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CONSECRATION OF NEW CHURCHYARD



The Bishop of St Germans plants a mulberry tree to commemorate the consecration of the new churchyard in Pillaton on Tuesday 22 July (see page 11).



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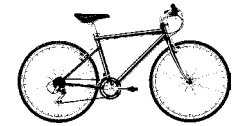
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Following a recent experience in the West End I shall never, ever complain about the seating in the Theatre Royal, Plymouth.

Several weeks ago we took the chance to visit London and catch a West End Show. After much deliberation we decided to see the multi-award winning 'Wicked' at the Victoria Apollo, but having left it a bit late it was perhaps not surprising that the only remaining seats were in the Upper Circle. Still we are not big people so restricted leg room is never really a problem.

Taking our seats, my wife asked if I would mind swapping places. I gallantly accepted and then very quickly realised I had accepted what in rugby terms would be termed a hospital pass. Before me was what can only be described as the man with the largest head in the world – if you think of 'Herman Munster' from the old American sitcom you'll get the picture, only the bolt on the side of the neck was missing. If I sat directly behind 'Herman' (probably not his real name; I have a suspicion he may have been Irish) the stage was almost completely obscured apart from the wings. 'Herman' also had large ears and these only exacerbated the situation still further. By craning to the left I could just about see 40% of the stage. Leaning the other way to see the right hand side of the stage was a complete non-starter lest I be accused of impropriety, as a large Welsh woman with enormous 'bingo wings' filled the adjacent seat.

Now 'Herman' did nothing wrong, he sat right back in his seat throughout the performance and thoroughly enjoyed the show. My experience was rather less captivating. 'Wicked' is loosely related to the 'Wizard of Oz' and features amongst others the characters, the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba, the beautiful but shallow Galinda and the people of Oz, the Munchkins. Assorted members of this rich cast would appear on the left hand side of the stage and then disappear for minutes on end behind 'Herman's' head whilst the occasional Munchkin would suddenly pop into view from behind an ear lobe. All continuity was lost for me. As the finale of the show approached and the Wicked Witch of the West rose high above the stage, there was no mistake, I had a clear sight of a broomstick and a hand, but no accompanying green witch!

I understand 'Wicked' is due to come to the Plymouth next year, but I'm still trying to decide whether to go and see the right half of the show.

Next copy date is 3 November 2014 - full details page 31.

Robin Dwane, Editor

PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 16 July 2014

ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Dolley, Heap, Martin , D. Floyd , S. Floyd , Harris and Warne.

APOLOGIES County Councillor D. Pugh.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Warne declared an interest in matters arising regarding post repairs and left the room at the appropriate time.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The Minutes of 18th June 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

The Council accepted the quotation from Cllr Warne in the sum of £160 for repairing the play equipment posts in the field.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The offer from the local Member of Parliament to request the Secretary of States intervention in respect of appeals on wind turbine installation was noted.

PLAY PARK

The Chairman reported that the goal posts had been moved 10 metres downhill and 5 metres towards the road having received no objections announcing the planned change.

FINANCE

The Bank position of current account £508 and deposit £1,837 was noted.

The Council approved payment of £35 audit fee and £37 for web site hosting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks were recorded to John Wheeley for maintaining the web site which had enjoyed 538 visits during the year.

Thanks were also given to Jo King for offering to look after the village library which was popular in the Village.

The Council noted that any persons placing stones on the Council verges could be held responsible should any people trip and injure themselves on the stones.

The Chairman stated that he had been assured that the bench in front of the salt bin would be moved before the winter months.

The Clerk was asked to remind Highways to cut the grass at junctions to increase visibility.

Chairman D Dolley



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PILLATON WEBSITE REPORT

The website went 'live' on 8th September 2010 and is now approaching its fourth anniversary. There are still the nine main sections on the site, namely; Home, News, Diary, Notices, Activities, Amenities, History, Council and Gallery.

In terms of website activity the table below shows the monthly averages for visits and pages viewed (downloaded) for each of the past four years (July to June).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Pages Viewed</u>
2010-11	207	892
2011-12	434	1441
2012-13	527	1707
2013-14	538	1597

In general, there is an increase in visits and pages downloaded. The Pages Viewed value for 2012-13 is a bit out of step with this but was probably lifted by visits following the lightning strike on the church back in January 2013.

