

# Pillaton Village News

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## Parish of St Mellion-with-Pillaton Celebrations for Harvest 2017

**Sunday 24 September - Harvest Eucharist**  
at St Odulph at 10.00 am

**Monday 25 September - Harvest Praise**  
at St Odulph at 7.00 pm,

followed by

**Harvest Supper & Auction**  
in the Village Hall at 7.45pm

*Donations of puddings & sweets for the supper and contributions of good quality bric-a-brac for the auction, together with cakes, vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants, jams and pickles would be gratefully received. Please take to the village hall before 7.00 pm*

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As the summer seems to have drawn to a soggy close I fear these days I have become rather weather obsessive. In some ways, though, it's almost hard not to be with the last few weeks being dominated by news about hurricanes in the Caribbean, Texas and Florida. Rather like London buses, in some years hurricanes don't seem to arrive at all, then three turn up at once, but I certainly wouldn't want to be caught in this particular bus shelter and my thoughts are with those caught up in all the devastation and also not forgetting the dreadful floods in South Asia.

Otherwise it's all scary news with worries about nuclear conflict with North Korea and IS terrorism.

How lucky we are then to be living in a quiet corner of Cornwall where the most serious conflicts are more likely to involve the size of marrows at the Garden Show or a hotly contested game of skittles rather than anything else.

Undoubtedly the most significant event for the village in recent years was when the church tower was struck by lightning nearly five years ago in January 2013 (weather related). Significant damage was caused and in slightly different circumstances there could have been fatal consequences given the distance some of the masonry flew as a result of the strike. However, thanks to the efforts of many in the village the church was back fully restored that autumn.

So all in all perhaps we should just count our blessings, that we live where we do and I'll just getting back to worrying when the next icy blast is going to arrive, probably for neglecting to do the washing up!

The next copy date is 6 November 2017, - full details page 27.

*Robin Dwane, Editor*



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## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE Cllrs. Dolley, Harris, D. Floyd, Warne, S. Floyd, Bridgman and County Councillor J. Foot.

APOLOGIES Cllr Martin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present who expressed concern that the public footpath from Polborder to St Mellion was impassable. The Council agreed to assist in seeking improvement to the path by contacting the Duchy of Cornwall and Cllr Harris volunteered to speak to the Land Agent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the 4 July 2017 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING None.

### PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council approved the following Planning Application; PA17/08089 Two storey rear extension at 3 Chapel Place.

Thanks were given to Cllr Martin for producing copies of the application for study.

### FINGER POST REFURBISHMENT

It was noted that the householder adjacent to the finger post in the centre of the Village had objected to the repainting of the post. The Parish Council had sought advice from Cornwall Highways and been assured that the Parish Council had authority to refurbish the sign. Accordingly a contractor had been instructed to carry out the work largely using grant funds. This issue has resulted in a delay to the refurbishment.

### DATA PROTECTION

The Council believed it was premature to attend a training course on Data Protection and County Councillor J. Foot kindly undertook to seek further advice.

### FINANCE

The following payment was approved; £15 for a Remembrance Day wreath.

### HOUSING SURVEY

The housing survey indicated that there was a need for social housing in the area and the Council decided there was no need for any further meetings until firm proposals as to the site for the houses were submitted by the Housing Trust.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bridgman generously offered to examine the finger post at Ellbridge with a view to removing the fingers for repainting.

Councillors agreed that they would receive agendas and copy minutes by email in future.

*D. Dolley, Chairman*



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## PILLATON SUMMER SHOW



Pillaton Gardening Club 2017 Summer Show was well supported by exhibitors and viewed by many visitors in the afternoon. The hall was alive with chatter, the smell of cooking and sight of nature's bounty. Mrs Barbara Bennett was the Trophy Presenter and thoughts were given to her husband, Gordon, who was our main judge for many years and who sadly passed away. Our other stalwart who at the age of 83 was moving tables, chairs and relieving visitors of money for entry and raffle money was John Hubbard who sadly died recently after a short illness. A great character whose ability to produce the biggest leeks ever seen in Pillaton, will never be matched.



