

Pillaton Village News

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CLAPPER BRIDGE DAMAGED



Another New Year and once again Clapper Bridge has been damaged. A rogue trailer or large vehicle has ignored the narrow road ahead warning signs, and around 6 metres of the bridge's coping stones have been knocked into the river below. Cornwall Highways has now put warning tape and cones in place to indicate the lack of a barrier between road and river. It is understood that action is in hand for the bridge to be repaired in the coming weeks and which will almost certainly require a temporary road closure.



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Well, once again it's a Happy New Year to all readers of the Village News. Weatherwise the old year passed out in a flurry of storm force winds and rain in the guise of a ruffian called Gerrit closely followed by a chap named Henk who brought torrents of rain and even more wind. Now, even though it is January we seem to be having an almost unaccustomed cold spell, such is the changeable and unpredictable nature of our weather.

Speaking of change, there is going to be plenty of that this year. 2024 seems to be election year for many countries all over the world, with a General Election almost certain to take place in the UK at some stage. This could result in a change of government and, even if the Conservatives confound the bookies' odds to win, there are still bound to be plenty of changes at ministerial level.

Much closer to home, in South East Cornwall, the biggest change will come in April when we will all be trying to make sense of the new recycling and rubbish collection rules. On page 8, I've made an attempt at trying to interpret the new rules. Hopefully, I've got everything right. However, in my darker moments, if there's a mistake, I have visions of the village being taken over by hordes of wheelie bins, with lots of little silver ones, looking like R2D2 lurking in kitchens.

Of course, the innocent victims of this change will be all those humble dustbins

that have served us so well over the years. Be they metal or black plastic, what will become of them? Normally when something is phased out, such as Concorde, there is some sort of commemoration. What about our dustbins? They have given years of loyal service, sitting out there in all weathers, patiently waiting to be emptied. What does the future hold for them? As black plastic cannot be recycled, our old dustbins could perhaps be put to use as composting bins or the basis of a garden water feature. However, if they are just simply to be abandoned, someone might need to set up a rehoming scheme for unwanted Cornish dustbins across the Tamar in Devon.

The next copy date is 8 January - full details on page 23.

Robin Dwane, Editor



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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2023

ATTENDANCE Cllrs, Dolley, Ley, Johnson, Bunkum ,Warne and Floyd.

APOLOGIES Cllr. Moore.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM There were 5 members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of 7 November 2023 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

a) Telephone Box Painting

The Chairman reported that the painting of the interior of the box had not been completed because the door was found to need repair. The work would be completed in the spring.

b) Abandoned Furniture In Lay By

It was noted that Cornwall Council had removed the abandoned furniture.

c) Coronation Tree Planting

The Chairman informed the Council that he and Cllrs Warne and Bunkum had successfully planted the Coronation tree for which thanks were given by all.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council approved planning application PA23/05611.First floor extension and loft conversion at 7 Briars Ryn for Mr and Mrs Simon and Sara Dolley

FINANCE

The Council approved the following payments; £372 to Duchy Defibrillators for maintenance, £220 to the Village Hall for rental and £5 to Cllr Dolley for mulch for the Coronation tree.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Trough In The Row

The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Highways to seek clarification regarding whether or not, the placing of a stone trough on the public highway was permissible. It was also noted that a Christmas tree in the trough obscured the street name.

2. Web Site Maintenance

The Council decided to seek a replacement volunteer to maintain the Council web site owing to the departure of Mr. Wheeley who had carried out the task for many years.

3. Pot Holes

Cllr Johnson reported that Pillaton residents had complained to Cornwall Highways about the pot holes and bad road surface on the road to Landrake (noting that this was outside the Pillaton parish Boundary).

4. Village Map

The Council were aware of the issue regarding moving the village map and the

lack of support, but in the absence of any official approach to the Council it was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

Chairman Mr. Dolley

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 JANUARY 2024

ATTENDANCE Cllrs, Dolley, Ley, Moore, Bunkum , Warne and Floyd.

APOLOGIES Cllr. Johnson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Moore declared an interest in finance and accordingly did not vote.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of 5 December 2023 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

a) Trough in the Row

The Chairman informed the Council that he had contact with the local Cornwall Highways engineer who was aware of the problem and had written to the householder. It was also noted that the street sign had been moved and the Chairman would raise this matter with the engineer.

b) Web Site Maintenance

Thanks were recorded to Mr. Wheeley for maintaining the Council web site and for his actions in seeking a replacement.

PLANNING PERMISSION None

FINANCE

The Council approved payment of £500 to G Moore for cutting the playing field grass.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clapper Bridge

The Chairman told the Council that St Mellion Council appeared to take no action regarding the continued damage to Clapper bridge although the bridge was in St Mellion Parish. Accordingly the Chairman volunteered to attend the next St Mellion Council meeting to seek their support.