Currently there are over 250 pages on the site (about 200 last year) and in excess of 500 photographs. Copies of the Village News are available from the website and are regularly downloaded as is also Andrew Harris's booklet of local walks.

Other items have been contributed for publication on the website by (amongst others); Sue White, Pam Lowther, Maire and Richard Warwick, Brian Hutfield, Dave Dolley, Dick Woodley, Tony Rowe, Jan Simms, Tony Laurillard, Sheila Bridle, Kevin Edwards, Jo and Don King, Ann Henderson, Andrew Harris, Robin Dwane, St Mellion Parish Council and Saltash Police Community Support.

Former resident Dave Joslin has sent in three old photographs relating to the village which were very welcome. This prompted Sheila Bridle and the Warwicks to send some in too. Nigel Beal (son of Ken) sent in several reports of life in his adopted New Zealand. We also had a request for information about the Vospers from a lady in USA.

A search on Google for Pillaton shows our web site third in the list following two entries for the commercial site Pillaton Pools (in Staffordshire), so it is easily found.

For the future the website will continue to post details about events and activities so that villagers are kept informed. Old photographs and historic items of interest are always welcome as additions to the site.

John Wheeley

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and cards at the loss of our beloved daughter Sally. They meant so much.

June and Brian Hutfield

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL

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or Ann on (01579) 351289

July Meeting

At our July meeting, the last before the summer break, Vincent and Brendon from the Red Cross, came to talk to us about first aid. They emphasised that they are not paramedics but their role is to stop bad medical emergency situations from getting worse. They stressed that all of us as members of the general public too can do this in emergencies. Their message very much was that we can all help by doing a quick assessment, where possible make the situation safe, call 999 and just to be there for the person in distress.

Now I've just given their message in relatively few words. Vincent and Brendon however entertained us greatly with amusing stories and many first aid tips. Vincent was French so had a delightful French accent and Brendon was a lovely Cornishman. They made us laugh and they made us think whilst giving their message. This all meant that it was one of those very enjoyable WI meetings.

So ladies who are reading this, if you are not a member of Pillaton WI how about joining us? We are a friendly bunch and meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our September meeting will have happened by the time you read this. However October is our Harvest Festival where we each bring a plate of food to share. November is a craft evening, possibly with Christmas in mind and December our Christmas party with a "Shirley" meal and of course Father Christmas.

Brendon and Vincent left us with the thought that in an emergency the hardest part for each of us may be making the decision to help and not to walk away possibly because we are scared of doing the wrong thing. They said don't let our own emotions stop us helping someone in distress. A few words or a held hand might make all the difference to an injured person or to their family afterwards. How right they were.

September Meeting

This month the WI were treated to an evening with Joyce Grenfell and how interesting and amusing it was. Yvonne Toms regaled us with an all round impression of Joyce – her life story and a flavour of some of the monologues and poems that she so wonderfully wrote.

We heard that Joyce Irene Phipps was born on 10 Feb 1910 and was three quarters American. Her mother, who was the sister of Nancy Astor, knew from when Joyce was very young that she was going to be funny. For instance, at the age of three they were on a transatlantic voyage when Joyce, in the middle of a tea dance, got up and danced all alone with her eyes closed. The audience laughed and applauded. Joyce remembered keeping her eyes closed and the feeling which she liked and never forgot.

At 10 she was enrolled in the Frances Holland School in Chelsea. This was followed by a boarding school at 13 and finishing school at 17. Her parents had hoped she would learn how to find a rich husband! Although she enjoyed dancing she became too tall for this so persuaded her parents to send her to RADA. By 18 she was engaged to five men all at the same time and none knew about the others! However

PILLATON WI

none were the love of her life until she met Reggie Grenfell.

