

Pillaton Village News

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VE DAY 75

It should have all been so different. A memorable day to commemorate the sacrifice and struggle that led to Victory in Europe 75 years ago. Even the weather on 8 May just about played its part with morning drizzle and rain clearing to bright sunshine in the afternoon, such that all the events planned for the village to celebrate VE Day could have easily gone ahead. Sadly, the lockdown restrictions due to COVID-19 put paid to all that. In some parts of the village there was community singing whilst always observing social distancing rules, and I am sure many will have raised a glass in thanks to those of the wartime generation.



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8-10 MAY 2020

I think the words of this 8 May 1945 advertisement for Spooner's Department Store in Plymouth (taken over by

Debenhams in the 1970s), contains some very appropriate sentiments regarding VE Day and also has parallels with our current situation, with regard to the NHS and key workers.



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It has been a peculiar existence trying to get to grips with the new normal of lockdown. To me it seems a bit like my Navy days and going away for a long deployment with the ensuing separation from family, friends, and normal life. There were, however, some essential differences; around 200 men to keep you company and social distancing in the confines of a frigate was certainly not on the agenda. Similar to being on a long sea passage, you also need to find things to do in order to fill time. As one of my naval friends proudly declared after 2 weeks of lockdown, he was ready to report his garden ready for Captain's Rounds (inspection) (*mine might just pass the scrutiny of a lax petty officer*).

There are other very new aspects to lockdown. Firstly, the weekly Thursday Night Clap in which we think of the work being done on our behalf by the NHS, Carers, and keyworkers. Within the village I also know there are many who looking out for the more vulnerable by volunteering to collect such things as prescriptions and groceries. On a lighter note, run of the mill occasions seem to have taken on much greater significance in our lives. Now the thought of going to Tamar View Fruiterers, has almost the same allure as a night out at the Theatre Royal, whilst a trip to the supermarket is a major event in the weekly calendar to be planned with military precision; timing being key to avoid queues.

Once at the supermarket we've all learned to wait in our allotted spaces; woe betide anyone who encroaches too close over those little black taped lines. Having carefully sanitised your trolley or basket, you then cautiously venture into the store, rather like a Premier League striker looking for space in a crowded penalty box. A moment of inattention as you turn a corner and suddenly realise you are in a rather tense pasta and mixed spices aisle with too many nervous shoppers. You hurriedly seek sanctuary and spend an inordinate amount of time carefully perusing the wine and spirits section whilst waiting for the 'all clear'. Then there is checkout, which seems to have become a rather furtive affair, all gloves and masks and the minimum of conversation. Finally, freedom as you emerge into the car park for another dose of sanitiser, load everything into the car and head for home.

In the current situation, such precautions obviously make sense and fortunately there now seems to be a glimmer of light, with some relaxed restrictions on exercise and travel from Wednesday 13 May. You will now be able to fish, play golf, walk on the moors and for what I'm sure will be a great benefit to many, visit garden centres (*so no excuse for me to avoid Captain's Rounds now*).

Stay Alert, stay safe, the next copy date is 6 July 2020, - full details on page 23.

Robin Dwane, Editor

NOTICE - PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - CORONAVIRUS

In line with current Coronavirus restrictions, Parish Council meetings at the Village Hall have been cancelled until further notice. However, some matters will be dealt with where necessary through virtual meetings. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for 14 May.

PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING 30 APR 2020

ATTENDANCE Cllrs. Dolley, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Bridgman and Warne.

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no input from the public.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council supported the following application:

PA20/03007 Non material amendment to add 2 obscured glazed windows to rear of garage at The Mews.

Chairman: Mr. Dave Dolley

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following events had been previously scheduled to take place in the Village Hall before the Coronavirus-COVID 19 lockdown restrictions were put in place. However, much will depend on how and when the restrictions are eventually lifted in determining whether they actually do go ahead.

Thursday, 30 July: International Friendship Day afternoon tea. Arrange to meet your friends and neighbours in the Village Hall to celebrate this day.

