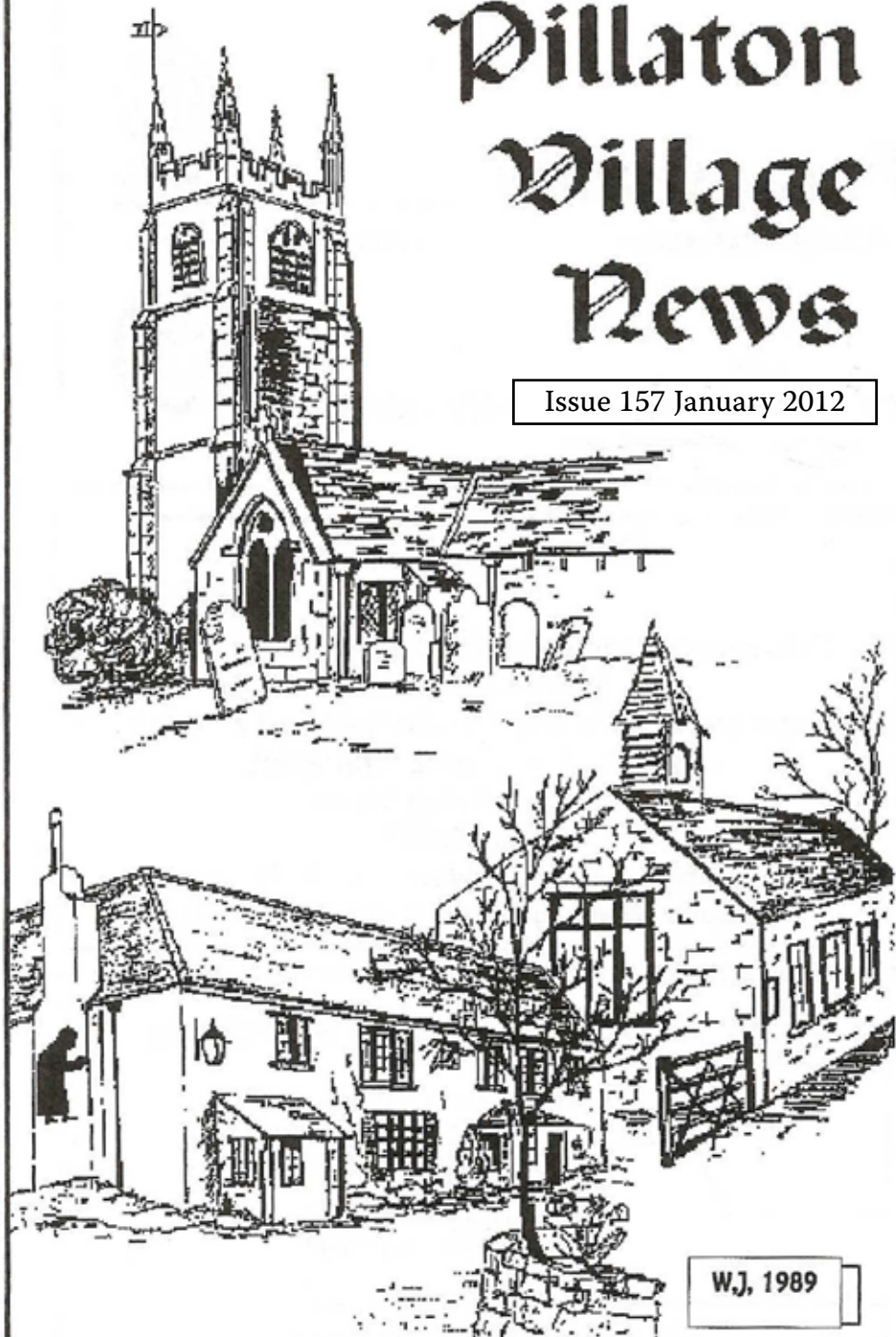


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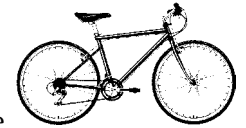
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A belated Happy New Year to all readers of the Village News. Following the Christmas Special, some of you may even be contemplating life without 'Downton Abbey', or at least not until the autumn when it is set to return complete with Joanna Lumley (*if the showbiz gossip is to be believed*), but presumably no Gurkhas.