In 1928 she was a debutante and 'came out.' In 1929 she and Reggie were married at St Margaret's Church, Westminster – a very big event. They were very happy as a couple but did not have any children. Joyce by this time was a writer and became the radio critic for the Observer and a writer of light verse for Punch. She collaborated with Stephen Potter and developed her impersonation skills. Stephen heard her impersonate a WI speaker (!) and paid her the princely sum of £10 to perform this.

During WW2 when Reggie was in the army she worked for ENSA and entertained troops in 14 countries. She worked very hard and at one point gave 155 concerts in 9 weeks – an average of three per day. For this work she was awarded an OBE. This all led to her having her own shows on the radio and developing her acting career. She was in 25 films including 'St Trinians.' Her aunt, Nancy Astor, however would not accept that she was an actress until she appeared in 'The Million Pound Note' with Gregory Peck!

In addition to all of this she could draw, compose and sing in perfect pitch and just loved words and music. She was very much a people watcher and took note of remarks on buses in queues etc to give her material for her work. She apparently saw beauty where others didn't and was never unkind or cruel. A friend once said of her that she did not have an ounce of malice and saw goodness in all and that this was due to the presence of God. She apparently had three 'columns' that held her life together – her faith as a Christian Scientist, her marriage and her work.

She retired after losing the sight in one eye due to cancer in an optic nerve. Unfortunately this spread into her spine. On 19 Nov 1979 she received a letter from 10 Downing St advising her that she was to be awarded the DBE – Dame Commander of the British Empire -in the New Years honours list. However rather sadly she died on 30 Nov 1979, 12 days before her Golden Wedding anniversary. She was cremated at Golders Green and this was attended only by Reggie.

She sounds as though she was a wonderful woman in her personal life, as well as through all the monologues and poems that some of us know so well.

To give us a flavour of these, Yvonne impersonated Joyce and recited several. One of which was 'A Terrible Worrier.' This is about a lady having 'done wrong' by buying raffle tickets with the first prize being a cruise to 'Madeira.' Unfortunately it is too long to quote here so if you have the chance and want a laugh then do look it up and be prepared to giggle. We also heard that old favourite song 'Stately as a Galleon.'

Yvonne concluded with and how could she not, one of the 'George- don't do that!' poems called Story Time. It was so funny and perhaps rang bells for anyone who has had anything to do with young children.

So overall a very enjoyable and amusing evening with Noreen Symons giving a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Pam Lowther



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CONSECRATION OF NEW CHURCHYARD



Tuesday 22nd July was a very special day in the life of Pillaton church in the Parish of St Mellion with Pillaton.

An evening service of consecration was conducted by Chris, the Bishop of St Germans at an open air ceremony in the new churchyard extension at this beautiful Grade 1 listed church which recently celebrated its 750th anniversary. Just as he uttered the first words of the service, we were treated to a very low overfly by our light blue friends from the RAF and Bishop Chris remarked that he had ordered them for two minutes earlier!

The new churchyard extension is part of the 'Living Churchyards' scheme until it is required for burials and the strewing of ashes; currently an area of quiet contemplation to commune this nature and sit to take in the beautiful views of the Lynher valley – there are areas of annual wild flowers, a developing meadow with 'yellow rattle' and an increasing number of rare meadow plants, trees donated by parishioners and a very active bee hive.

Bishop Chris stressed that the consecration of a new churchyard was a rare occasion and none of those present would expect to see this service performed in Pillaton in their lifetime. He blessed the corners and the centre of the new area and then planted a mulberry tree to commemorate the occasion.

The service was well attended with over 40 parishioners as witness and as the service came to its conclusion, the bells rang out in celebration; all those present repaired to the Village Hall where a sumptuous repast (and a cup of tea, of course) was partaken.

Tony Rowe

PILLATON GARDENING CLUB SUMMER SHOW



A marvellous afternoon on Saturday 6 September saw an increase in visitors to the annual Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show, which together with an increase in exhibitors, made for a most successful event.

