

Pillaton Village News

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Village web site at www.pillaton.org.uk

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



On Sunday 29th October the Pillaton Gardening Club once again held its highly successful Pumpkin Festival. There were 21 children in attendance, many in fancy dress, along with a few adults to participate in a whole variety of pumpkin related fun. This ranged from carving scary faces on pumpkins to indulging treats of the edible kind.

(photos by Ian Edwards).

PILLATON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 15th December - Weary Friar

(see pages 13 and 14 for full details)





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The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in, the heavy duvet is on the bed, my lawn is full of leaves, Christmas looms over the horizon and another editorial needs to be written. Sometimes this is very easy; other times not so, more like being back at school and forced to discuss the intricacies of the ammeter for Physics homework on a warm sunny evening.

Yes, you've guessed it, I'm having an ammeter moment. The weather and Christmas adverts have all been done to death. Political comment of any sort is always fraught with difficulty, running the risk of raising impassioned debate and perish the thought of going anyway near the thought of the 'Br...' word. However, this did get me thinking whether in a few years' time might we be seeing the return of imperial weights and measures?

Going back to the homework theme, I spent many valuable hours of my young childhood learning to divide things by 12, 14 and 16 to convert totals into pounds shillings and pence or stones, pounds and ounces, or feet and inches. Why on earth 11 farmers would ever want to divide 191 hundredweight of potatoes equally between them has always been a complete mystery. So, it's rather a nice thought that perhaps all that useful knowledge, usually gained on my part under the threat of dire punishment, could once again be put to good use. In future it could be just a brisk 3 furlongs walk up to the Weary Friar followed by a quart of ale and measuring things in pecks and bushels at Waitrose. On second thoughts perhaps better to stick with what we have now in terms of measurements, it is easier and particularly as a very sizeable proportion of the British population will never have had the dubious pleasure of Mrs Dower correcting their homework in Class 4.

The next copy date is 8 January 2018, - full details on page 23 and as this is the last issue before Christmas, Seasons Greetings to all readers of the Village News.

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Dolley, Martin, D. Floyd, Warne, S. Floyd, Bridgman and County Councillor J. Foot.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Harris.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bridgman declared a pecuniary interest in the pricing of the finger post repair.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present. County Councillor J. Foot informed the Council of the reduced numbers of Cornwall County Councillors planned for the future and urged the Council to study the planned boundary changes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 5 September 2017 Council Meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council did not approve the following Planning Application; PA17/08679 Erection of 1st floor extension and 2 storey for garage, workshop, office, store and bedroom at the Mews for J. Miles, on the grounds that it was overdevelopment of the land and would create parking problems.

Thanks were given to Cllr Martin for producing copies of the application for study.

FINGER POSTS REFURBISHMENT

Cllr Bridgman left the meeting and the Council agreed to accept the quotation from Sonia Bridgman of £850 for refurbishing the finger post in the centre of Pillaton and repairing the post at Polborder.

FINANCE

The following payment was approved; £19.99 for paint.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council agreed to bring to the attention of local landowners that hedges should be kept at a height of no less than 16 foot 6 inches in order to avoid damage to high vehicles.

D. Dolley, Chairman

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Dolley, Cllr Harris, Martin, D. Floyd, Warne, S. Floyd and Bridgman.

APOLOGIES

County Councillor J. Foot.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bridgman declared a pecuniary interest in the payment of the finger post repair and Cllrs D. and S. Floyd declared an interest in the planning application at Bove Orchard and left the meeting during the discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were 14 members of the public present.

Thanks were given to the Council for their efforts in securing improved access to the public footpath at Polborder.

In respect of the planning application at 2 Briars Ryn concern was expressed from the floor regarding the width of the road access to the site and complications regarding a right of way at the site. It was noted that the limited size of the proposed development did not necessitate affordable housing.

MINUTES

The minutes of 3 October 2017 Council Meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING None.

PLANNING PERMISSION

PA17/09342: After rejecting a proposal for a limit of one additional house at 2 Briars Ryn the Council approved the construction of two houses as infill on the basis that the Council's objections regarding access and right of way had been overcome.

PA17/09528: The Council approved the application for Bove Orchard to improve the appearance of the building.

Thanks were given to Cllr Martin for accessing the applications for study.

LETTER OF COMPLAINT REGARDING FINGER POST

The Council agreed a response to the letter of complaint regarding refurbishing of the finger post in the centre of Pillaton.

FINANCE

The following payment was approved; £850 for refurbishing the finger post in the centre of Pillaton and repairing the post at Polborder.

The Council agreed a precept of £3,855 for the year ending 31st March 2019.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that the recent damage to Clapper bridge had been reported to Cornwall Council.

D. Dolley, Chairman

WASTE COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

This year due to the rubbish and recycling collections falling on 26 December, Boxing Day, **there will be no collection.**

The next rubbish collection will be on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

The next recycling collection will be on Saturday 30 December 2017.