Looking back at Christmas, one of my prime roles was to be despatched to Waitrose to purchase the festive cheese board. An easy enough task one would think, but not when you are confronted with blue-veined Stilton, a classic French mountain cheese that is smooth, supple, nutty and fruity (*I chose this one*), or a Danish Blue that is subtle and indulgent. Where do you begin? Life has obviously moved on a long way since the days when no self-respecting pub would be without its traditional ploughman's lunch consisting of a hunk of cheddar or red Leicester and supporting cast of branstons pickle, limp lettuce leaf and a pickled onion. It was almost possible to envisage your average 1970s ploughman sitting on a Massey Ferguson indulging in such fare. In these days of gastro and chain pubs I fear the once ubiquitous ploughman's lunch has become an endangered species on the pub menu. If they still exist in isolated pockets, I suppose today's modern ploughman is more likely to be enjoying creamy goat's cheese on a bed of rocket, accompanied by sun-blushed tomatoes and freshly baked ciabatta bread. Just the thing after a morning spent muck spreading.

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PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 16 November 2011

ATTENDANCE Councillors Dolley, Hoskin, D Floyd, S Floyd, Martin, Harris and District Councillor Egglestone.

APOLOGIES Councillor Edwards.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Hoskin, Dolley, S Floyd, Edwards and Martin declared a personal interest in payments in respect of the Village Hall improvements.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

MINUTES

The Minutes of 19th October 2011 meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

District Councillor Egglestone informed the Council that she was pursuing the maintenance of Mushton Lane.

The Chairman explained that he had repaired the train at the play park after its removal by the suppliers.

VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman explained that there were concerns regarding the resurfacing of the entrance area to the Hall and it was recommended that the Village Hall Committee express the concerns to the Pillaton Playground Project.

The Council approved payments of £1,054.76 to Greenbarnes Ltd for a notice board and £400 to the artist from the grants received for the project.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council approved the planning application in respect of the construction of a conservatory and alterations to windows at Rowse.

PROPOSED SKATE PARK

The Council supported in principle the creation of a skate park in Pillaton with the following requirements on the proposers; they must raise funds for the scheme through grants as in the case of the Hall extension and Play Park otherwise there would be an unacceptable increase in the Parish rate and they must obtain a suitable site which did not give rise to complaints of noise.

FINANCE

The Bank position of Current Account £765 and Deposit Account £4,502 was noted.

The following payments were approved:

£14.89 for materials for the train repair and £38.98 toner.

The Council delayed approval of the proposed precept for 2012 to 2013 until prices had been received for a new notice board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Harris gave feedback on his negotiations in respect of defining the route of the Smeaton to Trehill footpath.

Chairman Mr Dolley

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APOLOGIES

District Councillor Egglestone.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Hoskin, Dolley, S Floyd, Edwards and Martin declared a personal interest in payments in respect of the Village Hall improvements.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no member of the public present.

MINUTES

The Minutes of 16th November 2011 meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that he had met with District Councillor Egglestone, St Mellion Chair and Cornwall Highways regarding the maintenance of Mushton lane. The result was that Cornwall Highways agreed that maintenance was required but no funds for the work existed. The Parish Council agreed that Pillaton and St Mellion Council taxes should not be raised to cover costs of repair.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Martin for materials to repair the train and Kevin Horsham and Ray Crocker for reinstating the train at the play park.

Councillor D Floyd reported that the salt bin at Pillaton Mill had been refilled.

VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman explained that concerns continued regarding the resurfacing of the entrance area to the Hall and the builders had

promised to remedy the faults. The successful planting of the trees and shrubs was recorded.

The Council approved payments of £240 and £1,800 to MOR, £1,850 to Twinways and £588 to KPP from the grants received for the project.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council issued an apology to Mr and Mrs Clarke regarding confusion over a planning application at Polborder Cottage.

NEW NOTICE BOARD

The Council supported a proposal to purchase a new notice board for the Village and Councillor Edwards volunteered to select the most appropriate board.

FINANCE

The Bank position of Current Account £3,566 and Deposit Account £4,502 was noted.