Ian Edwards won the most trophies for vegetables, leeks and preserves whilst his wife Helen won the Howarth Trophy for needlecraft. The Show Committee was delighted to see Esme Garland entering this year with her quality garden produce, cookery and sewing. Shirley Floyd won the Davina Beal Cup for cookery and gave helpful tips to those listening about preventing cakes from burning and other unfathomables. The Symons family jostled for the Wine Trophy with mother in second place to son whose added entries into the beer/lager section clinched the win. Maire Warwick (who also kindly presented the trophies) provided excellent photographs to win the Greta Jope cup. The Art section was won by Alison Downing and the Floral Art by Nan Doughty.

The juniors were headed by Acacia Martin who won the Headmaster's Cup for most points and the Rose Peter Shield for children's cookery. Oliver Symons won the Playgroup cup for best garden on a plate. Jan Simms won the Newton Ferrers Trophy for the best potted flowering shrub and the family gaining the most points was between the Symons (68 points) and the Martins (50). The J and T Dolley Trophy was therefore presented to the Symons family.

In memory of Rose Peter, we held a silence. She was instrumental in all the Gardening Club did and will never be forgotten.

Thanks must go to John Hubbard for his unceasing help on the day, Kernock Park Plants for the pop up tent and truck, Ron Congdon for use of his truck and our show secretary Carole for all the organising.

Anyone wishing the committee to consider other subjects in the schedule for next year's Show (5 Sep 2015), please contact Carole 350063 or Linda 350956. This is a village event and we want everyone to feel part of it.

Linda Mavin

PS. We are still looking for a home for the staging which takes up a space about 10ft high by 4ft wide.

Please contact Linda if able to help. Thank you.

VILLAGE HALL FLOORING

I am pleased to report that the new floor has been completed and the Village Hall is now open again for bookings etc.

The Hall had to be cleared before the above could take place and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for giving up their time and energy over several weekends and our four volunteers, Jan, Darren, Des and Steve for the invaluable help and support that they gave us. All worked tirelessly to help put the hall back in place.

*Dave Dolley
Chairman, Pillaton Village Hall*



Just some of the wide range of produce on display

- ROSE PETER -
A TRIBUTE FROM PILLATON
GARDENING CLUB

Members of the Pillaton Gardening Club were shocked and saddened by the passing of their Chairman Rose Peter on 2 July. Rose had been an enthusiastic committee member of the club (formerly the Pillaton Horticultural Society) since it was formed in 1986 and became an exceptionally successful competitor at its Spring and Summer Shows. She was born in Pillaton and went to the village school here, but when her husband Keith died in December 1999 she moved away from Pillaton with her long-time friend and subsequently partner John Hubbard. However, they still maintained a very active interest in our Gardening Club.

Rose threw herself wholeheartedly into the Spring and Summer Shows in the Village Hall, entering almost every class from flowers, pot plants, vegetables, fruit, flower arranging and cookery, and usually winning most of them, including the overall trophy for most points in the show.

She was also one of the mainstays in the organisation and running of the Club. Among other things, she and John always organised the raffle for the shows and supplied the prizes for it, and she was very keen to encourage children's involvement. She presented three of the show trophies: The Rose Peter Cup for most points in the cut flower classes in the Summer Show, The Rose Peter Shield for most points in children's cookery in the Summer Show and the RosePeter Cup for junior floral art in the Spring Show.

Needless to say, Rose will be sadly missed. We extend our condolences to her family and especially to John, who will be feeling the sense of loss the most.



Rose Peter pictured in 1990 receiving the shield from Dan Plessis for most points in the Summer Show.



Running the raffle at the Summer Show in 2005



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MEN OF PILLATON REMEMBERED

On 4 August a moving service was held in St Odulph's Church to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War and to remember all those who perished in the conflict. The central theme of the evening was "The Lamps Are Going Out in Pillaton" with an individual candle being lit for each of the Servicemen recorded on Pillaton War Memorial and then extinguished as the service drew to its conclusion. During the service Don King gave a reading outlining the wartime service of each of the individuals listed and where they met their end. For those who want to find out more, a full copy of the reading used at the church service has been placed on the village web-site, but basic details about each man are given below:

Arthur John CHUBB, born South Hill, lived at High Kernick, St.Mellion.

Private, 1st Battalion the Devonshire Regiment

Killed in action, the Somme, 24th July 1916, aged 18.