*Admiring the exhibits.*

With 20 Trophies to distribute, Carole, the Show Secretary, started with the Kernock Park Nurseries Shield for the most points in the vegetables, flowers and fruit sections. This went to Ian Edwards who also won the Horticultural Society cup for Pot Plants, the Kathryn Bunkum cup for Vegetables and the Clare Druett cup for fruit. Ian's domination of all things pertaining to the soil extended into the kitchen where his preserving skills won him the W.I. Rose Bowl for preserves.

Christine Dunn won the Rose Peter cup for cut flowers, John Archer won the J Hubbard cup for leeks and Shirley Floyd the WE Lucas cup for herbs. Shirley also dominated the cookery section winning the Davina Beal cup. The best jam sponge won Greta Jope the W.I. Silver Vase and it was



*A lot of tomatoes were on display!*

great to see 12 year old Dylan Rundle coming 2nd out of four with his quiche and entering a Dundee cake! The children's entries were wonderful to see and we hope encourage others to join the 'Bake off' for next year.

The photography, needlecraft and handicraft were displayed in the church and the former was won by Maire Warwick who received the Greta Jope cup, the Howarth Trophy by Esme Garland for needlecraft and the Ken Beal Shield for handicraft went to Noreen Symons.

The Symons family competed amongst themselves for the wine trophy which went to the more experienced Noreen who like all good matriarchs saw grandson Oliver the winner of the junior photography and receive the Headmaster's Cup for the most points in the Junior Section. His sister Ivy May won the most points in Children's Cookery winning the Rose Peter Shield. It is no surprise then that the family gaining the most points in the Show were the Symons family who clocked up an incredible 120 points between them.



*Wine and preserves exhibits*

The Pillaton Gardening Club committee are grateful to all who supported the Show and welcome comments to ensure the Shows we do are what people want. Our next event is the Pumpkin Festival on Sunday 29th October from 2-4pm with prompt arrival recommended. There is no cost for this event and further information can be obtained from the Club's secretary, Linda on 350956.

*Linda Mavin*

# Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrivé!

Traditionally drunk to celebrate the end of the grape harvest, this “vin de l’année” was strictly for local consumption until WW11, the local area being the Beaujolais region of France where the hills rise from the plain of the Saone at the southernmost tip of the Burgundy region. Principle towns are Brouilly and Villefranche.

The AOC was established in 1937 and the wine used to be on sale from the 15 December. Following a relaxation of the rules in 1951, the release date changed to 15 November and then again to the 3rd Thursday in November. Growers soon realised its marketing potential and the race to get it to Paris, where it was THE café wine, was born. Media attention made it a national event by the 1970s, and by the 1980s the excitement had spread Europe wide. It was a good way to clear a lot of “vin ordinaire” at a good profit!

Made from the Gamay grape variety, the wine is a “vin de primeur” and is fermented for just a few weeks prior to its release. By law, all grapes must be handpicked. The method used is macération carbonique – the grapes, still in their bunches with stalks attached and as little crushed or damaged as possible, are piled into the fermenting vat. The weight of the grapes starts to crush those underneath, releasing enzyme activity within the grapes and starting internal fermentation.

The resulting wine is fresh, fruity and low in tannins. The colour is purplish pink, reflecting its youth. A light-hearted wine, best enjoyed at 13 deg C.

We hope you’ll enjoy raising a glass with us at our Beaujolais Nouveau evening in the Village Hall on 18 November – please see the poster opposite for all the details! Deadline for bookings and payment will be 13 November, please.