The following payments were approved:

£450 for grass cutting and £989.76 for fencing.

The Council approved a precept for 2012 to 2013 of £3,170.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Chairman Mr Dolley

LUCAS FAMILY – THANK YOU

The family of the late George Lucas would like to thank all those who sent cards and messages of sympathy, attended his funeral and who helped in any way.

A sum of £820 was collected for St Odulph's Church, Pillaton. Our grateful thanks to everyone.

Colin Lucas

St. Mellion & St Dominic Schools Governors

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ST MELLION SCHOOL NEWS



The autumn term is always exciting as the cycle of the school year starts once more.

In September we welcomed 11 new children in Reception, which I think is a record for us! The window is open for applications for places in Reception to start school in September 2012 for children who will have their 4th birthday between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012. Do contact the school office on 01579 350567 for further information.

The children have been on all sorts of trips to energise their learning: a day at Cotehele, the Eden Project, to Newbridge to study the R Lynher, Gardening Club grew, dried and arranged flowers in the Cotehele Christmas Garland. We had Squashbox theatre in and our YR-Y3 children enjoyed a wonderful show and workshops. Our friends from St Dominic School came too. The children all filled boxes with small gifts for children in Eastern Europe for the Saltash Rotary Club's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The oldest children organised and ran a tremendous table top sale for Children in Need raising over £300.

Our Parent Staff Association is a fantastic asset to the school raising money for the school through a variety of activities. This term there has been a Whist Drive which was well attended by the community and a hugely successful Christmas Fair which made over £1600. Very nearly every family came along and it was lovely to see people from the locality not connected directly to the school coming along too. Special thanks must go to Mr Waite, a parent, who sold £600 worth of raffle tickets, and Mr and Mrs Bailey who donated a stay in one of their lovely holiday cottages and Mr and Mrs Renfree who donated a 4x4 day at Bush Farm. There were many other fabulous prizes donated by local businesses. A great big thanks to them all! The monies raised will be spent on a trip to the panto in Plymouth in January and some more IT peripherals. The children benefit hugely from the use of IT in the curriculum, but IT is

a constant drain on the stretched school budget (which gets further stretched each year, despite our rising numbers on roll).

We rounded the term off with a brilliant Y3-Y6 (KS2) Christmas production which told the Christmas story most eloquently with some superb acting and singing. Class 1 brought the school carol service to life with their nativity complete with angels who were lit up with fairy lights, and a shadow puppet show. Again the singing was lovely!

And so we start a new year, which will hold all sorts of excitement as we have two members of staff who will be taking maternity leave, Bren Welch is expecting in early May, and Hayley Kempe in June!

On 3 February the Governors will be holding the annual quiz in Pillaton. Please see poster on page 8 for further details. Hope to see you there!

*Angela Palin
Headteacher*

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN
PILLATON VILLAGE HALL ON
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TO DISCUSS THE CELEBRATIONS FOR
THE ABOVE.**

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PILLATON WI

They say that beauty is “only skin deep”, but I’m sure most of us look in the mirror and hope to see an attractive face looking back. We all know there is no real remedy for ridding ourselves of wrinkles, whatever the ads may tell us, but it’s still nice to learn some of the tricks of the trade and find out how to make the most of what we’ve got! Which is exactly what our guest speaker at the November meeting, local beauty therapist Tina Hamilton showed us.

Working on Pillaton WI member Heather, who volunteered to be the model for the evening, Tina demonstrated a number of techniques we can all practise as part of our everyday cleansing and make up routines. Do you need to keep to a budget? No need to splash out on expensive products, according to Tina, just buy your cleansers and make up from the supermarket. Her top tips included advice on using a foundation brush to give a better finish; match the tint of the foundation to your neck colour; brush over with powder if you want to keep the look all day; sculpt cheekbones with brushes and blusher – and I always thought television presenters and actresses were just born lucky with beautifully defined cheekbones!

Moving on to the eyes, Tina suggested using an all over light colour as a base and blending darker colours for emphasis, while for eyeliner she opts for pencil as the easiest to use, working with short strokes. Mascara next – remember spitting on yours as a teenager and then working it to a paste with the little brush before applying it? No more of that – everything these days is far more hygienic if not such fun.