The Chairman also suggested writing to Cornwall Highways emphasizing the significant cost of repeated repairs to the bridge when what was required was the building of a permanent means of limiting the width of vehicles accessing the bridge.

The Council approved both proposals. It was also noted that no warning tape was on the bridge to prevent persons from the missing wall. The Chairman agreed to contact Highways to arrange a warning sign or barrier.

2. Public Footpaths

The Chairman encouraged the public to use the public footpath at Smeaton farm to ensure the continuation of public access.

Chairman Mr. Dolley

ST PETROC'S APPEAL

The Soup Kitchen and Charity Collection event held on Saturday 25 November was very successful, raising £387-50. The money was sent off to St Petroc's online and gift aid will add another 25% to most of this. We also collected 38 bags of winter stuff. Well done, that is quite an achievement from such a small village. Pillaton may be small in size, but it is full of great people, just ask for help and they will be there.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, with preparations, making beautiful soup, serving, sorting, and packing donations and those wonderful volunteers who transported the 38 bags to the St Petroc's Drop-In Centre in Truro.

There are just too many to name individually, and I am sure to miss someone out, but you know who you are, so St Petroc's thanks go to you; you have made a difference to those who have no permanent home this winter.

St Petroc's uses all we send to provide accommodation, clothing, guidance, and training to those living on the streets for what ever reason-it can happen to anyone, so let us be thankful for our own safe homes here in Pillaton. Thank you.

Alison Downing



Bags of winter clothes and bedding in St Odulph's Church awaiting transport to Truro.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATES

Village Hall Booking Secretary Sought The Village Hall Committee is still seeking a new trustee to take on the position of Booking Secretary. The role entails the management of all hall bookings, which includes ensuring vetting of hirers and their compliance with terms and conditions.

It is not an onerous or complex role, and the whole booking process has been greatly simplified with the implementation of an online booking system.

For more information contact Chris Ley:

Email: chris@chrisley.plus.com or mobile: 07972 817086

Charity Commission The Pillaton Village Hall CIO (*Charitable Incorporated Organization*), has just forwarded its annual report to the Charity Commission of England and Wales. If you want to see the report or find out more about the CIO go to: www.charitycommission.gov.uk and enter "Pillaton Village Hall CIO."

CCTV Cameras In order to enhance and improve security for the Village Hall, an external CCTV camera has recently been fitted to the building.



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Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Winners

Date	Amount	Number	Winner
2 Oct 2023	£125	33	Richard/Maire Warwick
7 Nov 2023	£113	17	Jen Francis
4 Dec 2023	£115	42	Neil Bonner
1 Jan 2024	£67	29	Jan Simms

NEXT DRAW 5 FEBRUARY 2024

RECYCLING

This year some significant changes are being made to the way in which Cornwall County Council collects our rubbish and recycling.

Between January and March the Council will be dropping off new bins to homes in Pillaton. Each house will receive a black 180 litre wheelee bin (or sack in the case of smaller properties) to be used for general household rubbish, together with a green outdoor collection caddy for food waste and one silver indoor kitchen caddy, also to be used for food waste. In terms of capacity the new black rubbish wheelee bin should be capable of holding roughly the equivalent of 3 to 4 black bags.

Then for everyone in South East Cornwall the new collection scheme will commence during the week beginning the 8th April, with a new collection calendar going out in March, which will give the precise dates for Pillaton.

The essential difference from the current arrangement is that in future food waste will be collected weekly and must be separated from your general household rubbish will now only be collected on a fortnightly basis using the new black bin/sack provided. All other recyclables will continue be collected fortnightly using the usual recycling bags - blue (paper), red (plastics and tins), orange (cardboard) plus black box (glass) – with which we are all familiar.

By separating out food waste from household rubbish the Council hopes to cut Cornwall's annual carbon emissions by nearly 18,000 tonnes of CO2 each year.

With regard to food waste, you should use the new indoor kitchen caddys to collect the following:

*All uneaten food and plate scrapings;
Dairy products, cheese, eggs & egg shells;
Bread, cakes, pastries;
Raw and cooked meat, bones;
Tea/coffee bags, non biodegradable & coffee grounds;
Raw and cooked vegetables, fruit and peelings;
Raw and cooked fish, bones;
Rice, pasta, beans;
Uneaten wet and dry pet food but not pet waste;*

But not,

*Plastic carrier bags and food packaging, non compostable caddy liners or 'biodegradable' packaging;
Large amounts of liquid including milk, oils and fats;
Nappies, clinical waste, cat litter, dog poo or other pet waste;
Garden waste;
Any other material that is not food waste;*

To keep the indoor caddys clean, compostable caddy liners can be used. A starter pack will be provided and more can be bought from the supermarket, but only those with the green compostable logo.