*Ann Henderson and Sue White.*

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- \*Boeuf à la Bourguignonne
- \*Ratatouille (V)

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*Cost will be £15 per head, to include a glass of Beaujolais Nouveau. Reserve your ticket now from either Ann (351289) or Sue (350065), giving your choice of meal for the main course.*

*Deadline for bookings and payment 13 November, please.*

## **PILLATON PATCHWORK AND QUILTING GROUP**

### **Term starts Tuesday 5th September**

We are a small friendly group with a variety of skill from beginners to more experienced people. We cover both traditional and contemporary quilting.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 2.00pm until 3.30/4.00pm. We are officially part of the Pillaton Art and Craft Group.

For more information, please contact Brenda Bonner at:

brendabonner13@gmail.com or Sue Archer at archers@pillaton.eclipse.co.uk

All Welcome.

## **ST. MELLION WITH PILLATON HOME GROUP**

I have been asked by Rev'd Painter to explore the possibility of a new Home Group. The attempt to set up a Homegroup last time was disappointing. We would meet by day, on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, thus avoiding the dark Winter evenings.

The group would not just be a Bible Study, but a forum to discuss and share Christian views. Hopefully, we would start in October and finish during Lent 2018, meeting on a monthly basis.

Please let me know if you wish to take part and what days and times would be best for you. Replies to Rev'd Chris Painter or myself.

*John Tucker*

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## **VAL TUCKER**

The donations given at the celebration of Valerie's life amounted to just over £500.

The Tucker Family thank the many friends and neighbours that contributed.

We have donated the money to the Cornish Air Ambulance and the League of Friends of Liskeard Hospital.

**John Tucker and Family**

## **PILLATON WW1 COMMEMORATION GROUP**

The Group is currently looking at two projects in furtherance of commemorating the First World War. Firstly purchase of one or more commemorative benches: these are tasteful, and most certainly are neither militaristic nor glorying war, but provide a visible reminder of the upheaval and sacrifice of the conflict and in particular the impact on Pillaton. Secondly the Group is looking to support the Pillaton Arts and Crafts group (PAAC) with their project of creating an external mosaic located in the grounds of the village hall – a more ambitious (and expensive) version of the delightful small poppy mosaic inside the Village Hall. The project, currently at the design stage, aims to celebrate the “outbreak” of peace at the end of the conflict incorporating vignettes of pre- and post-war events. This very much accords with our Group’s aims and aspirations.

Looking to 2018, and the centenary of Armistice, the Group is not yet committed to any specific events, but awaits publication of regional and national events before planning how to dovetail these with appropriate Pillaton based events. But we do tentatively hope to hold at least one more Clay Pigeon Shoot next year.

But before the end of this year – we do have one more social event, as described below. But if you have any new ideas, suggestions or comments, please contact me or the Group Secretary/Treasurer (Chis Ley).

### **Trafalgar Night Mess Dinner – Saturday 21 October 2017 (1900 for 1930)**

Following the successful event in 2015, a further formal Dinner is planned at the Weary Friar. It will again be in the form of a traditional Royal Navy Wardroom Mess Dinner celebrating the Battle of Trafalgar (adapted as necessary to suit the local environment and resources of the Weary Friar). A maximum of 60 places will be available, on a first come-first served basis (with a reserve list if the event is over-subscribed), with an initial maximum of four persons per reservation. The cost is £30 per head for a four course dinner (fish starter, sorbet, fillet of beef main course and a dessert), coffee and port or madeira (for the traditional toasts).

To make a reservation please provide all names (first name and surname, plus title), a contact telephone number, and any particular dietary requirements or other special needs, in writing/hard copy, and drop off or send to Peter Johnson at Fairway (off Barton Meadows), together with a cheque made payable to the Pillaton World War One Commemoration Group: please note no reservation is guaranteed until acknowledged by Peter. Sorry, but reservations without payment cannot be accepted. Bookings will be accepted from 22 September and the list will close on 14 October 2017. Dress code – Mess Undress, black tie/dinner jacket (with miniature medals) (optional lounge suit for those without DJs) and equivalent for ladies. Any queries do please contact me on 351409.