A bit of pain next, as Tina stated firmly that plucking your eyebrows is the cheapest face lift you can get – and Heather staunchly said she didn’t feel a thing, but I’m not sure whether to believe her.

Last, on to the lips, and Tina suggested a natural look is better than a red vamp, so try to match the colour on the inside of your lower lip. Apply by outlining with a lip pencil and then using lip gloss in the centre.

We agreed that Heather looked lovely after her makeover – not, of course, to say she doesn’t always look lovely – so Pillaton gentleman can

expect to see some lovely ladies walking about the village in future.

The business meeting covered lots of diary dates from both the County News and for our local community. Some to note are the proposed village meeting in January to continue plans for celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee in Pillaton; and the forthcoming Gershwin Day on March 30, which members can sign up for at the next meeting.

Our December meeting as always is our Christmas Party.

It’s the same formula every year, yet every year it still feels as fresh as if it was the first one! The WI Christmas Party – familiar faces, familiar setting and always a wonderful dinner cooked by Shirley Floyd.

Welcomed as we came into the Village Hall with a glass of mulled wine, the aroma of Christmas spices wafting into the entrance foyer, we milled around chatting to friends in anticipation of the feast to follow. Festive tables set with Christmas crackers, party poppers and balloons carried the promise of fun.

Of course we all ate too much and of course we found room for “seconds” of the puds. Those of us who were fortunate enough to live within walking distance of the Village Hall could indulge in wine with dinner and so we did!

The meal over, Secret Santa’s gifts were distributed and unwrapped, all declaring themselves pleased with their presents.

We dispersed into the wet and windy night outside, warmed by the glow of a lovely Christmas evening with good company and good food and looking forward to meeting again in the New Year.

Anne Henderson

Pillaton WI is a friendly group and welcomes new members. Come along and meet us! If you would like to know more about Pillaton WI, please contact Ann Henderson on 01579 351289.

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Well, if you missed it you missed a 'souper' time both at church and subsequently at the village hall.

The Nativity scene enacted by the children with all its improvisations was a delight. The various readings given by the young adults were competently done and appreciated by the congregation.

And what a congregation. The 'Toy Service' continues to fill the pews stretching across the generations from newborns to a young 95 year old. This service captures the essence of 'there but for the grace of God' and their generosity was visible in the many sacks of toys presented to Santa Claus who graced us with his presence!

A gracious thank you was given by a representative of Plymouth social services who reminded us that not all children have caring, loving families! So our Christmas gifts will bring a little joy into their lives.

The choir uplifted our spirits throughout the service but especially with the rendition of the Caribbean influenced Lords Prayer. Now it was time to adjourn to the village hall where a veritable cornucopia of festive feasting and charitable events awaited us. What a lot of hard work and organisation goes into these events and what would we do without these volunteers? A Christmas draw table laden with donated prizes. Thanks to The Weary Friar, Hair 32 by Rachel Hutchinson and Tesco's at Callington among many others.

Yes the community spirit was very much in evidence and not just because of the free mulled wine.

As newcomers to the excellent village of Pillaton we felt embraced by the goodwill and bonhomie of this very special event and we look forward to next years with enthusiasm.

Steve and Carol Bligh

FRUIT CASE

It is alarming how many Pillitonians have been 'under the weather' during the Christmas holidays. The news of the more seriously ill, quickly travels on the bush telegraph, whilst the abundance of winter colds and infections are evident, by the absence of characters from social events.

My family was certainly not immune from the bludgeoning of winter cold infections, in fact variations on a cold theme seemed to circulating amongst us in differing forms for weeks, making the whole family miserable.

Communication was difficult, snorts and pig like grunts were common...and sneezing the norm. I was warned that having children living with you would act as a magnet to all the bugs imaginable, my optimism at the time now, seems foolish. I was reminded of the comments of an old hand in the staff room when I started my first teaching job, who readily assured me that when I had been teaching a few years I would even become immune to bubonic plague!!!