Gerald Thurston COLLINS, born St Columb, lived at Newton Ferrers House.

Lieutenant RN, HMS Tipperary.

Killed in action, Battle of Jutland, 31st May 1916, aged 25.

Percival George Fenwick COLLINS, born in St Columb, lived at Newton Ferrers House.

Younger brother of Gerald Collins.

Lieutenant in 6th Battalion, Devon & Cornwall Light Infantry,

Killed in action, Delville Wood, Somme, 18th August 1916, aged 23.

Eustace Trehane ELLIOTT, born in Pillaton at Smeaton Farm.

2nd Lieutenant, 9th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment.

Killed in action at Guemappe, Battle of Arras, 10th April 1917 aged 32.

William HOCKING, son of Richard, the rector of St.Odulph's.

Flight Sub.Lieutenant, Royal Naval Air Service.

Killed in sea-plane accident 21st April 1916, aged 23.



Pillaton War Memorial

Charles Ambrose PEARCE, born in Pillaton at Rowse Farm.
Private, 18th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Died of shell wounds near Ypres, 24th May 1917 aged 21.

William John HIGMAN, born in Landrake.

Stoker Petty Officer RN, married to Alberta Stephens of Rick Park Farm.
Died, aged 33, when his ship, HMS Nasturtium, was sunk by a mine off Malta, April 28th 1916

PLEASE NOTE. Don King and Ann Henderson plan to publish a booklet giving more details about these men and of some of those who returned from the war. We would like to find photographs and personal details of men from the Pillaton and St.Mellion parishes who served in the Great War and we are trying to make contact with relations and descendents of their families. If you have any information that you are willing to share, please email Don King at donald.king@btinternet.com.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MESSAGES

Local Burglaries

We have been made aware that a number of burglaries have taken place in the Saltash area over the last few days. You are advised to make sure that doors, windows and outbuildings are secured at all times.

Countrywide Telephone Scam

The Devon and Cornwall Police would like to make you aware of the following nationwide telephone scam.

The scam involves a person claiming to be a Police officer phoning claiming a bank card has been fraudulently used and that they need to phone their bank telephone number given on the back of the card. However the line will remain open by the offender so the victim will mistakenly believe they are calling the bank. They are then tricked into disclosing bank information and be instructed to attend the local branch of their bank and withdraw a sum of money and pass it to either a local taxi firm or to a courier sent by the fraudsters to collect the funds or bank cards. These people are very convincing.

Genuine police officers and bank staff will never ask for your PIN number, bank card or cash over the phone. Never give out any personal or bank details to anyone. Please hang up on any similar calls you may receive. Please pass this message on to others especially elderly or vulnerable persons.

Devon and Cornwall Community Police



SCILLY SWIM CHALLENGE 2014



One of the supporting kayaks followed by swimmers taking part in the Scilly Swim Challenge 2014.

On the 6 September, 150 long-distance swimmers gathered at Bar Point on St. Mary's to begin this inaugural event and the first of 6 long swims (15km total) and 6 short walks (10 km total) across the five inhabited & one uninhabited islands of the Isles of Scilly.

The idea was to swim to an island, have a cup of tea & something to eat, walk across it, spot the next island somewhere on the horizon and swim to that, have a cup of tea & something to eat... and continue until dark.

It was a great day, but pretty hairy in places! We met at 5.30 am, walked to the first swim at the top of St Mary's and started swimming at 7.00 am and finished 12 hours later, with some stories to tell!

The first four swims were idyllic, the water eerily calm, unlike the Scilly I know, which is usually rough. The water was a rejuvenating and a refreshing 13 degrees, colder than Cornish waters and really clear. It was simply stunning. Then the water got rougher.....

There are three parts to an expedition, the planning, the doing and the talking about it after. I think I prefer the latter as I sit here typing in my nice warm study!

I swam the first four swims with a friend who couldn't even put her head in the water in January, so she did really well. She decided to stop swimming after that, rather than get in to difficulty. Swimming with her at her pace, I got really cold and struggled at times to stay warm enough. So I had a stint on a rescue boat at one point to warm up.