*Peter R Johnson, Chairman*

## WW1 DIARY

### JULY TO NOVEMBER 1917: PASSCHENDAELE

The horrors of the Battles of the Somme and Passchendaele have come to represent the worst aspects of the first World War. In July 1917 it would have been difficult to conceive of anything worse than the trench warfare already experienced on the Western front, but the battle for Passchendaele proved to be beyond anyone's imagining.

General Haig was under pressure from various directions when he presented his plan for a major summer offensive to the Cabinet Committee on War Policy in London on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The French were concerned about the spread of mutinies in their own exhausted army and wanted the pressure on their front to be deflected. Admiral Jellicoe wanted action to deal with the continuing threat to British shipping from German U boats. Haig himself had a continuing belief that his war of attrition was wearing Germany out and one more big push could produce the breakthrough needed to win the war. His plan had three main stages – firstly a breakthrough to the east of the Ypres salient to capture the ridge on which the village of Passchendaele stood, secondly an advance to the North toward Bruges, followed by a third stage to capture the German submarine base at Bruges and then secure the ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge.

The opening assault to carry out this plan was launched on July 31<sup>st</sup> and initially went well. There were short pauses to allow supplies and reinforcements to be brought up and another determined attack began on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Ominously, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the onset of continuous heavy rain began to slow things down. The British casualty figures were already becoming heavy, 60,000 dead and injured in the first three weeks, but the German Lines largely held. A new assault began on September 20<sup>th</sup> and limited gains were made, but deteriorating weather was becoming a major problem. A massive artillery barrage was launched by the Germans on October 10<sup>th</sup> using high explosive and mustard gas shells, and this combined with heavy and frequent rain to turn conditions that were already difficult into a truly horrendous environment for warfare.

By the end of October, the whole battle area was covered with shell craters that were so closely clustered that they were separated only by ragged slimy ridges. In places streams swollen by the rain had flooded groups of craters forming lakes of unpassable liquid mud. The conditions were such that bodies could not be buried or removed and so littered the ridges or floated in the water along with the shattered remains of guns, waggons and equipment. The water stank and exuded gas from dead men and horses and mustard gas shells. Wooden walkways had to be built to allow men to get to the front line exposing them to the unenviable risk of exposure to German machine guns or falling and drowning in the sludge. It took relays of men to carry one wounded man back

to the advanced dressing stations if he was lucky enough to be picked up before disappearing into the mud.

It is difficult to understand how men could fight under these conditions and some senior staff officers began to wonder whether the top Brass really understood what they were asking their soldiers to do. Even Haig was beginning to feel that further progress would be unlikely. After heroic efforts, on October 30<sup>th</sup> Passchendaele village was entered by Canadian troops but were forced back having suffered heavy casualties. In the final attack on November 10<sup>th</sup> the Canadians captured the ridge itself. The first stage objective of Haig's Plan had been gained and the Front had moved 5 miles to the East after nearly 100 days of struggle. British casualties reached nearly 250,000 including some 66,000 killed which compared favourably with the cost of the Somme offensive. The Generals gained some kind of satisfaction with this result especially when it was found that the Germans had lost nearly twice as many men. Ordinary Allied British soldiers rarely spoke about their experiences at Passchendaele; it was unspeakable.

*Don King*



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# PILLATON WI

## DON'T LET YOUR GRANNY GET SCAMMED!

In July we welcomed Jan and Lindsey, both volunteers with Trading Standards and who gave us a talk giving very strong messages about avoiding being scammed – apparently a very common occurrence indeed!