The plague in my home came to a head on Christmas day, when my two and a half year old grandson performed with projectile vomiting, which would have been a credit to the producers of 'The Exorcist' but, was hardly appropriate as the Christmas Dinner was about to be served. The poor little chap was exorcised to bed and we continued ...post Dettol and steam mop clean up, to gather the shards of the day around us.

The mild weather kindly allowed us to do the village carol singing, fun to participate in, and always jolly after Pit Stop No.1 at Alison's for her deliciously wicked mulled wine and nibbles, giving us the strength to complete the circuit to end up at Pit Stop No.2 for Angela's mince pies and more liquid sustenance. Heartening to know that our enjoyment raises money for worthy causes.

The garden has been spring-like since late November. The camellias which usually flower around the Christmas period, like 'Cornish Snow,' continue to flower, and other more common varieties are still smothered in bloom.

Magnolia buds are big and ready, and there is a magenta flower on the tree magnolia at the end of the garden. My hydrangeas, which we planted as foot high cuttings, and now form a summer cloud bank beneath the trees, are still covered in blooms with no sign of frost damage.

Primrose and snowdrop jockey for position with yellow crocus, and it seems that only the daffodils have been left behind!

I realize, that the trees in my garden, with high fences and shrubbery make it a warm and sheltered space, the more open and wetter areas have less blooming excitement to offer. The birds have been nesting for a few weeks and the warmth has given them plenty of food, even the winter berries (usually a harbinger of cold weather) have not been stripped, as though there is just too much food to go round.

I have already received my seed catalogues, so I will have to start thinking about the growing season. The clock move round and we start the season of planting, sowing and weeding all over again. The bulbs are already breaking through the soil in their pots under the greenhouse benches ready for door step displays, but the problem for the Spring Garden Show will be, will there be any blooms to display by the time the show comes around???

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15 Jan	Sunday	1000 Morning Service 1115 Sung Eucharist	St. Mellion Landulph
17 Jan	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass 1930 St. Mellion with Pillaton PCC Meeting	St. Mellion St. Mellion
18 Jan	Wednesday	Visit to The Benefice By Bishop Tim (with refreshments) 1200 Pasty Lunch Rectory Room	Cargreen St. Dominic
22 Jan	Sunday	1000 Morning Praise 1115 Sung Eucharist	Pillaton St. Mellion
24 Jan	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass	St. Mellion
29 Jan	Sunday	1115 Benefice Eucharist with Hymns	St. Mellion
31 Jan	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass	St. Mellion
02 Feb	Thursday	1900 Candlemas	Pillaton
03 Feb	Friday	1930 St. Mellion School Quiz Village Hall	Pillaton
04 Feb	Saturday	1000 Coffee Clack Rectory Room	Cargreen
05 Feb	Sunday	1000 Morning Service 1115 Eucharist With Hymns	Landulph St. Mellion
07 Feb	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass	St. Mellion
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14 Feb	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass	St. Mellion
15 Feb	Wednesday	1200 Pasty Lunch Rectory Room	Cargreen
19 Feb	Sunday	1000 Morning Service 1115 Sung Eucharist	St. Mellion Landulph
21 Feb	Shrove Tuesday	0915 Said Mass 1700-1900 Pancakes at Village Hall	St. Mellion St. Dominic
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday	0915 Mass with Ashing 1930 Mass with Ashing	St. Mellion Landulph
26 Feb	Sunday	1000 Benefice Sung Eucharist with Bishop Tim and with Refreshments	Landulph
28 Feb	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass 1200-1400 Lent Lunch Church Hall	St. Mellion St. Mellion
03 Mar	Saturday	1000 Coffee Clack Rectory Room	Cargreen
04 Mar	Sunday	1000 Morning Service 1115 Eucharist With Hymns	Landulph St. Mellion
06 Mar	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass	St. Mellion

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
11 Mar	Sunday	1000 Morning Service 1115 Sung Eucharist	Pillaton St. Dominic
13 Mar	Tuesday	0915 Said Mass 1200-1400 Lent Brunch Church Hall	St. Mellion St. Mellion
18 Mar	Mothering Sunday	1000 Family Service with Posies 1000 Mothering Sunday with Simnel Cake and Posies (Combined St. Mellion-with-Pillaton Service)	St. Dominic Pillaton
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