

News and Events Archive - 2013

British Villages Photo Competition

The insurer of our Village Hall is running a photo competition that may be of interest to people in the area. See the 'Wonderful British Villages' poster for further details and a link to the relevant Facebook page. Closing date is 31st March 2014.

14/12/13

Notice of a New Neighbourhood Plan

A new Neighbourhood Plan is being considered. This is a long term view of developments which could affect Pillaton and the surrounding area over the next 15 years or so. For more details on this and information on how to contribute, see the Neighbourhood Plan notice.

7/12/13

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The recent Saltash December Policing Bulletin which covers this area has been published. It includes details of community activities, an item on local burglaries, crime statistics for November and raises awareness of the Christmas drink driver campaign.

7/12/13

November Rainfall

November had roughly half the rainfall of October. If December's rainfall is around the average so far for this year (ca 90mm or 3.5") then 2013 will be the driest of the last three years - the period over which Brian Hutfield has been recording the rainfall in Pillaton. See the latest rainfall figures for more detail.

7/12/13

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The November edition of the Pillaton Village News is now available. In addition to the regular items and reports on recent events, including the church's Pet Service, there is a suggested traffic protocol to help avoid congestion in the lanes. In addition, you can find the first of what we hope will be a regular column from Luke Taylor who will be presenting the views and concerns of the younger generation living in the village.

See the Village News page for links to previous issues.

24/11/13

Raising the Flag Once More



Church repairs following damage caused by the lightning strike back in January have just about been completed. One of the last activities was to erect the new flagpole on top of the church tower and then hoist the flag again.

Dave Dolley was on hand with his camera to record this final stage of the repair work and you can see his photographs on the Raising the Flag gallery page.

15/11/13

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The latest November Policing Bulletin for this area has been received. Topics in it include a timely reminder of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from faulty or poorly maintained fires.

15/11/13

October Rainfall



October proved by some margin to be the wettest month this year so far with just over eight inches (205mm) of rain. See the latest rainfall figures for more detail.

3/11/13

Pumpkin Festival

As part of the Halloween celebrations on 31st October, Pillaton Gardening Club arranged a Pumpkin Festival in the Village Hall with fancy dress and pumpkin food. Maire Warwick kindly sent in two photographs of the occasion which can be seen on the Pumpkin Festival page in the Gallery.

31/10/13

An Email from New Zealand

Recently we received an email from the other side of the world, New Zealand to be exact. It started with:

". . . I have never said goodbye to Pillaton. I don't think you ever do. My gran was born there. My grandad was born there and my mother was born there and even though I have been away now for 10 years I'm still a Pillatonite. I think you always are. You NEVER really leave. There is something about Pillaton that just gets under your skin. As much as I have begun to love NZ (and it takes some time) Pillaton is still home."

See who sent the email and find out more about life 'down under' for a Cornishman in an email from New Zealand.

29/10/13

Pillaton's Bells Ring Out Again



Having been forced into silence following lightning bolt damage to the church nine months ago, Pillaton's church bells have rung out once more over the village. Repairs to the church and tower have reached the stage where some of the facilities are again available for use and the regular Tuesday evening bell practice was held in the tower for the first time since January.

Fortunately the bells were not damaged by the lightning strike but structural damage to the church and tower meant that they could not be used until building repairs had been carried out. During those intervening months, the bell ringers managed to avoid getting too rusty by holding practice sessions at other local towers (many thanks to all those for their generous help). As a consequence, the ringing went well and everyone was pleased to be 'back home'. See Pillaton's Bells Ring Again for some photographs of the occasion.

22/10/13

Pillaton's French Night



Madame Shirley's famous pop-up restaurant brought 'A Taste of France' to the village last Saturday when around sixty people enjoyed an evening wining and dining 'a la Francais'. Some photos of the occasion can be found on the Pillaton French Night Gallery page.

19/10/13

Pillaton Arts and Crafts Group

During the first meeting last Thursday this provisional PAAC programme was agreed on. Meetings are to be held on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 5 pm. in the Village Hall.

More details can be found under the Arts and Crafts item on the Activities page

12/10/13

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

We have received a copy of the latest October Policing Bulletin for this area. Topics in it include marking small items of property with UV pens, Halloween behaviour and legal highs.

12/10/13

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The September edition of the Pillaton Village News has just been published. In addition to the regular items it includes the latest Church repair status, news about replacing windows in the Village Hall, a report from the Gardening Club's recent Summer Show, St. Mellion School news and a brief report about this website!