Apparently scamming has four main routes – by telephone, mail, internet and on the doorstep. So our speakers outlined for us a number of scams that have worked in the past. Some of these are:

- People who contact you congratulating you because you have won a lottery (even though you have not entered!) and saying we just need you to send us a cheque to cover admin costs. So the person being scammed sends back the required amount and hey presto hears nothing further. However their details then go onto a “suckers list” for similar scams.
- The telephone route is often something such as a call to say that your PC is not working so please follow these instructions to correct it. By going along with these instructions the scammers are then able to access all your details.
- Doorstep crime includes an unexpected delivery of perhaps flowers or wine with the delivery person saying this needs to be signed for and a delivery charge of perhaps something like £3.50 needing to be paid but as they cannot take cash this must be paid for by card. So your card goes into the machine and bingo they have all your details!
- Another apparently very common scam is a so called message from the Police saying that a person in custody has a copy of your cards and they need yours to compare with as well as needing your pin number. So please put these into an envelope and a courier will collect!!
- Yet another telephone route is a call supposedly from your bank saying that your card details have been cloned and are being used abroad. They then tell you to check that it is the bank contacting you and give you a number to call. They advise to close their call and use the number provided. However they do not close from their end so effectively the line stays open and your call is straight back to them!
- And finally if you get a message from the tax man saying you are due for a refund so click this link to get a refund – Don't! It is another way of getting your details.

Phew – get the picture? So Jan and Lindsey gave us 10 Golden Rules to avoid being scammed and these are:

1. Be careful of messages from unknown people.
2. Stop and think before acting.

3. Keep calm and hang up if concerned.
4. There are no guaranteed get rich quick schemes.
5. Don't agree to offers/deals immediately.
6. Don't hand over money until you have checked.
7. Don't rely on testimonials.
8. Get independent legal advice.
9. Be wary of bargains if they are through an unknown source.
10. Report any scams.

Jan and Lindsey rounded off their talk by reiterating that scammers are cunning and clever and know how to manipulate. If it looks too good to be true it probably is!

So I hope this information is useful to you and hopefully might help you and your family not to fall into any of these pitfalls. It certainly made me think very carefully!

Oh yes, almost forgot - if you have a No Cold Caller sticker on your door or window it is illegal for cold callers to knock. Useful!

*Pam Lowther*

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## **PATIENTS' GROUP NEEDS AN INJECTION!**

In the last few months, for a variety of personal and health reasons, your Patients' Group has lost several key members of its Committee. In fact, the Committee has virtually ceased to exist and useful projects have had to be dropped for lack of support. You will all be aware of the pressure that GP services are under across the country and it is becoming very difficult to maintain the high standard of care that we have become used to and expect. In addition, major changes are being planned for how primary health and social care services will be provided in Cornwall in the future. It is very important therefore that patients have an effective way of expressing their views on these issues and can contribute to their solution. Here are some of the key things that Practice Patient Groups do:

- Collect feedback from patients on their experience of the care provided both by survey and by direct contact.
- Make suggestions for changes and improvements to the services provided.
- Advise and comment on changes and developments planned by the Practice.
- Support the Practice by helping to publicise important issues that affect their patients.
- Sponsor and publicise campaigns for healthier living.
- Monitor official NHS and other surveys comparing the Practice with others.

Overall, you could say that the Patients' Group acts as a "Critical Friend" of the Practice. Could you spare some time to help the Practice keep up and if possible improve its current standards of service? Volunteers are needed for roles such as officers or members of the Committee and people able to offer occasional help with individual projects.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact [nhskernowccg.tvh.ppg@nhs.net](mailto:nhskernowccg.tvh.ppg@nhs.net) or leave name and contact details with reception.

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## POSTCARD FROM POLEGATE

Well I did move, though not in spirit, and I am still moving now, as I am still alive, but What a difference a Move makes. I did send a moaning email to a few friends (when I was finally connected, how I missed my internet ...) and even wrote a letter to one, but as I promised I am sending a post card from afar, if only to compensate the Pillaton News bulletin loss of copy.

