

Pillaton Village News

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CHERRY FEAST 2023



Busy in the tea tent.



Torpoint Sea Cadet Band.

On Sunday 2 July after a gap of four years the annual Cherry Feast made a welcome return. Fortunately, the weather behaved itself, with just a few drops of rain, and the event, held in the new venue of Bush Farm was well attended. The proceeds from the Cherry Feast all go towards the upkeep of the churches in Pillaton and St Mellion and this year's results matched that of the last event in 2019. Full report on pages 8 and 9.



The Wine Wheel raised £180.



The ever popular Pretty Things stall.



Any volunteers for a wet sponge.



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An e-mail has annoyed me recently. It kept popping up in my in-box and was one of those irritating requests for me to review a recent online purchase. Sometimes these reviews can be for the most basic consumer of items. What is there to say about a tin of white paint, which doesn't sound vacuous – “the paint comes in a metallic container, it flowed smoothly from the brush to give exactly the colour I was looking for – white!” I am sure most readers will have endured similar for light bulbs, fuses, etc; requests for reviews that just clutter up your e-mail and text message accounts.

Now in recent months, we've heard all about the dangers to mankind from artificial intelligence (AI) with dire warnings about how it might lead job losses, discrimination, and possible insurrection. One development of AI is ChatGPT, a chatbot that refines and steers text towards a desired length, format, style, level of detail, and language. Obviously, the use of something like ChatGPT could have profound consequences with regard to news reporting and exam coursework, in terms of spreading disinformation and cheating. However, it might just help with all those annoying product reviews, I wonder what my review for a kettle would look like written in the style of Shakespeare.

“A wondrous small caldron, silver in colour, maketh by my Lords Russell and Hobbs, (*other nobles available; Lord Swan, Duke of Kenwood, Count Breville.....*).

Boil thou first i' the charmed pot, double, double toil and trouble, see how the caldron bubbles, merrily it doth make the water steam and hiss, nothing seems to be amiss.”

That should put an end to any more requests for reviews.

The next copy date is 4 September - full details on page 23.

Robin Dwane, Editor

Disclaimer: Chat GPT was not used in the writing of this editorial, but Macbeth will be turning in his grave.

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Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Winners

Date	Amount	Number	Winner
2 Jan 2023	£125	72	Ivan/Sarah Bunkum
6 Feb 2023	£75	31	Geoff Barnicoat
6 Mar 2023	£125	116	Michelle Pitman
3 Apr 2023	£125	82	Wendy Lee
1 May 2023	£125	61	Jan Simms
5 Jun 2023	£125	28	Alma Scott-Palmer
3 Jul 2023	£125	72	Ivan/Sarah Bunkum

NEXT DRAW 7 AUGUST 2023

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 JUNE 2023

ATTENDANCE Cllrs, Dolley, Ley, Johnson, Bunkum, Warne, Moore and Floyd.

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 2 May 2023 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

a) Commemoration Tree

The Council agreed that the site for a tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III to be on the verge at the top of the village near the seat adjacent to Dolcoath.

The Council also agreed to take the advantage of a free site inspection and recommendations for the type of tree from the Forest for Cornwall Project Officer.

b) Councillor Johnson informed the Council that, with the installation of the new equipment, the aims of the Playing Field Support Group (PFSG) were now complete. The sum of £200 remaining with the PFSG would be retained for future maintenance but that no further equipment was needed. The Council agreed that the PFSG would continue as a dormant body.

PLANNING APPLICATION

None.

FINANCE

The Council approved the payment of £373.31 to Zurich Insurance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Warne reported that the local Parish Councils meeting (CAP) had been informed that Highways were planning to introduce traffic safety measures for the A388.

Thanks were noted to Mark Rossiter for clearing the items tipped in the river at Clapper Bridge.

The Clerk was asked to inform Cornwall Highways that the grass had not been cut at Briars Ryn.

Chairman Mr. Dolley

GARDENING CLUB SUMMER SHOW

The Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show is planned to take place on Saturday 9 September in the Village Hall. Entry forms will be available from Carole Hoskin; watch out for more details on the village Facebook page.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 JULY 2023

ATTENDANCE

Cllrs, Dolley, Ley, Johnson, Bunkum, Warne, Moore and Floyd.

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were 3 members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 6 June 2023 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

a) Commemoration Tree

Following a site inspection by the Forest for Cornwall Project Officer and Cornwall Highways, the Council agreed to the planting of a Rowan tree near the seat adjacent to Dolcoath.

The Council also agreed to sign a Cornwall Highways licence form and to payment for a bag of mulch for the rowan tree.

b) Telephone Box Painting

Cllr Dolley volunteered to contact the painter to pursue completion of the exterior and to quote for some decoration of the interior.

PLANNING APPLICATION

None.