Saturday, 22 August: QiXi Festival, a 2-course supper to celebrate Chinese Valentine's Day. Intrigued? Read the May issue of the Village News for the legend behind this event. Romantic menu for long warm summer days – (not Chinese food!) – and good company.

Sunday, 22 November: a 2-course **Thanksgiving Sunday Lunch** to celebrate Mayflower 400. All the traditional Thanksgiving dishes will be on the menu. A more detailed article will be in the July issue of the Village News about the story of the Pilgrim Fathers and the first Thanksgiving Feast.

We always offer vegan or vegetarian options, so no need to miss out. Watch out for further details if the events can go ahead and as usual contact Sue on 350065 or Ann on 351289 to book your place!

Ann Henderson and Sue White

MINUTES OF ST. MELLION WITH PILLATON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 8 MARCH 2020

Rev. Chris welcomed those attending to the APCM.

Present: PCC members Jim Bennet, Ann Henderson, Vivienne Malsom, Graham Palmer; Alison Downing, Sue McClaughry, Richard Lowther, and 13 members of the congregation.

Apologies: Roger and Cheryl Desborough, Helen and Ian Edwards.

Annual Vestry Meeting: 2 nominations for the position of Churchwarden had been received to serve the parish and operate in both St Mellion and Pillaton churches. The nominees were unanimously approved so Cheryl Desborough; Richard Lowther. will serve as Churchwardens for the year 2020-21.

Both will be formally adopted by the Reverend Audrey Elkington in May at St. Dominic Church. Rev. Chris thanked Sue McClaughry for her hard work as churchwarden during the past year.

Minutes of APCM held Sunday 31 March 2019: Agreed as a true record and signed by Rev. Chris.

Matters Arising: None.

Annual Report 2019: This had been previously displayed on the website and copies had been displayed in each church. Jim Bennet presented the accounts, stating there had been less expenditure on fabric over the past year but we have only barely broken even. Jim stressed the need to increase the income raised by giving. Rev. Chris expressed thanks to Jim for his hard work as Treasurer. John Tucker asked if the lack of a fabric officer is likely to cause a problem especially as the quinquennial inspection is due this year. Rev. Chris explained that there were several lay people doing some of the odd jobs that help keep the building maintained but who were reluctant to tackle the necessary bureaucracy of the official role. Meanwhile, the PCC takes the legal responsibility. Jim Bennet is in contact with an architect who is happy to offer advice on an informal basis. Jim Bennet proposed the adoption of the Annual Report, seconded by Ann Henderson.

Deanery Synod: Jim Bennet remains a representative and Alison Downing agreed to represent the parish with Jim for the coming year.

Election of members to the PCC: Lizi Hamilton asked to stand down from the PCC, but all other members were willing to serve for another year. PCC members were voted in "en bloc". PCC members are as follows:

Jim Bennet, Alison Downing, Ann Henderson, Vivienne Malsom, Graham Palmer
There being no other nominations for the roles, Jim Bennet will continue as Treasurer and Ann Henderson as Secretary.

Any Other Business: Alison Downing called for volunteers for the flower rota to contact Sue Archer and for the cleaning rota to contact Jackie Moss.

The Future: Rev. Chris stressed the importance of the good relationship evident

between St Odulph's and the village community of Pillaton. With reference to St. Mellion church, he stated that it is still the "Village Church" for weddings, baptisms and funerals as well as festivals and plays an important role in the life of the school. He highlighted the importance of Pillaton's congregation supporting that of St. Mellion. The Benefice Away Day in February had reinforced the importance of links with local schools, as well as the need to strengthen pastoral contact. Cheryl Desborough and Richard Hosking have completed training to become Lay Pastoral Ministers and another couple is about to undertake the training. The 2020 Cherry Feast on 12 July will be opened by the new Bishop of St. Germans.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a brief prayer.

Ann Henderson, Secretary

**LETTER FROM
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, COMMUNITIES
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

To: All who serve on Parish and Town Councils

You have a proud tradition of supporting your communities and this has been especially evident during this pandemic.