The send off was an experience! I had never lived anywhere as long as I had in Pillaton and it was an emotional wrench to leave so many friends behind, I was deeply touch by cards ,flowers and gifts from all, even the gnome in a mankini !!! By the time moving day arrived, I was really exhausted, and I did not realise just how bad I was till that final day. I was rescued by a gang of friends and neighbours who descended on me with trays of teas, cleaning paraphernalia and then started cleaning my emptying bungalow with vigour. What stars they were! I departed, leaving the last pile of stuff in front of the house, waiting for the van to return. Pete was giving me, and Mabel, a lift to the station. The seat was booked and I could stay no longer, as we drove away amidst giggles and ribald remarks, Alison threw rose petals all over the car, whereupon I shouted I am not dead yet, and I am not Lady Diana ! What lovely friends to have and how I will miss them all.

The train journey was an experience. All 6 hours of it. It was a hot day, the train was typically packed, and as usual I had chosen an isle seat in the 'Quiet ' carriage, not far from the exit, to pacify my claustrophobia, Mabel was snoozing at my feet. I was travelling light, a small rucksack with a couple of pairs of knickers, tee shirt and 2 chicken and salad sandwiches (the salad for me, the chicken for Mabel) I had a novel all was right with the world, but. The train was hermetically sealed with air-con, well it should have had air-con, but we soon realised it was broken, the apogetic guard started handing out bottles of water every half hour, some of which was poured over Mabel. A chap on the sunny side of the carriage joked it's only 34 degrees! Well I had to translate that before I realised, its not an English temperature. One lady, on the verge of passing out, abandoned her seat in favour of standing in the corridor by a window that opened. I stayed put and parboiled sleepily till Reading where I changed trains. Thank Goodness.

I had been packing and giving away, belongings forever, yet still there was so much to go. Jemima kept quoting corruptions of William Morris' 'Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful' , whereas I said you cannot take it with you but that was for later.

Downsizing is the worst experience, as stuff collected thorough a busy life are hard to give up. The antiques were easier to part with, a large collection of ibeji African artefacts, then the terracotta warrior, bought in China at the factory near the historic site, only 2/3 of the size of the original, but a big boy on his custom made plinth, then there was Ganesh, my ceremonial elephant, (as fertility symbol it has outlived its purpose as most of my pals are grannies, but his Supreme Endowment has been a considerable source of amusement over the years, frequently bringing tears to your eyes). He is mainly made of palm wood but still too heavy and too big, at 5' tall and 6' long to fit in a small bungalow.

Arty farties, as I consider myself, are easy collectors of things, odd weird and wonderful. I am not alone. I admit to having a collection of metal farm and zoo animals mainly made by Britains, A sizeable collection of wire fox terrier memorabilia as china, biscuit tins, paintings and printed stuff. It pleases Mabel to know she is loved. More recently I have bought some paintings seen at local exhibitions, and 1 small sunrise I bought in America when staying with Jemima and family. They are easy to pack , and I do have so much more STUFF which is childish, interesting and even suspect! It is the joy of memories that are jogged and brought back into focus, by odd things. Old wrinkles like me, need our memories, as most of our lives have been lived, and the future ...well you never know just how long you have got. Enough, of this depressing talk.

My new bungalow is tiny, and my first, second and third thoughts were why the hell did I move. I should have stayed where I was and being carried out in a box.

I am living in a Rubic cube, it feels like it. It might not be so bad when my studio cabin is built and receives its boxes. After having lived in a big bungalow with fluid space where you could roller-skate, or dance doing high kicks to Tina Turner to be reduced to a rabbit hutch with such small rooms, I am doing pigeon steps, it is hard.

My son Tom has been brilliant, only living 30 mins away in Brighton, he has taken the guilt of having encouraged me to move on board, and has been a tower of strength, doing endless jobs with loads more in hand. He has put a new fence up in the front garden, taken tons of concrete waste to the tip, dug foundations for the summerhouse, and put his back out. I got a builder to dig out foundations of my arty-crafty cabin, but Tom laid the foundation so it is ready to receive the log cabin later in the month. I am having an 'erection service' to save Tom further physical damage. Don't you just love these descriptive terms, I can just see all those grins from here.