See the Village News page for links to previous issues.

23/9/13

European Elections Registration

Cornwall Council is calling on local people to register now to make sure they can have their say and vote in the European Parliamentary elections taking place in May 2014. See the Elections Registration Notice on the Notices page for further information.

15/9/13

Summer Show



A wide range of home grown and home made produce together with various art and craft items could be seen at the recent Summer Show held in the Village Hall. Jan Simms was there to capture the event and you can see a selection of her images in

the Gardening Club Summer Show 2013 section of our Web Gallery.

7/9/13

Ferral Ferrets in Pillaton?

Richard & Maire Warwick have seen some unusual wildlife recently - at least two polecat/ferret-like animals ran across the road in front of their car on the way back from Callington.

25/8/13

WI Ladies That Lunch

On a bright, sunny morning, a bevy of belles from Pillaton WI set off with pure enjoyment in mind - a tour of Knightor winery followed by a 3 course lunch.

13/8/13

Church Repairs Update



An recent update on the church repairs appeared in the August/September edition of the Church News and can be seen at [church restoration update](#).

4/8/13

Cherry Feast Report

A report on the Cherry Feast held last month.

14/7/13

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The July edition of the Pillaton Village News has just been published. In it you can read about the Pillaton 'Cube', Andy Murray at Wimbledon, fencing along the road to Clapper Bridge, a scheme to set up a Wildlife Haven in the Churchyard and much, much more.

See the Village News page for links to previous issues.

14/7/13

Church Repairs Update



As reported a few days ago, repairs to the pinnacles on the church tower are just about complete. Richard Warwick has been to the top of the tower and taken some photographs of the repairs which can be seen on the this church tower repairs gallery page.

8/7/13

Plymouth Maids Perform In Pillaton



A group of dancers calling themselves the Plymouth Maids entertained customers and passers-by outside the Weary Friar recently. This year the sun finally smiled on them, in marked contrast to the last few years when the event has been rained off. Kevin Edwards managed to capture some photographs of their performance which can be seen on the Plymouth Maids gallery page.

4/7/13

Church Repairs Update



A recent update on the church repairs that also gives some figures relating to the associated fundraising activities.

2/7/13

June Rainfall

June turned out the driest month so far this year and was also drier than June in the previous two years. See the latest rainfall figures for more detail.

2/7/13

Parish Council Meeting Matters Arising

Two items of note arising from the recent Parish Council Meeting. The main one concerns the fencing that has appeared alongside the road leading to Clapper Bridge.

19/6/13

May Rainfall

So far this year we have had slightly less rain than in 2011 and considerably less rain than during the same period last year. See the latest rainfall figures for more detail.

16/6/13

Church Repairs Update

A progress report on the church repairs.

31/5/13

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The May edition of the Pillaton Village News has been published. As always there is plenty of local news and information so make sure you take a look.

See the Village News page for links to previous issues.

23/5/13

Fund Raising for Pillaton Church

Three items of news relating to the Pillaton Church Disaster Fund:

- An account for donations to the Pillaton Church Disaster Fund has been set up on the 'Just Giving' website. You can use this to make donations to the fund. (Update 29-12-2013: this channel for funds has now been closed off because the cost outweighs the returns.)
- Bethany Skinnard has raised over £1000 for the Disaster Fund by completing the Plymouth Half Marathon last month in a very good time of 1 hour and 37 minutes.
- Shelagh Skinnard is holding a Charity Lunch on Thursday 23rd May from 12.30 pm. Usual stalls, cakes, bring and buy and 50/50 clothing rail (bring your mistakes!) and a raffle. £12 per person to include a glass of wine. Proceeds in aid of the Pillaton Church Disaster Fund. Contact Shelagh on 350277 if you are able to attend as numbers are limited.

12/5/13

Skittles League Presentation Evening



Another excellent meal at the Village Hall, courtesy of Shirley and Dave, rounded off the latest Skittles League season. For a summary of the season and the final tables, see Sue's Skittles Report.

20/4/13

Pillaton Public Library



While most Councils throughout the land are reducing their libraries Pillaton Parish Council has just created one. Yes, the Pillaton library is now opened thanks to the efforts of Dave Dolley for painting and Gary Martin and Roger Warne for supplying the materials and building the shelves, all at no cost to the Parish. The library is open day and night every day of the week, a true 24/7.