Within days of the social distancing guidance starting, many of you had created volunteer registers and were reaching out to those in need through social media, leaflets, posters, and through the work of your town clerk.

Many of you are ensuring that residents in need can get support night and day through a dedicated mobile number. You have been supporting those who most need it by delivering medicines, essentials and even walking dogs or buying newspapers. This means that those who most need to be home at the moment don't feel alone.

The fantastic way in which our parish and town councils have responded to the challenge of coronavirus across the country is a testament to the unique and cherished position you occupy within our local government family.

You are coming up with creative ways to help your communities; this work is appreciated across the nation, and also inspiring others to get involved and help their own communities.

As Local Government Secretary I want you to know that I am behind you and will support the vital work that you are doing in your communities. That is why I have made £3.2 billion of additional funding available to councils, with the latest tranche of £1.6 billion including a larger share for lower tier councils. If you have questions regarding funding I would encourage you to speak with your principal council.

It is vital that you are able to continue the incredible work you are doing, and on behalf of the communities across the country I thank you all.

RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP (30 April 2020)

PILLATON IN CORNWALL FACEBOOK GROUPS UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone that has requested to join the groups which were set up by Ruth Woodley on behalf of Pillaton Parish Council. As many of you will already know, there are now two Facebook groups for the village. Both groups are well used & have many useful posts sharing information & support.

One is a more formal group which is currently geared up as a support group for local residents, during the Coronavirus outbreak. Some of this information is replicated on the three village noticeboards & the village website (which can be found at www.pillaton.org.uk). Once on Facebook, search for 'Pillaton in Cornwall Facebook Group'. There are currently 149 members who are made up of both residents of Pillaton & those with an interest in the village. You can find information on shopping and prescription collection volunteers for those who are vulnerable and socially isolating. There is also information on shopping home delivery services in the local area.

The second group is called 'Pillaton in Cornwall Facebook Group - 2 (Social)'. This is Pillaton's social Facebook group, as suggested by Maire Warwick. As Maire says - 'Please add entertainment and communication to raise the spirits of those confined to homes with little opportunity for social interaction. For example, as our village Garden Club Show is not able to go ahead, perhaps people could post photographs of the plants and flowers they would have entered, maybe even appoint a judge to make awards! Maybe quizzes and puzzles could be posted, suggestions for activities for the children, jokes and YouTube links, pictures and videos of what people are making or doing or just interesting and/or amusing comments about how people are managing in these unprecedented times.' There are currently 56 members of this group.

There are three admins for the two groups (which is a Facebook function) - Ruth Woodley, Ruth Stannard & Liz Llewellyn-Jones. Any questions or suggestions about the groups, please ring Ruth Woodley on 07977 539724 or contact any of the admins via either Facebook group.

It is quite easy to set up a Facebook profile. If you haven't joined either group yet and you are a resident of Pillaton or have an interest in Pillaton, please do request to join, once you are on Facebook.

Plus.... don't forget, Thursday evenings at 8pm, Clap for Carers/Keyworkers, stand by your gate. It is an honour to show our appreciation to those workers on the front line. Chris Ley, Pillaton's Head Clapper in Chief (obviously a tongue-in-cheek honorary title) is coordinating a village response to this on the Facebook groups which has developed into various themes, depending on what is happening in the news, current anniversaries or what might be happening on social media. It is also an opportunity to socialise in a 'socially distant' sort of way with our nearest neighbours.

Ruth Woodley, Flowerwood

QI XI 七夕 FESTIVAL - CHINESE VALENTINE'S DAY

Feeling a bit down? Lockdown making you depressed. Read on for a heart-warming legend of love in difficult circumstances:

In Europe, we normally celebrate St. Valentine's Day on 14 February, but It is difficult to feel romantic in February. Layers of warm clothing, woolly socks, coughs, and colds – need I go on? Scarcely conducive to naughty but nice thoughts!

The Chinese have it right with their Qi Xi Festival in August during the long warm summer days. Also known as the “Double seventh” Festival, or the “Magpie Festival”, it falls on the 7th day of the 7th Chinese lunar month. This year, that date will be Tuesday 25 August and the Festival celebrates a romantic legend about a weaver girl and a cowherd.