OVERGROWN VERGE NEXT TO DOLCOATH

In view of the potential hazard caused by poor traffic visibility, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cornwall Highways to request cutting of the verge.

INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERA

Having received concerns from parishioners regarding the speed of vehicles through the village, Councillor Johnson proposed investigating the feasibility and costs of installing a speed camera near the Church and playing field. The proposal was agreed on the casting vote of the Chair.

FINANCE

In the absence of the Clerk, finance was deferred to the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Floyd reported that the vegetation at Tiddler's Well was overgrown and a potential traffic hazard. The Chair agreed to discuss the situation with the owner of the land.

Chairman Mr. Dolley

Parish of St Mellion-with-Pillaton

HARVEST 2023

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Harvest Praise Communion Service

St Odulph's Church at 10.00 am

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Monday 18th September

HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION

in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Donations of puddings & sweets for the supper and contributions of good quality bric-a-brac for the auction, together with cakes, vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants, jams and pickles would be gratefully received.

Please take to the Village Hall before 7.00 pm.

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WEARY FRIAR COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us once again for some more tea, coffee, cake, and chat.
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Friday 21st July Monday 28th August Wednesday 27th September

Friday 20th October Monday 20th November

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CHERRY FEAST 2023

Well, the weather was certainly kind for the return of the Cherry Feast – the first fair to be held since 2019 and it was a pleasantly warm day with only the smallest amount of rain for just a few minutes. The new venue of Bush Farm proved very popular – a good level site with parking close at hand. A most enthusiastic collection of volunteers had arrived on a rather damp and windy Friday night to set up the marquees and sort out tables and chairs etc but given the even stronger wind the following day they were forced to finish preparations on Sunday morning leading to a very busy day indeed. When lots of people started to pour in at one o'clock a number of us were taken a bit unawares. Nonetheless those who did find their way to Bush so promptly found plenty to do. Whilst the registration for the highly successful Dog Show was the initial port of call for some, the Bouncy Castle was the first target for many youngsters and queues quickly began to form, with many a small person being gently encouraged to wait a little and come back later. They were amply rewarded for their wait with plenty of activities close by where they could dig deep into the Treasure Chest or Hook a Duck, knock coconuts from the shy or put their favourite parents or friends in the stocks and throw wet sponges at them before moving on to the Toy Tombola. Face painting was provided by a team of volunteers who created the most amazing images. It didn't take long for Emazdad to start producing his wonderful balloon sculptures and captivate the youngsters with his engaging show. The plant stall proved another favourite with Christine, Liz and Bruce giving



The Cherry Feast Dog Show.

wonderful advice on which plants would fare best in our inconsistent Cornish gardens. Next there was the "Don King Tool Stall" selling tools very kindly donated by Don's relatives for the joint benefit of the Fabric Fund and PAAC. The wine wheel once again did an amazing trade with donors eagerly trying to win back the bottles, they had given away a few weeks previously.

Emazdad keeping the children entertained.



Traditional favourites such as Pretty Things, the cake stall and second handbooks all did a roaring trade.

We were really pleased to welcome back the BBQ boys who did a wonderful job of supplying us all with hot food, this year for the first time in the company of a beer tent for thirsty adults. The tea tent was never quiet, serving endless hot drinks, scones, cakes and of course slices of cherry pie and cream. This year cherries were sold from the tea tent and the adjacent ice cream/sweet stall and were so popular they had sold out within a couple of hours.

Melodi Liskerret Male Voice Choir and Folk Group provided entertainment for us all and the Torpoint Sea Cadets Marching Band impressed everyone with their ability to read music, play instruments and march over a somewhat uneven field all at the same time.

There are so many people who should be thanked – those that set the stage, the



people running stalls and refreshments and the team that stayed behind to clear up – too many to be named, but a special mention should go to Stuart and Suzy Renfree for generously allowing us to use their field and to Stevie Gordon who once again worked his magic to get the site into a workable state.

The end result, which is still provisional, is that we raised around £4,400 to help preserve and maintain our two churches.