The library is situated in a distinctive red telephone box next to the Village notice boards. Any one is welcome to borrow or donate a book and to enjoy the new facility.

Richard Woodley
Clerk Pillaton Parish Council

13/4/13

'Walks Around Pillaton' Booklet



The popular guide to some local walks produced by Andrew Harris has been revised by him and made into a 16 paged A5 sized booklet by Robin Dwane (Editor and Producer of the Pillaton Village News). If you feel like taking some exercise to walk off all those hot cross buns and Easter eggs, then see 'Walks Around Pillaton'.

31/3/13

Keeping Your Dog Under Control

The Parish Council has been made aware of a number of attacks by dogs on other dogs. This has happened where the Owner of the attacking dog has not had their dog under control. If you are a dog owner, please familiarise yourself with the information to be found in keeping your dog under control.

28/3/13

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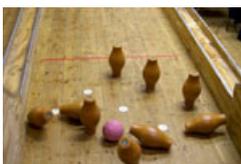


The March edition of the Pillaton Village News is now in circulation. Naturally the main topic is the lightning strike on the church but there are items from the WI and the Gardening Club together with Jan Simms' regular 'Fruit Case' column that is always worth a read.

Go to the Village News page for links to previous issues.

24/3/13

Skittles League



The final games in this season's Skittles League have now been played. The Dare Devils made a remarkable turn around from their 2012 wooden spoon position to take first place, a comfortable 20 points clear of second place Knackered Monks. Skittles League 2013 - Final Table.

23/3/13

Church Repair Update



Further details from Tony Rowe on repairs to the Church

11/3/13

Church Repair Update



The latest update from Graham Heap on the situation regarding repairs and improvements to the Church

Also news of an event to be held at Calstock Church on Good Friday that is contributing to the Restoration Fund. This will be a performance of Haydn's quartet The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross.

3/3/13

e-petition Regarding Wind Turbines



Sherryl Murray is sponsoring legislation to prevent distant bureaucrats from over-ruling decisions made by local planners. Many times, local planners reject applications for wind turbines, only to have their decisions over-ruled by the planning inspectorate.

Please go to <http://www.windpetition.com/> and sign Sherryl Murray's petition to make local decisions stay local over wind turbines. It will take you just 1 minute to sign this e-petition.

Susan Concannon
Project Quethiok Parish

2/3/13

February Rainfall

See how February compared to the other recent months in our latest rainfall figures.

1/3/13

Pillaton Gardening Club AGM

The Pillaton Gardening Club AGM was held on 13th February and the following officers elected:

- o Chairperson – Ken Beal
- o Vice Chairperson – Rose Peters
- o Secretary – Linda Mavin
- o Treasurer – Linda Mavin
- o Show Secretary - Village hall rep. - Carole Hoskin
- o Committee: Pam Aggett, Richard Warwick, John Hubbard, Sue Archer, Julie Bazley, Kathryn Bunkum.

George Pollock is retiring from the committee and thanks were expressed for his help over the years.

Copies of the minutes are available from the Secretary.

Don't forget the Spring Show which takes place at the Village Hall on 16th March.

1/3/13

Old Bearah Snowdrop Day



Trudy and Tony Rowe opened their garden on Sunday 17th February so that friends and neighbours could wander round looking at the snowdrops, daffodils, camellias and other early spring plants. There was also a large supply of home made cakes and tea for refreshments. Read Tony's article on the Old Bearah Snowdrop Day for a fuller report. The event was held to help raise funds for the Pillaton Church Disaster Fund.

17/2/13

Co-ordinating Local Events

There is likely to be a significant increase in the number of events in and around Pillaton following the drive to help raise funds for St Odulph. In order to avoid conflicts, Graham Heap is now the main co-ordinator for *all* fund raising events, Church, WI, Village Hall, etc. and will have a list of all such events to ensure that there are no clashes of dates or too many similar events in a short space of time. Anyone who wishes to run an event should check the intended date with Graham and give him details.

For contact details and further information, see the PCC update, February 10th that was issued recently.

15/2/13

Resurgam Sign Unveiling



Sunday 10th February saw the unveiling of the Resurgam sign to mark the road to recovery of St Odulph following the damage caused by the recent lightning strike.

10/2/13

Restoration of St Odulph



Following the meeting held in The Weary Friar on 31st January to discuss the repairs and future of the church, Richard Lowther has produced a report covering the situation - see Church meeting, 31 January 2013. However, this is just the start and all ideas are still welcome.