The legend tells of the love story between Zhi Nu (the weaver girl, symbolizing Vega, the brightest star in the northern constellation of Lyra) and Niu Lang (the cowherd, symbolizing Altair, the brightest star in the constellation of Aquila). Their love was not allowed, so they were banished to opposite sides of the Silver River (symbolizing the Milky Way). Once a year, on the 7th day of the 7th lunar month, a flock of magpies would form a bridge to reunite the lovers for one day.

In the rural regions, people usually see the meeting of Niu Lang and Zhi Nu as two stars in the sky. At the same time, the old people tell the young about this old love legend. Although some traditional Chinese customs have been changed or been lost, the legend of Niu Lang and Zhi Nu is still passed down from generation to generation.

Lovely legend, isn't it? COVID-19 permitting, we are giving you the chance to feel a bit romantic this August with a Qi Xi Festival supper on Saturday, 22 August (the nearest Saturday to the actual festival date of 25 August) in Pillaton Village Hall.

We won't be serving Chinese food, but we have a lovely summer menu to get you in the mood for romance. Chinese brides often wear red, the colour associated with luck, joy and happiness, and pink is the colour associated with love and harmony. So of course, menu choices will include red strawberries and pink salmon! Desserts will be fresh and fruity.

And if it doesn't look as if it will go ahead, in the July issue of the Village News, I will suggest some easy dishes you can create chez vous so that we can still enjoy a bit of romance in our lives! Keep smiling.

Ann Henderson

ANDREW HARRIS

Linda Harris of Briars Ryn would like to thank all those residents of Pillaton who sent messages of sympathy and support following the death of her husband, Andrew, on 1st March.

It was, and is, greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

REFLECTIONS ON VE DAY 1945



Crowds in Trafalgar Square on VE Day.

and others mourned lost ones, whether casualties in the Armed Forces, or civilian victims of the war. There were also the seriously wounded and injured (including those bearing mental scars), who would never fully recover. And of course, the killing was still going on in the Far East, where victory against Japan would not be achieved for another three months. The killing also continued within both recently liberated and conquered countries, from the settling of old scores and the brutality of factions seeking control in the vacuum left by defeat or liberation. However, the celebration of our troops in Germany and Italy was much more nuanced: some celebrated uproariously, but many others found celebrating wholly inappropriate when thinking of those lost, or were too tired (mentally and physically) to indulge in any festivities. My own father, serving in 30 Corps in north Germany, remembers



The Royal Family and Winston Churchill greeting the crowds from the balcony at Buckingham Palace on VE Day.

This short article is intended as personal reflection of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 1945, specifically from a British perspective, but it is not a history of that momentous day. The popular image of VE Day from photographs and the newsreel is of ecstatic crowds celebrating without inhibition in London, as well as in countless towns and cities across the country, and later of street tea parties too. But this is only part of the picture. In Britain, out of sight, many widows, parents, children,

numbed relief the dying was over, and how difficult it was to adjust to the sudden peacefulness.

But I contend that the celebrations which followed the announcement of VE Day and the unconditional surrender of all Axis forces within the European theatre of

operations – were fully justified, both on VE Day itself and in subsequent parades and street tea parties up and down the country. Furthermore, families could now expect their fighting menfolk to survive, and return home after in many cases years of separation. Since 3 September 1939, Britain had fought to eliminate an utterly malevolent, evil, brutal, sadistic, and heartless Nazi regime, and only the destruction of that regime could ensure peace across Europe – and beyond. The cost in human and economic terms was immense, and the level of sacrifice across the nation reflected every part of society. Britain may have emerged victorious but was bankrupt and exhausted. There were 382,600 military and 67,100 civilian British dead in the whole of the war, out of a population of just under 47 million.