Non-artificial Christmas trees will be collected on Tuesday 16 January. Put your tree out beside your rubbish and it will be collected separately and composted.

Christmas and New Year collection times may vary, please remember that collections begin from 7.00am.



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Please make a note of the following dates for functions that have been arranged in the Village Hall for 2018.

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY – BURNS NIGHT

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY LUNCH

Please watch the noticeboards or the next edition of the Pillaton News for further details of the above events.



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PILLATON PET SERVICE



Pillaton annual Pet Service was held this year on Sunday 8th October in the new grave yard of the church on a beautiful afternoon with the leaves just getting their gorgeous autumn coats on. Somebody commented that whatever the weather has been in the previous days it is always good for this service. Divine intervention perhaps!

Anyway in this wonderful setting looking across the valley all animals are welcomed. In previous years we have had

dogs, cats, ponies, guinea pigs and even a lamb beautifully adorned with a neckerchief. This year though there were only dogs – eight of them, five of which were several types of spaniels, a labrador, a newfoundland and one of undetermined parentage! This meant that the human congregation outweighed the animals but nobody worried about that.



The service consisted of a few prayers and a few hymns. These were ably supported by Darren and his key board. However the highlight of the event is when each animal receives a blessing. This was jointly undertaken by Roger Desborough in his capacity as Lay Reader and Laura a trainee Vicar. A baptism of fire for her perhaps but she assured me that she likes animals – wouldn't want to put her off her training! In addition to the normal prayers there were two

additional ones about cats, which had been researched and very well read by Rosie and Sophie Renfree.

After the formalities we were all offered coffee and biscuits by Ian and Helen Edwards so thank you for that.

This really is a lovely event with on this occasion dogs, owners and others mixing and enjoying each other's company. We hold it every year in early October on the Sunday nearest the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. His actual Feast day is 4th October. So if you have any type of pet or indeed just like animals then next year we would be so pleased to have you join us. Please come!

Pam Lowther

PILLATON'S GOT TALENT

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WW1 DIARY

NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 1917

The end of 1917 marked a critical point in this prolonged and painful war.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT The horrendous battle for Passchendaele ended on November 10th with 4 ½ miles of ground gained at a cost of 62,000 British and Canadian dead and 164,000 wounded, and with nearly twice that number of German casualties. The huge casualty lists were gradually changing public attitudes to the war and its conduct. Nevertheless, General Haig was determined to make one more attempt at a breakthrough before the end of the year and this time technology was to play a major part. The attack began on November 20th on a 6-mile front and aimed at Cambrai. The plan was for the German line to be overrun by the concentration of over 350 tanks followed up by British, Canadian and Indian cavalry, an odd mix of old and new technology. At first the attack went well. The front-line German infantry were shocked by this massed assault and the tanks cut clear pathways through the barbed wire much more effectively than the usual heavy artillery barrages. The initial advantages were soon lost however when tank breakdowns weakened and slowed the advance. German resistance stiffened, and relentless machine-gun fire made follow-up cavalry charges suicidal - the cavalry had to dis-mount and fight on foot. The British Press, somewhat prematurely, announced "The Greatest British Victory of the War" and church bells were rung in England on the very day that the advance was halted in the face of a fierce and determined German defence of Bourlon Wood reinforced by the arrival of a German Division from the Eastern Front. The resilient German army launched a major counter attack on Nov. 30th using gas shells and many aircraft in close support and regained most of the ground lost to the British. By mid-December the battle for Cambrai had petered out into familiar trench warfare after an additional 45,000 or so casualties on each side.

ITALY: Early in November the Italian army had been pushed back some 60 miles by German and Austrian forces to lines a few miles from Venice. German troops fought their way through the mountains against spirited Italian defenders but by the time that snow closed things down at the end of November they had not been able to break through to the Italian plains.

PALESTINE: General Allenby had been steadily advancing into Palestine and on December 11th he and his troops entered the Holy City of Jerusalem on foot in deference to the religious importance of the city. The Turks and their German and Austrian officers had earlier withdrawn from Jerusalem hoping to recover their lost territory when German reinforcements arrived from the Eastern Front.

RUSSIA: At the end of 1917 It was in Russia that the most significant events occurred. Early in November growing unrest in the Russian army and navy encouraged the Bolshevik Military Revolutionary Commune in Petrograd to occupy the city's main buildings. On November 7th some 32,000 Bolsheviks,

sailors and soldiers surrounded the Winter Palace and its occupants, (Provisional Government Ministers under Kerensky), and by the next morning Lenin was the de-facto ruler of Russia. On November 19th the Bolsheviks demanded an immediate armistice on all fronts. None of the other belligerents responded, so Trotsky began moves to make a separate peace with Germany and Austria. On December 15th, after 5 days of intense negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, an end to all fighting on the Eastern front was agreed.