Sue McClaghry and Kirsteen Mims

All images courtesy of John Wheeley

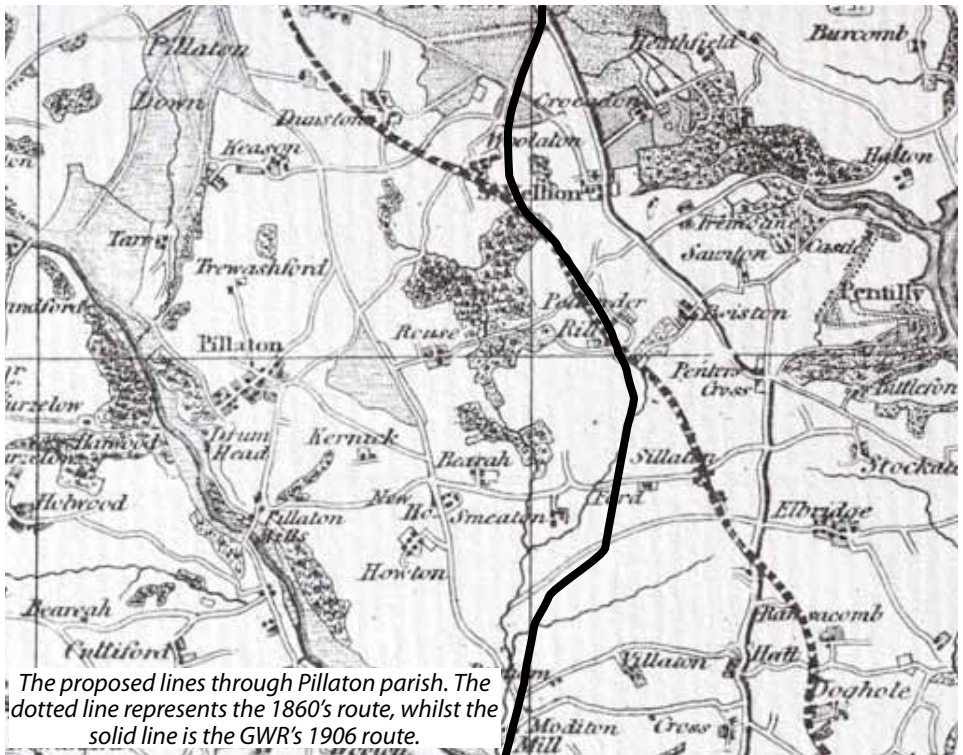
CHERRY FEAST PROVISIONAL RESULTS	
Income	
Donations & sponsorship	£400
Entrance gates	£608
Dog Show	£82
Plants stall	£323
Cake stall	£342
Tea tent	£529
Wine wheel	£180
BBQ	£281
Book stall	£104
Ice creams/soft drinks	£137
Pretty Things	£242
Don King's Tools	£51
Beer Tent	£29
Children's games	£151
Toy Tombola	£95
Bouncy Castle	£100
Face Painting etc	£35
Sub Total	£3,689
Less Costs	
Emazdad	£250
Torpoint Sea Cadets	£100
Melodi /Liskerret Male Voice Choir	£50
New equipment	£541
	-£941
Cherry Feast Sub-Total	£2,748
Raffle	
Sale of raffle tickets	£2,118
Prizes and Costs	£465
	-£465
Cherry Feast Provisional Net Profit	£1,653
Cherry Feast Provisional Net Profit	£4,401

PRIZE DRAW RESULTS	
1st Prize £250	Jim Bennet
2nd Prize £100	Terry, Plymouth
3rd Prize £50	Beth Bailey
Vouchers	Rachel Evans
	Liz Llewellyn Jones
	Polly
Cornish Maid	Tony Jope
Gifts	Cathy
	Jill Allen, Plymouth
	Heleth

THE RAILWAY THAT NEVER WAS

Older readers of the Village News may remember that until 1966 Callington used to have its own railway station, although it was actually situated at Kelly Bray. Callington was the terminus of an extension from the current Tamar Valley line between Gunnislake and Plymouth that ran round the north side of Kit Hill and operated for nearly 60 years. However, in the past, but there were also schemes for a railway line to be built through Pillaton parish. Sadly, rather like some of today's HS2 extensions, the schemes involving Pillaton never came to fruition, even though they received parliamentary approval and considerable financial backing. The first such scheme dates to the 1860s. For centuries, the area around Kit Hill and Gunnislake had been important for the mining of copper tin and arsenic. By the 1850s production was reaching its peak and there was a need to find more efficient means of transporting the mining ore. In January 1864 the Tamar, Kit Hill and Callington Railway Company Ltd (TKH&CR) stated its intention to set up a route for the transit of goods, merchandise, and mineral produce from Plymouth via the Tamar to wharves at Calstock and then by railway to Callington. The line would be 7 miles long with the main outgoing traffic being minerals, ore, bricks, cattle, and corn and incoming, with coal, timber, lime, and fertilizer.