I need to work on the house, new bathroom, alter the kitchen, so much is installed without being planned properly, it drives me mad. I am intolerant and grouchy, but most of my time is spent in the garden. I have made a bed in the front pulling up 2 lines of paving slabs and concrete cow pats , breaking up and digging the ground beneath, enriching it with 6 bags of compost grit to break up the clay beneath. The bed is filled with groups of blue amaryllis of different heights, potentillas, one of my blue Cornish hydrangeas, and I am still adding to it. I have planted a flowering cherry tree too. I will tell you about the back garden another time.

The neighbours are friendly and great tea makers, loads of dogs here to talk to, and endless fields to walk with Mabel, and all on the flat. It is tiring , and I do sleep and odd times, not always at night.

The greatest delight are the toads, little black bobbly ones, and frogs too. I had to rescue dozens from under the paving in the front garden all were carried in a bucket to the end of the back garden where it was damp and they could toddle under the fence to the fields beyond. The gardener has been booked for next Monday, he will be digging a pond. A case of priorities I will attack the house when the garden buildings are up, winter is long.

Have fun and keep smiling.

*Jan Sims*



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## CHURCH DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
17 Sep	Sunday	1000 Morning Prayer	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
19 Sep	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
20 Sep	Wednesday	1230 Pasty Lunch, Rectory Room	Cargreen
24 Sep	Sunday	1000 Family Service	Landulph
		1000 Harvest Eucharist	Pillaton
25 Sep	Monday	1900 Harvest Festival	Pillaton
26 Sep	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
01 Oct	Sunday	1000 Harvest Eucharist	St Dominic
03 Oct	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
08 Oct	Sunday	1000 Harvest Family Service	Landulph
		1000 Harvest Eucharist	Pillaton
10 Oct	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Landulph
15 Oct	Sunday	1000 Morning Prayer	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
17 Oct	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
18 Oct	Wednesday	1230 Pasty Lunch, Rectory Room	Cargreen
22 Oct	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Morning Prayer	Pillaton
24 Oct	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
29 Oct	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
		1000 Morning Prayer	St Mellion
05 Nov	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
07 Nov	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday		
		1000 Service of Remembrance	Pillaton
		1030 Morning Praise - 1100 War Memorial	St Mellion
		1050 Civic Remembrance	St Dominic
		1030 Service of Remembrance - 1110 Morning Praise	Landulph
14 Nov	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Landulph
15 Nov	Wednesday	1230 Pasty Lunch, Rectory Room	Cargreen
19 Nov	Sunday	1000 Family Service	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
21 Nov	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
26 Nov	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Family Service	Pillaton
28 Nov	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Dominic



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Sat 30 Sep	Macmillan Cancer Support/Sue Ryder Care Coffee Morning, Village Hall
Tue 3 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 4 Oct	Honey Fair, Callington
Fri 6 Oct	Landulph Festival starts; runs throughout October
Mon 9 Oct	WI Harvest Supper, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 21 Oct	Trafalgar Night Dinner, Pillaton WW1 Commemoration Group, Weary Friar
Sun 29 Oct	Pumpkin Festival, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 7 Nov	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 13 Nov	WI Open Meeting, John Burden "Wadebridge Railway," Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 18 Nov	Beaujolais Nouveau 2017 Dinner, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 5 Dec	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 11 Dec	WI Christmas Party, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 6 Jan	Wassail, Rick Park Farm

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Tue 19 Sep	Recycling
Tue 26 Sep	Garden Waste
Tue 3 Oct	Recycling
Tue 10 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 17 Oct	Recycling
Tue 24 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 31 Oct	Recycling
Tue 7 Nov	Garden Waste
Tue 14 Nov	Recycling
Tue 21 Nov	Garden Waste

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