Britain and her Allies were now faced by a serious threat – that large numbers of German men and guns could now begin moving from the Eastern to the Western Front. The promised 12 Divisions of American troops would be essential to restore the balance but delays in their arrival and battle readiness were causing concern. The Kaiser, visiting his soldiers on December 22nd, declared that recent progress in the war proved that God was on the side of Germany, but in fact not everything was going well at home. There were food riots in Austria and Hungary, and it is estimated that some ¼ million German civilians died of hunger in 1917 caused by the British naval blockade and the general disruption of the war on the German economy.

Don King

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All Welcome.

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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at



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(Please make cheques payable to The Weary Friar)



Pillaton Village Christmas Dinner

Weary Friar

Friday 15th December 2017 at 7.30 pm - Price £20.00 pp

Names:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Phone No. of leading guest: _____

MENU CHOICE *(tick box as appropriate for each person)*

1	2	3	4	
Starters				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honeydew melon with mixed fruit salad and berry coulis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spiced Parsnip soup with crusty bread roll
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brussels pâté on toast with red onion chutney and garnish
Mains (with all the usual additions)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roast Turkey
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Topside of Beef
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fresh fillet of Salmon
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nut Roast
Desserts				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas pudding and brandy sauce
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mince pies and cream
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed berry pavlova
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice cream
Tea and Coffee				
Any Special Dietary Requirements?				
Would like to sit beside:				

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STOLEN GENERATOR

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The generator is described as a Perkins 35K VA diesel generator. It is painted blue over white so that both colours show.

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December - **Christmas Disco** on 23rd & **New Year's Eve Disco**. Both FREE ENTRY.

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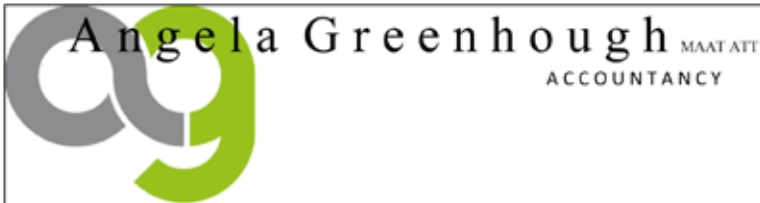
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CHURCH DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>		<u>CHURCH</u>
19 Nov	Sunday	1000	Family Service & Baptism	St Mellion
		1000	Eucharist	St Dominic
21 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
26 Nov	Sunday	1000	Eucharist	Landulph
		1000	Family Service	Pillaton
28 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
03 Dec	Sunday	1000	Benefice Eucharist	St Dominic
		1830	Advent Carols	Pillaton
05 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
06 Dec	Wednesday	1230	Pasty Lunch, Methodist Chapel	Cargreen
		1900	Nine Lessons and Carols	Pillaton
10 Dec	Sunday	1800	Carols	St Mellion International
12 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	Landulph
15 Dec	Friday	1300	School Service	Landulph
17 Dec	Sunday	1000	Toy Service	Pillaton
		1700	Carols around the Tree	St Mellion
19 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
		1830	Christingle	Landulph
20 Dec	Wednesday	0930	School Service	St Dominic
		1300	School Service	St Mellion
24 Dec	Sunday - CHRISTMAS EVE	1000	Family Service	Landulph
		1000	Eucharist	Pillaton
		1730	Christingle	St Dominic
		2330	Midnight Eucharist	St Dominic
		2330	Midnight Eucharist	St Mellion
25 Dec	Monday - CHRISTMAS DAY	1000	Family Communion	St Dominic
		1000	Family Service	Pillaton
26 Dec	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
27 Dec	Wednesday	1830	Nine Lessons and carols	St Dominic
31 Dec	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	St Dominic
		1000	Eucharist	St Mellion
02 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
03 Jan	Wednesday	1230	Pasty Lunch, Methodist Chapel	Cargreen
07 Jan	Sunday	1000	Eucharist	St Dominic
09 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	Landulph
14 Jan	Sunday	1000	Family Service	Landulph
		1000	Eucharist	Pillaton
16 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
21 Jan	Sunday	1000	Morning Prayer	St Dominic
		1000	Eucharist	St Mellion
23 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist	St Dominic

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Pillaton Village Diary

Sat 18 Nov	Beaujolais Nouveau 2017 Dinner, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 5 Dec	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 11 Dec	WI Christmas Party, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 15 Dec	Pillaton Village Christmas Dinner, Weary Friar
Tue 2 Jan	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 6 Jan	Wassail, Rick Park Farm
Mon 8 Jan	WI, 'Defibrillator& basic life saving', Paul Dyer, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 27 Jan	Burns Night, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 6 Feb	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 11 Feb	Sunday Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 12 Feb	WI, 'The MERLIN MS Centre,' Sarah Snell, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 6 Mar	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 12 Mar	WI Annual Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 21 Nov	Garden Waste
Tue 28 Nov	Recycling
Tue 5 Dec	Garden Waste
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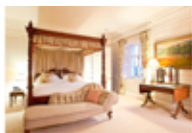
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