LEST WE FORGET

Closer to home in Pillaton, the village also suffered loss. Aircraftsman 1st Class Leonard John Fowell, serving in 204 Squadron of RAF Coastal Command, was killed in action off Norway when his Sunderland flying boat was lost on 8 April 1940, aged only 20. Many Cornish men served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, of seven battalions, which fought in France in 1940, North Africa, Sicily and Italy, and in north west Europe in 1944/1945, and suffered severe casualties, including Private Douglas Harry Search, killed in action at Casino in Italy on 9 April 1944, aged 22: He was the son of the landlord of the Royal Oak (now the Weary Friar).

Peter R Johnson (with thanks to Don King's contribution)



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75 YEARS AGO

With plenty of time on my hands recently I've had a chance to look back through online newspapers to see what was happening in and around Pillaton and Plymouth in 1945.

Clearly the most significant event was the end of the Second World War, with two dates marking the end of hostilities, Victory In Europe (VE) Day on Tuesday 8 May and Victory Over Japan (VJ) Day on Wednesday 15 August 1945. Curiously, although these were momentous occasions you would never have guessed from some front pages as local editors persisted with their time-honoured practice of printing classified advertisements on page one, with mention of the celebrations being left to the inside pages. The national papers were somewhat different.

By early May 1945 it was becoming clear that the defeat of Germany was imminent and there was much speculation in the papers and some frustration about when the end of the fighting in Europe would be announced. For Germany, the war had ended on 7 May, at 2.41 am when General Jodl, German Army Chief of Staff, signed the first act of unconditional surrender. Locally Service and civic officials

had even been busy over the weekend of 5 and 6 May completing arrangements for VE Day and 9 May, already declared as public holidays despite the lack of an announcement that the war had ended; the delay being due to the Allied Powers' desire to secure synchronized broadcasts from London, Washington, and Moscow.

**GREAT NEWS ANY
MOMENT
King And Premier To
Broadcast
WORLD AWAITS END OF
GERMAN WAR**



Expectant crowds outside St Andrews' and the Guildhall.

Finally at 3.00 pm on VE Day, along with expectant crowds throughout the country, thousands in Plymouth gathered around the ruins of St Andrew's Church to hear Winston Churchill broadcast to the nation at 3.00pm that the war in Europe had ended. Plymouth's reaction to victory as reported by the Western Morning News was more one of restrained emotion and heartfelt thanksgiving rather

than delirious joy and excitement. Although there were many outward and visible signs of celebration, it was not on the scale of 1918. In fact, many Dockyard employees still turned up for work unaware of the general holiday only to find the gates shut and went home. Similarly, many children still turned up at school only to be sent home. Throughout the celebrations, cinemas and the Palace Theatre remained open but no “extension of licensing hours.” Naval ships in harbour and at anchor in the Sound were dressed overall, and for those Servicemen in hospital there were free cigarettes and a bottle of beer (presumably not current NHS practice).

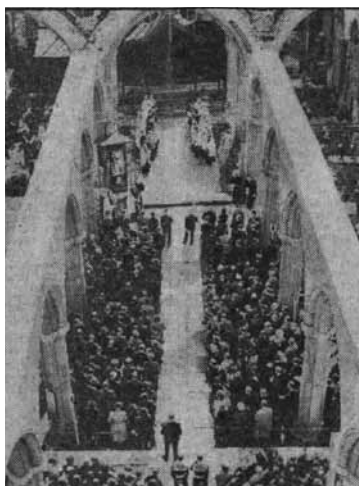
St. Andrew’s Church bells rang throughout VE day, BBC radio remained on air until 2.00 am, and as the day progressed the streets became much more boisterous and animated. That evening there was dancing on the Hoe until midnight with speakers having been erected on both sides of the Drake Statue. It was estimated that at any one time there were upwards of 1000 dancers, with perhaps 20 times that number looking on.

The following weekend on Sunday 13 May Plymouth held its Victory Thanksgiving Parade with some 3,000 participants from all the Allied Services, Civil Defence services, and voluntary and youth organizations. The parade started off at

Beaumont Road at 2.30 pm and marching through the centre of Plymouth, the salute being taken by the Lord Mayor, then on down Union Street to Devonport for a second salute by the CinC Plymouth and a flypast by six Sunderland flying boats.