Once the indoor caddy is full or when convenient, the contents should be transferred to the green outdoor caddy ready for the weekly collection.

So, each week the green food waste caddy should go out by 7am on your collection day, and then on alternating weeks, as appropriate, the black rubbish bin or recycling bags go out, not forgetting the garden recycling bin if you have one.

Further details regarding the new arrangements can be found on the Cornwall County Council website.

Robin Dwane

PILLATON SKITTLES LEAGUE 2023/234

I can't believe that we are already just over halfway through our season!

It has been lovely to see some new faces this season and everyone has fitted in really well. Hope you are all enjoying the fun. The Bowling Stones, our new team, have continued to do well and maintained first place. The last matches were played on the 11th and 13th January and there were some really high scoring matches so anything could happen in the remaining season. All to play for.

The current scores are as per the table below with the next matches 8th and 15th February followed by 7th and 23rd March.

We will be holding the Presentation lunch on Saturday 13th April. More details to follow at the next match but please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Maggie Bruton

TEAM	PLAYED	TO PLAY	SKITTLES	POINTS
Bowling Stones	8	4	1213	37
Knackered Monks	7	5	1014	30
Wild Indians	7	5	995	27
Hillbillies	7	5	1001	24
The Mavericks	7	5	984	24



WEARY FRIAR COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us once again for some more tea, coffee, cake, and chat.

A fab opportunity for village locals to get together in a warm, friendly environment with no strings attached, though donations of cake are most welcome!

DATES ARE: -

Fri 19th January Mon 19th February Wed 20th March

Fri 26th April Mon 20th May Wed 19th June Fri 19th July

All dates 11:00 am to 1:00 pm



RUTH WOODLEY THERAPY

Many thanks for local support over the past 12 years.

I have now retired as a therapist and would like to wish everyone all the best.

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Best wishes,
Ruth Woodley

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NEW PUB SIGN UNVEILED

At the end of November the new pub sign for the Weary Friar was finally unveiled, and which replaces the very old and faded sign that had stood in the car park for many years.

The new two sided sign was unveiled by Trina West from the pub and came as the result of a design competition that had been instigated back in February 2022. During April of that year the various entries were put on display in the pub and a secret ballot of customers and visitors taken to choose the winning design. After tallying over 160 votes, two designs were

eventually selected, one for each side of the sign with the winning entries being by Chris Bowyer and Alison Downing.

Chris, pictured left with his winning design at the unveiling, also carried out the painting of the final version on the new pub sign as seen on the east side.

Meanwhile Trina painted the other (west facing) side using the design produced by Alison Downing, pictured right.



The old faded sign, which will be remembered by many in the village.



Close-ups of the east and west facing sides of the new sign.



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NEW WEBSITE MANAGER WANTED

As a number of people will be aware, John Wheeley, the Pillaton website manager will soon be moving away from the village for family reasons. John has done an excellent job of running the website, since first setting it up in 2010, and although it is perfectly possible to maintain websites from anywhere in the world, he feels now is a good time for someone else, more local, to take over. Being close to village life is a definite advantage in running the website. The website is funded by Pillaton Parish Council, so if you are interested in taking on this role, please contact one of the Council members or John himself on 01579-351662.

PILLATON RAINFALL

It may not have always seemed like it, but according to Brian Hutfield's latest and last set of rainfall figures 2023 proved to be one of our driest years with just 1189mm (46.81") of rain recorded.

New Recorder Required

Over the last 13 years, Brian has done a wonderful job, using the rain gauge in his garden, to meticulously record our rainfall. However, he is now moving on to pastures anew and so unless someone else is prepared to take over the task 2023 will be the last year for which records have been kept. If anyone is interested in taking on the task, they should get in touch via the Contact Us link on the village website or contact the Editor. Brian is also happy to pass on his rain gauge.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	130	116	148.5	283	164.5	252	98	193	92	179	239	68	118
Feb	152	48	68	229	105	151.5	92	101	103	290	181	128	16
Mar	30	26	113.5	89.5	59.5	112	135.5	232	164	109	63	83	192
Apr	12	191	50.5	120.5	17	63	37	121	74	46	8	18	65
May	30	54	89.5	91.5	89.5	79	83	52	32	8	229	47	76
Jun	139	211	48	58	56.5	85.5	112	26	83	143	78	83	18
Jul	62	138	53	22	85.5	30.5	100	89	61	58	132	6	104
Aug	136	167	54	127.5	174.5	69.5	134.5	94	146	212	65	67	84
Sep	113	79	44	6.5	42	98.5	233	69	201	56	107	128	48
Oct	115	160	205.5	164.5	120	75	92.5	117	261	169	267	111	87
Nov	89	255	107	180.5	171.5	130	69	295	278	145	41	269	172
Dec	153	254.5	261	85	169.5	57	172	281	213	346	174	247	209
TOTAL	1161.0	1699.5	1242.5	1457.5	1255.0	1203.5	1358.5	1670.0	1708.0	1761.0	1584.0	1255	1189.0
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In April 1992, some 2 years before we moved to Pillaton, Brian and I took a Brittany Ferries short break to Santillana Del Mar in the north of Spain, travelling from Plymouth to Santander by ferry. Set in rural Cantabria, the entire town is classed as a National Monument with its beautiful medieval architecture. Known as “The town of 3 lies,” as it’s not a Saint (Santo), or flat (llana) or near the sea (del Mar), the town was described by Sartre as “the most beautiful town in Spain.” It’s a delightful warren of cobbled streets, caramel coloured stone and romantic Juliet styled iron balconies.