Meanwhile in June 1865 the mainline railway running through Saltash, then known as the Cornwall Railway, was authorised by an Act of Parliament to build a line that would connect with the TKH&CR at Callington. This proposed new line was the Saltash & Callington Railway and would depart from the mainline between Saltash and Coombe Viaduct and then head towards Carkeel, St Mellion and Callington. However, a financial crash in 1866 due to the failure of the Overend, Gurney and Company Bank quickly put paid to this venture, although the TKH&CR Kit Hill section did still proceed. After some abortive starts and name changes, this line was finally opened in May 1872 as the East Cornwall Mineral Railway (ECMR). The next episode in a possible Saltash/Callington railway link came 30 years later. In October 1895, a crowded meeting took place in Golding's Hotel, Callington, chaired by Mr Digby Collins, the owner of the Newton Ferrers estate and most of the property in Pillaton village. Under his leadership it was decided a new proposal should be put before Parliament for a new line, to be known as the Callington Light Railway. The proposed 10½ mile line would leave the Great Western mainline near the goods yard at Saltash station, pass under the St. Stephens road and then cross the road at Burraton by means of a level crossing, where there would also be a halt. The next stop would be near the hamlet of Notter and from there the line would run past Botus Fleming, before heading north with a halt at St. Mellion, and in a divergence from the 1860's route, one closer to St Dominick and the then prolific orchards of the Tamar Valley. Finally, the line would pass under the main road to Tavistock and enter Callington on the north side of the town. The estimated construction costs were £5,000 per mile, roughly £55,000 in total, plus an additional cost of £6,000 for the purchase 70 acres of land.



The proposed lines through Pillaton parish. The dotted line represents the 1860's route, whilst the solid line is the GWR's 1906 route.

Although Parliamentary approval to build was granted in 1900, no construction took place and by 1906 the Great Western Railway (GWR) had taken over responsibility for the project. They opted for a slightly more westerly route up the bank of the River Lynher, past Notter Bridge, then Mutton Mill and Leigh Mill, before passing just to the west of St Mellion and onto Callington. £100,000 was set aside in the 1907 budget for the GWR, but still no shovels in the ground. In the meantime, the completion of the Calstock Viaduct in 1907, meant that the existing ECMR line from Callington to Calstock could now cross the Tamar to connect with the London and Southwestern mainline at Bere Alston and from there to Plymouth. This new branch line opened fully on 2 March 1908, with stations at Calstock, Gunnislake, Latchley, Stoke Climsland (later renamed Lockett) and Callington Road (later renamed Callington). With a bus service having also been set up between Saltash and Callington, most of the impetus for a direct rail link was lost. The GWR continued to gain various orders extending the time for the scheme, but no construction work was ever undertaken, and they finally gave up by sponsoring the Callington Light Railway (Abandonment) Order in 1924.

Robin Dwane

The article is an extended version of one written on the village website by John Wheeley.

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The Village Hall was built as the village school and saved for the village to use as a community centre when the school closed in the 1950s.

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The CIO is seeking a new trustee who will also assume the position of Booking Secretary. This appointment will be ex officio meaning that the holder maintains the role on a permanent basis and does not have to seek reappointment as a trustee every 3 years.

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CHURCH DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>		<u>CHURCH</u>
16 Jul	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
		1000	Morning Praise	Landulph
18 Jul	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
23 Jul	Sunday	1000	Contemporary Celtic Worship	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
		1800	OASIS	St Dominic
25 Jul	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
30 Jul	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
06 Aug	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1800	Cornish Evening Prayer	Halton Quay
13 Aug	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Dominic
		1000	Morning Praise	St Mellion
20 Aug	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
		1000	Morning Praise	Landulph
27 Aug	Sunday	1000	Contemporary Celtic Worship	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
		1800	OASIS	St Dominic
03 Sep	Sunday	1000	Family Services	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1800	Cornish Evening Prayer	Halton Quay
05 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
10 Sep	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	St Mellion
		1000	Holy Communion	St Dominic
12 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
17 Sep	Sunday	1000	Harvest Praise Communion Service	Pillaton
		1000	Morning Praise	Landulph
18 Sep	Monday	1930	Harvest Supper in Village Hall	Pillaton
19 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
24 Sep	Sunday	1000	Contemporary Celtic Worship	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
		1800	OASIS	St Dominic
26 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

The Benfice is currently in transition and awaiting the appointment of priest.

For all matters concerning the church, timings of services, and enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, and funerals, in the first instance please visit the Benefice website at:

www.sites.google.com/tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice

Pillaton Village Diary

Fri 21 Jul	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Sun 23 Jul	Barbecue, Rick Park Farm
Mon 7 Aug	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Mon 28 Aug	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Mon 4 Sep	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 5 Sep	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 9 Sep	Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show, Village Hall
Mon 18 Sep	Harvest Supper and Auction, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 27 Sep	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Mon 2 Oct	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 3 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 20 Oct	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 18 Jul	Recycling
Tue 25 Jul	Garden Waste
Tue 01 Aug	Recycling
Tue 08 Aug	Garden Waste
Tue 15 Aug	Recycling
Tue 22 Aug	Garden Waste
Tue 29 Aug	Recycling
Tue 05 Sep	Garden Waste
Tue 12 Sep	Recycling
Tue 19 Sep	Garden Waste

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