Similar scenes occurred in August when 2 days of public holiday were granted in celebration of VJ Day. On VJ

Day itself, on Wednesday 15 August 30,000 people congregated on the Hoe for a bonfire, fireworks, and searchlight display from ships at anchor in the Sound. Once again there was dancing. The following night, a similar pattern was adopted with the addition of community singing led by Lady Astor and the Lord Mayor from the steps of Drake’s Statue and dignitaries then joining in with the ‘Hokey Cokey.’ There were street parties throughout Plymouth and by the Thursday many pubs



Thanksgiving Service in the ruins of St Andrews Church.



Thanksgiving Parade marches past on 13 May 1945.

had started to run dry. Despite the levels of alcohol consumption, the authorities were generally pleased with standards of behaviour. Similar scenes of celebration were to be seen repeated across Cornwall.

The other key event of 1945 was the General Election on 5 July. Just 8 weeks after VE Day this resulted in a massive landslide win for Clement Atlee's Labour party winning 393 seats against Winston Churchill's Conservative Party, reduced to just 179 seats. Of course, as many will be aware this win for Labour directly led to the formation of the NHS in 1948 and so much in the news in recent days.

Pillaton was then part of the Bodmin constituency and here the Conservatives held on to the seat with Sir Douglas Marshall, a banker and insurance businessman, winning with a small majority of 2047 over the Liberal candidate Major John Foot, (later Lord Foot) and brother of Michael Foot former leader of the Labour party.

Aside from these national events what was happening more locally? There was the usual run of agricultural shows and Gymkhanas. On Saturday 7 July Pillaton held a most successful Gymkhana in glorious weather which was attended by hundreds.

Lady Diana Abdy opened the event which raised £150 for a Victory Hall and the outstanding performers in the riding were 12-year-old Jim Renfree and his elder sister Mollie of Bush Farm. Elsewhere some riding events were spiced up with the Gymkhana at Callington on 18 August including a Rodeo using 13 wild ponies from Bodmin Moor – only one rider ended up in hospital! That day the Renfree children were once again prominent in the riding. In fact, 1945 turned out to highly successful for the family and by late September the three Renfree children

had carried their total number of successes in that year's local gymkhanas to 131.

Fundraising on behalf of such charities as the Red Cross Agriculture Fund and Merchant Navy Comforts Fund was taking place; the latter being organized locally by Mrs D Coryton of Pentillie Castle.

In April, the rateable value for Pillaton, part of the St Germans Rural District, was set at 7s 4d in the pound. Meanwhile, Callington went short of ice cream until a businessman managed to win a 3-month battle against the authorities to earn the right to manufacture ice cream, due to difficulties resulting from sugar rationing.

In November 1945, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England set up a Commission under the Bishop Truro to investigate the desirability of uniting the Benefices of St. Mellion with Pillaton.

The living at Pillaton had fallen vacant



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following the retirement of the Rev Richard Hocking after 50 years as vicar but could only offer an income of £232 a year. At a public hearing in Saltash Capt J Coryton (patron of St. Mellion) said that while he was not opposed to the union, he would prefer that it did not take place. The Rector of St. Mellion (Rev W S Ryan) was happy to take on both parishes were it not for the steep hills between Pillaton and St. Mellion and the fact that his wife's health was breaking down through the strain of keeping the house, and also he was retiring shortly. Both Mr C O Lucas and Mr R Burrows (churchwardens at Pillaton) expressed dissatisfaction at the proposed union.

The papers also carried stories about men returning from the war only to find their wives had run off with someone else and in Saltash a former Prisoner of War was reported as having committed suicide by jumping in front of a train having sadly failed to adjust to normal life.