In the last swim, I swam at my own pace and was going along quite nicely. The wind had come up and the sea was getting rougher, making conditions more challenging. It was then really tough getting back in to St Mary's where

we had started swimming all that time ago at 7 in the morning. Since then we had circumnavigated the six islands anti-clockwise, this time going in to the bottom of the island, to Porthcressa beach. Then the unexpected happened. We were nearing St Mary's and the tide turned early, or a rip current developed, it is not clear which. Imagine running a marathon, then in the last 100 metres getting on a treadmill for an hour, within sight of the finish. It really was a bit hairy - especially when we started to go backwards and other more desperate swimmers escaped by throwing themselves on the rocks. An hour's swim turned into nearly two hours. I remember seeing the seabed move an inch per stroke, edging my way round the corner to get in to the bay that leads to the beach. The safety arrangements worked like a dream, as I was aware of swimmers around me being rescued by kayaks and thankfully ample rescue boats. I did not give in. We had to dig deep, but then again we had been digging fairly deep since about 7.00 am. No doubt about it - It was a big and memorable finish for everyone and everyone returned safe.

I was so pleased to be embraced by my husband on the beach at the finish, who endured my near panic-attack and tears, as I released the pent up emotions that I had kept under wraps for the previous hour of supreme effort, not to mention since starting walking at 5.30 am and getting up at 4.30 am..... Dick had followed all the way around in the supporter's boat and had welcomed me to the beach after each swim and walked with me on the walks across each island. On the beach at the finish, I vowed I would never do it again.....

However, time has changed that and it was a pleasure to take part. I would recommend it to anyone who likes very long swims in the sea with other people and the great camaraderie that brings.

For more information and entering next year, see - www.scillyswimchallenge.co.uk They also have a Facebook page you can 'like' and follow.

For information on wild swimming in Devon & Cornwall and joining in, see www.devonandcornwallwildswimming.co.uk They also have separate Facebook pages you can 'like' and follow and see where organised wild swims are taking place locally. It is important to read the safety advice before you swim.

Thank you to all my supporters and fund raisers - you kept me going when things got tough. I am raising money for The Chestnut Appeal, for men in Devon and Cornwall with prostate cancer, as several of our family and friends have battled with various types of cancer over the past year. I have raised £325.72 so far. There is still time to donate online if you would like to, please go to -

www.justgiving.com/Ruth-Woodley2

Thank you so much!

Ruth Woodley, Flowerwood, Pillaton

The autumn creeps up on us, the 'Indian' weather enables us to gather our harvest of fruit and vegetables before the delights of the October rain and gales hit us. It has been a good year for produce judging by the quantity and quality exhibited at the village flower show.

FRUIT CASE

I was put to shame by the quality of the apples, blemish free and hugely succulent whereas mine looked as though they had been used as footballs, but the maggots enjoyed them! I missed the bees' nest in the fruit garden, which last year had so improved the pollination that I am still eating last year's black currants from the freezer. The crop this year was pathetic and the birds ate most of them. It is really spooky hearing black currant bushes that rustle just before a cloud of birds explode from them when I pass. The long dry spell made the blackbirds even greedier for the moist berries. My mulberry tree is still dropping berries on my head as I weed beneath, I sometimes think the blackbirds are playing a game at my expense.

I did have a super crop of figs from my 11 year old tree, planted not long after we moved in. Wilf brought two small cuttings, which he had produced by aerial layering from a very fruitful 60 year old tree from our house in Sussex. I planted one in the poor soil to hide the gas tank; the other cutting remained in a large pot. The planted one is a good size tree about 8 ft tall and bushy, the pot fig is alive but only 3 ft tall and scrawny. The hot weather ripened the figs beautifully, and I had to pick them quickly in the mornings, before the blackbirds and thrushes reduced them to dark purple rags hanging from the branches. I recall a cheeky young thrush peeking up at me as I picked a ripe fig, right by his beak, the leaves hid him again as I withdrew my hand. I never net the fruit now I am quite happy to share it with my birds, I stopped using net after finding a young blackbird totally tangled in net, its juvenile plumage twisted and strangled.