The image above is the design to be painted in gold by local artist David Whittle on a shattered piece of pew (about 4ft long). It will be ready shortly and hung prominently to herald the rebirth of the church.

8/2/13

Rame Against Windturbines

In addition to the plans for installing a wind turbine near Dennett in Quethiock, we have just received notice of plans to install one at Rame. Although this is further away from us, people from these parts often go to the coast there. If you are unhappy with the plans and want to register an objection you will need to do so by 11th February 2013. See the Rame Against Windturbines document for more details. Alternatively, visit the Rame Against Windfarms website.

8/2/13

Restoration of St Odulph



There will soon be a chance to have your say regarding the repair and restoration work on our church that was damaged by lightning last week.

A meeting is planned for Thursday 31st January in The Weary Friar at 6.00 pm. and all are invited.

Read Tony Rowe's update and some options for discussion for more background and do your best to be at the meeting.

28/1/13

River Levels at Pillaton



I recently came across an Environment Agency web page that shows the current River level at Pillaton. Additionally, it gives the typical range of levels and an indication when flooding could occur. This may be of general interest to those living in the area but could be very useful if you are in a location that is liable to flooding from the River Lynher.

28/1/13

Church Damage Latest



Work has started on making the church safe by removing some of the large granite blocks that were still perched on the roof and covering up the holes there to prevent rain and snow from coming in.

BBC Spotlight featured the incident on its broadcasts yesterday. Did you spot the local film stars? There is also an item about it on the BBC webpages. As will be gathered from these, it is not yet known whether insurance will pay for the repair work but this will clearly involve a large sum of money. Initial estimates are indicating that this could be in the order of £500,000 for this Grade I listed building.

Acacia Martin (aged 8) who lives in the village was moved to write her own report of the event which you can read in Acacia's report.

23/1/13

Emergency Services Team up in Callington

We have received notice from Cornwall Council stating that ambulances will soon be operating from Callington Community Fire Station on South Hill Road following an agreement between the respective fire and ambulance authorities. Currently the nearest ambulance stations are at Liskeard and Saltash.

23/1/13

St Odulph Struck by Lightning



Late last night (21-1-13) Pillaton church was damaged by a lightning bolt that destroyed the NE pinnacle on the tower. Flying masonry made several holes in the church roof and damaged fixtures and fittings inside. One stone also broke a bench outside The Weary Friar. Fortunately no one was hurt in the incident.

Photographs showing some of the lightning damage can be found in the Gallery.

Also some more photographs of the lightning damage this time taken by Richard Warwick and Tony Rowe. These feature interior shots and some from the top of the tower.

Please do not attempt to go into the church, or stand too close to it, until the damage has been stabilised. There is still a risk of stones falling.

22/1/13

Pillaton WI Thank You

Pillaton WI would like to thank all who supported them when carol singing around the village before Christmas. We raised £161 for Air Ambulance and a letter of thanks is attached.

21/1/13

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The January edition of the Pillaton Village News has just been published and distributed. In it you can read about the early days of the Village News and catch up on the effects of the weather we experienced in December. The latter making the 'new look' front page and also featuring strongly in Fruit Case's regular column.

Go to the Village News page for links to previous issues.

19/1/13

Liskeard Work Hub

We have received notice of the Liskeard Work Hub. Further information and contact details can be found using the first link in the linked page. The second link takes you to details of an existing Work Hub at Totnes where you can see how such an enterprise works.

19/1/13

WI Meeting

A report on January's WI meeting is now available.

Links to other WI Meeting reports can be found in the WI section on the Activities page.

14/1/13

Callington U3A to Celebrate its 10th Anniversary in March



We have received notice of Callington U3A's 10th Anniversary Exhibition which is open to all. Although this is not taking place in Pillaton, quite a few village residents belong to this U3A and it is always happy to welcome new members from the area. Find out more about the proposed exhibition and anniversary display.

5/1/13

December Rainfall



December failed by half a millimetre to equal November's rainfall of 255mm! After threats of a drought and hosepipe bans in the first quarter of the year we saw a turnround that made 2012 one of the wettest years on record. Compare our rainfall figures for the past two years now.

Persistent heavy rain in the days leading up to Christmas saw a repeat of November's flooding in some places around the parish with the River Lynher, in particular, coming over its banks for a while. Some photographs taken after the heavy rains can be found in the Gallery.

Let us hope for some better weather in 2013.

1/1/13
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