of Sadolin paint so it was down with the rotten and wait for the new. I am not encouraging any vermin to live rent free in my sheds, though I have seen no sign within my garden, Mabel sees to that, but she has shown more interest in the street

drains than usual and all the ungathered cobnuts have been broken and eaten, the squirrels would have stored them. I shall be wary when the birds need feeding. All my tools and equipment from the said shed are in various locations which makes doing any job a rather headless chicken experience in trying to find... anything, and secateurs, long arm pruners may end up in my bedroom, much to Mabel's disgust.

Enough, I have a headless chicken experience ahead of me and plenty of soggy gardening to do. Does the abundance of cob nuts and holly berries signify a cold winter? I hope so, less slugs and I can use up my box of winter salt.

I leave you with a smile from grandson, Herbie 3, chatting with his mum about his favourite soft toy, "Herbie, Dogdog smells. I think we should give him a wash?" "No he doesn't. He smells wonderful." "Yes he does. Smell him. What does he smell of? Poo? Wee? Sick?" "No. He smells of Love!"

Jan Simms

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

JOHN & SUE ARCHER, ANN & GEOFF BARNICOAT, PETER & JENNY FRANCIS, LEN & SUE WHITE WILL NOT BE SENDING VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS YEAR. INSTEAD THEY WILL BE MAKING A DONATION TO THEIR CHOSEN CHARITY.

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DATE	DAY	SERVICE/E	<u>VENT</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
15 Nov	Sunday	1000	Family Service	St Dominic
		1000	Family Service	St Mellion
17 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
18 Nov	Wednesday	1200	Pasty Lunch, The Rectory Room	Cargreen
22 Nov	Sunday	1000	Eucharist	Landulph
		1000	Eucharist	Pillaton
24 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
29 Nov	Advent Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	St Dominic
		1000	Eucharist	St Mellion
01 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
06 Dec	Sunday	1000	Eucharist	St Dominic
		1000	Toy Service	Pillaton
08 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	Landulph
09 Dec	Wednesday	1830	Nine Lessons/Carols/Wine	Pillaton
13 Dec	Sunday	1000	Eucharist	Landulph
		1000	Eucharist	Pillaton
		1800	Carol Service	St Mellion International
15 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
16 Dec	Wednesday	1200	Christmas Pasty Lunch, The Rectory Room	
17 Dec	Thursday	0900	School Service	St Dominic
		1400	School Service	St Mellion
20 Dec	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	St Dominic
		1000	Eucharist	St Mellion
		1500	Nine Lessons/Carols	Landulph
		1600	Carols around the tree/mince pies/wine	St Mellion
22 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
24 Dec	Thursday	1700	Christingle	St Dominic
		2330	Midnight Mass	St Dominic
		2330	Midnight Mass	Pillaton
25 Dec	Friday	1000	Christmas Benefice Family Service	St Mellion
		1000	Eucharist	Landulph
27 Dec	Sunday	1000	Eucharist	St Mellion
30 Dec	Wednesday	1830	Nine Lessons/Carols	St Dominic

NEW CHURCH WEB SITE - TAMAR 7 PARISHES

A new web site has been set up for our local churches, including Pillaton. It is still early days but will no doubt develop to become a prime source of local church information. Use the link below to go to the The Tamar 7 site: http://sites.google.com/site/thetamar7

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

For all enquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and any other Parish business contact your Churchwarden or a Reader - full details on notice boards.

Messages: Betty Reynolds (Secretary) 01579 351069 E-mail: bettyreynolds232@btinternet.com

The Benefice Office in St Mellion Church Hall is open Fridays from 1.30 to 3.00 pm, before attending please check with Betty. Other days/times by prior arrangement.

	Pillaton Village Diary			
Sat 14 Nov	Pasty & Pud Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall			
	WW1 Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Rock Wood			
Wed 18 Nov	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall			
Sat 5 Dec	St Mellion School Fair, St Mellion School			
Mon 14 Dec	Pillaton WI, Christmas Party, Pillaton Village Hall			
Wed 16 Dec	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall			
Mon 11 Jan	Pillaton WI, Cookery Demonstration, Pillaton Village Hall			
Wed 20 Jan	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall			
Mon 8 Feb	Pillaton WI, 'Birds in your Garden,' Bob Stockhouse, Pillaton Village Hall			
Wed 17 Feb	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall			
Mon 14 Mar	Pillaton WI, Annual meeting & Resolution Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall			
Wed 16 Mar	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall			
Mon 11 Apr	Pillaton WI, Caribbean Cookery, Alison Gribble, Pillaton Village Hall			

RECYCLING DATES

Along with the normal rubbish collections on Tuesdays, recycling and garden waste will be collected as follows:

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Tue 17 Nov	Recycling			
Tue 24 Nov	Garden Waste			
Tue 1 Dec	Recycling			
Tue 8 Dec	Garden Waste			
Tue 15 Dec	Recycling			
Tue 22 Dec	Garden Waste			
Tue 29 Dec	Recycling			
Tue 5 Jan	Garden Waste			
Tue 12 Jan	Recycling			
Tue 19 Jan	Garden Waste			
Tue 26 Jan	Recycling			

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Christmas Afternoon Teas will be available throughout December & January. Enjoy a selection of delicious festive treats including Orange & Cranberry Scones and Meringues with Sweet Chestnut Puree. £18.50 per person.

Christmas Lunches are also be served throughout December & January.
From £22.95 per person, to include Coffee and Chef's Mini-Mince Pies.

Carols in the Courtyard. Join us on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm for our annual Carols in the Courtyard. No booking is required and this is a free event!

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