I have started my autumn hack back, turning my mass of camellia, magnolia, rhododendrons, laurels and others, into defined shapes, giving them time to reshape into individual bushes for next year's flowering season. I know you are supposed to cut camellias back after flowering, but they had to be left as the garden was stacked with nests, I was knee deep in fledglings! The birds must come first. I see the last of the swallows are still screaming overhead, singing their acrobatic joy before departing for warmer climes, as I try to tidy the beds and leave the veg beds with a blanket of manure.

Next week it will be chutney making time, and all the buckets of apples, that have attracted the clouds of fruit flies into the kitchen, will be processed, frozen, stewed and preserved in a dozen ways. It is a busy time especially when we have a few days of sun left to complete this outside jobs, weatherproofing the shed roof, mending a few panes in the greenhouse, because we all know that once it starts raining it may not stop until Spring!

Jan Simms

MISSING CAT - OLLIE

Our Ollie cat has gone walkabout again. This is not unusual this time of year except that he only normally has 3 weeks holiday a year. This is his fourth week and counting away from home. He is a large tabby cat with a white nose, white feet, and a white neck. He is not micro chipped and there is no collar as he always lost them or managed to get his leg tied up in them. His usual patch is around the fields of the farm of Gary Bridgeman. If you have spotted him or know where he is can you contact Jo or Graham Heap at Blackthorns 350819. Many thanks.

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Wed 8 Oct midday	Concert with Pasty Lunch: <i>Kate McClaughry</i> - Harpist	£10 LMC
Fri 10 Oct 7.30pm	Jazz Cafe: Ain't Misbehavin'	£15 LMH
Sat 11 Oct 7.30pm	Variety: Village Night	£5 LMH
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
21 Sep	Sunday	1000 Benefice Harvest Eucharist	Pillaton
		1000 Morning Prayer	St Dominic
28 Sep	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Landulph
05 Oct	Sunday	1000 Harvest Eucharist	St Dominic
12 Oct	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Pillaton
		1600 Pet Service	Pillaton
19 Oct	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Matins	Pillaton
26 Oct	Sunday	1000 Seven Churches Benefice Eucharist	St Mellion
02 Nov	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	St Dominic
09 Nov	Remembrance Sunday		
		1000 Remembrance Service	Pillaton
		1030 Remembrance Service	St Dominic
		1050 Remembrance Matins	Landulph
		1500 Cenotaph Service	St Mellion
16 Nov	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Pillaton
23 Nov	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Landulph
30 Nov	Advent Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist/carols	St Mellion
07 Dec	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	St Dominic
		1000 Toy Service	Pillaton
14 Dec	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Pillaton
		1800 Carols at the Golf Club	St Mellion GC
		1800 Carols	St Dominic
21 Dec	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Landulph
		1600 Carols around the Tree	St Mellion
24 Dec	Christmas Eve	1700 Christingle	St Dominic
		2330 Midnight Mass	St Dominic
25 Dec	Christmas Day	1000 Benefice Eucharist	Pillaton
28 Dec	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	St Mellion

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Pillaton Village Diary

Wed 17 Sep	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 27 Sep	Coffee Morning MacMillan Cancer Support and Sue Ryder Care, Village Hall
Fri 3 Oct to Sun 12 Oct	Landulph Festival (see page 22 for details)
Mon 13 Oct	WI Harvest Supper, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 15 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 6 Nov	Jonathan Dellbridge Organ Concert, St Odulph's Church, Pillaton
Mon 10 Nov	WI Craft Evening, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 19 Nov	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 29 Nov	Entertainment from 'Girls Out Loud' and meal, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 8 Dec	WI Christmas Party, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 17 Dec	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 7 Mar 2015	Pillaton and the Great War Evening, Pillaton Village Hall

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Tue 16 Sep	Garden Waste
Tue 23 Sep	Recycling
Tue 30 Sep	Garden Waste
Tue 7 Oct	Recycling
Tue 14 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 21 Oct	Recycling
Tue 28 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 4 Nov	Recycling
Tue 11 Nov	Garden Waste
Tue 18 Nov	Recycling
Tue 25 Nov	Garden Waste

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