We stayed at the Hotel Altamira, a 16th century Cantabrian mansion that had once belonged to Don Juan de Valdevieso, the town’s notary. Situated on the corner of Calle de Canton, the hotel is right in the heart of Santillana del Mar, and from our Juliet balcony we had a view down the main street to the green Cantabrian pastures beyond.



Anyway, coming down for breakfast on the first morning, imagine my surprise to see Don and Jo King seated already at the next table! (I knew Don during the early 1990s, thanks to working as the Business Librarian for Devon, based in the Central Library in Plymouth, at the same time as Don worked for the University of Plymouth’s Business School). During the few days we stayed there, we chatted to Don and Jo over the typical Cantabrian breakfasts of coffee and Sabaos Pasiegos – sweet cakes made of flour, butter, sugar, honey, eggs, lemon, and yeast.

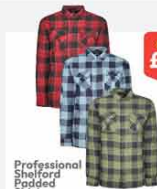
Well, that was over 30 years ago, but when we visited the exhibition of Don and Jo’s artwork in the Weary Friar just before Christmas, we stopped short in front of one particular watercolour, looked at each other, and exclaimed “Santillana Del Mar”! It isn’t dated and has no title, but immediately the picture brought back memories of that short break all that time ago. We had to choose that painting above all the others, and even if it’s just another pretty Spanish town, to us it’s always going to be “Santillana Del Mar”. So, thank you, Don, for a lovely reminder of a wonderful couple and a souvenir of rural Spain.

Ann Henderson

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CHURCH DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>		<u>CHURCH</u>
21 Jan	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
		1000	Morning Praise	Landulph
23 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
28 Jan	Sunday	1000	Contemporary Celtic Worship	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
04 Feb	Sunday	1000	Matins	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1500	Celtic Evening Prayer	Halton Quay
06 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
11 Feb	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Dominic
		1000	Morning Praise	St Mellion
13 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday	1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
18 Feb	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	Landulph
		1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
20 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
25 Feb	Sunday	1000	Celtic Contemporary Worship	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
27 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
03 Mar	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	St Mellion
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1500	Celtic Evening Prayer	Halton Quay
05 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
10 Mar	Mothering Sunday	1000	Family Service	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	St Dominic
12 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
17 Mar	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
		1000	Morning Praise	Landulph
19 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
24 Mar	Palm Sunday	1000	Procession and Holy Communion	St Dominic
26 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday	1800	Passover and Holy Communion	Landulph
29 Mar	Good Friday	1200	Stations of the Cross	St Dominic
31 Mar	Easter Sunday	0655	Sunrise	Halton Quay
		1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

The Benfice is currently in transition, awaiting the appointment of priest. For all matters concerning the church, timings of services, and enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, and funerals, visit the Benefice website at:

www.sites.google.com/tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice

Pillaton Village Diary

Fri 19 Jan	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Mon 5 Feb	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 6 Feb	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 8 Feb	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 15 Feb	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 19 Feb	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Mon 4 Mar	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 5 Mar	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 7 Mar	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 17 Mar	St Patrick's Day Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 20 Mar	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Sat 23 Mar	Pillaton Gardening Club Spring Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 23 Mar	Pillaton Gardening Club Seed and Plant Swop, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 23 Mar	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 4 Mar	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 5 Mar	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 13 Apr	Skittles Presentation Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 26 Apr	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 23 Jan	Garden Waste
Tue 30 Jan	Recycling
Tue 06 Feb	Garden Waste
Tue 13 Feb	Recycling
Tue 20 Feb	Garden Waste
Tue 27 Feb	Recycling
Tue 05 Mar	Garden Waste
Tue 12 Mar	Recycling
Tue 19 Mar	Garden Waste
Tue 26 Mar	Recycling

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