Finally, one headline from the Western Morning News of 28 August did catch my eye "GAY SALTASH." No, not a very early 'Pride' event for the LGBT community, but it does show how certain words can change in terms of usage and meaning. In fact, it referred to a Carnival at the waterfront in Saltash with sports and beach dancing, which attracted one of the largest crowds seen in the town. There was a fancy-dress parade, fireworks, and children's Victory tea party. Also, in what would have proved to be a nightmare for modern health and safety considerations and public insurance liability, the sports events included swimming races across the Tamar (nearly 500 metres in a river with a significant tidal stream), high diving and climbing the greasy pole.

Robin Dwane

TAMAR AREA PROSTATE GROUP

As a result of COVID-19 our monthly meetings are postponed until further notice. We are still available to support anyone who needs us during this period and have members who have experience of various surgical procedures, radiotherapy, and hormone therapy. If you are recently diagnosed and just want to have a chat about your treatment or your options, don't hesitate to make contact. TAPS membership is free and open to men and their partners.

For more information on TAPS please contact Chris Greensted by phone on 01822 834797 or by email to tapsinfo555@gmail.com.

Other excellent sources of support are:

Prostate Cancer UK (PCUK): 0800 074 8383

Tackle Prostate Cancer (UK): 0800 035 5302

The Chestnut Appeal: 01752 792736
(Derriford Hospital)

The Mustard Tree Centre: 01752 430060
(Macmillan Cancer Support)



PILLATON SKITTLES LEAGUE 2019/20

The fifteenth season of the above finished on Saturday 14 March, just before the lockdown was announced. Although there were only four teams in the League this year, we played all teams on the same night. As always it was a very enjoyable evening, with lots of chat, laughter and harmless banter.

The Mavericks under the Captaincy of Shirley Floyd took an early lead and the position for second place wasn't decided until almost the last game. The two teams fighting for second place were the Hillbillies, Captained by Carole Hoskin and the Knackered Monks, Captained by Sue White. The Wild Indians under the Captaincy of Lesley Allibone ended up in fourth place. Please see final league table below.

FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

TEAM	PLAYED	TO PLAY	SKITTLES	POINTS
The Mavericks	9	0	1309	56
Knackered Monks	9	0	1336	43
Hillbillies	9	0	1357	33
Wild Indians	8	0	1036	9

The Skittles Presentation Night was due to take place on Saturday 25 April but for obvious reasons this didn't happen. We are looking to reschedule this to a date in September/October, just before the League starts again.

Anybody who would like to participate in the Skittles League, either by putting in a team (minimum of six players) or who would like to join one of the existing teams, please either contact Carole (350063) or myself (Sue) (350065). The season runs from October through to March. The cost is £2.50 and includes a pasty supper.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sue White

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Due to the Covid-19 situation, amongst a raft of other, very significant restrictions, the decision has been taken to close all church buildings until further notice.

Baptisms and weddings are now also suspended until further notice. Funerals continue to be conducted.

For all matters concerning the church and ways in which you can continue to pray and worship during lockdown please visit the Benefice website at:

www.tamar7.org/ and click to see the pages 'A Church In Lockdown'

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Pillaton Village Diary

Thu 14 May	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting - Virtual Meeting
Sun 12 Jul	Cherry Feast, St Mellion School Field
Thu 30 Jul	International Friendship Day Afternoon Tea, Pillaton Village Hall - TBC
Sat 22 Aug	QiXi Festival (Chinese Valentines Day) Supper, Pillaton Village Hall - TBC
Sat 5 Sep	Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Autumn	Skittles League Presentation Night - Date to be confirmed
Autumn	Pillaton Arts & Crafts Society Exhibition - Date to be confirmed
Sun 25 Oct	Pillaton Gardening Club Pumpkin Festival, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 22 Nov	Thanksgiving Sunday Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 19 May	Garden Waste
Tue 26 May	Recycling
Tue 02 Jun	Garden Waste
Tue 09 Jun	Recycling
Tue 16 Jun	Garden Waste
Tue 23 Jun	Recycling
Tue 30 Jun	Garden Waste
Tue 07 Jul	Recycling
Tue 14 Jul	Garden Waste
Tue 21 Jul	Recycling

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We look forward to welcoming you all when this is over, in the meantime you can follow us on social media and find the latest information at:

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