

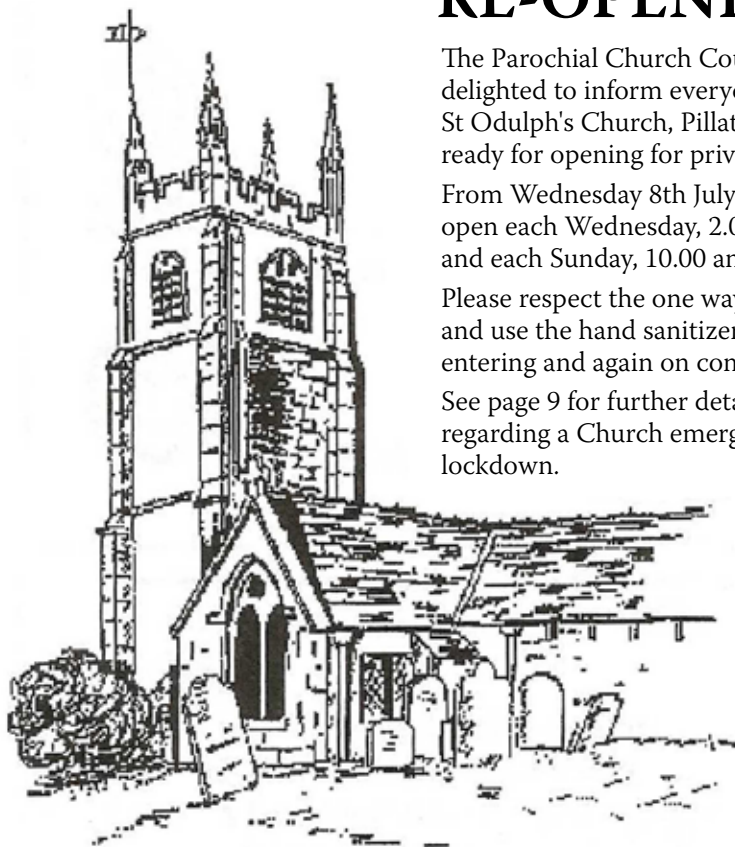
# Pillaton Village News

Issue 208 July 2020

Village web site at [www.pillaton.org.uk](http://www.pillaton.org.uk)

Village Facebook Group - search for 'Pillaton In Cornwall Facebook Group'

## ST ODULPH'S CHURCH RE-OPENING



The Parochial Church Council is delighted to inform everyone that St Odulph's Church, Pillaton is now ready for opening for private prayer.

From Wednesday 8th July it will be open each Wednesday, 2.00 - 4.00 pm and each Sunday, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Please respect the one way notices and use the hand sanitizer on entering and again on coming out.

See page 9 for further details regarding a Church emerging from lockdown.



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Wash your hands regularly.

Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms:

High temperature.

New, continuous cough.

Loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

*For all information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), including symptoms, restrictions on work and recreation and help and support available*

visit: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



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Slowly the country seems to be emerging out of lockdown rather like a mole blinking in the sunlight.

For anyone who has been out of contact and returned to the country after a long sojourn in the Antarctic they might be rather baffled by what they see. Arriving back at the airport terminal they would be surprised by the ease of passing through security, the many passengers rushing off to masked balls, and in the Duty Free, puzzled by the fragrance dispensers with a scent of eau d'surgical spirit.

A glance at one of the large terminal television screens might not help either, with television schedules seeming to have become stuck in the past, with re-runs of 1980's Wimbledon, decades old World Cup football, and the story lines from soaps such as Eastenders and Coronation Street not having advanced at all.

The presenters on programmes such as the One Show and Breakfast would also appear to have had a major falling-out, so much so they refuse to sit together.

Our hypothetical visitor might be surprised at how much the nation's knowledge of antiques and all things botanical has improved. Although I have nothing against Charlie Dimmock, surely she must have run out of gardens to rescue! For something new, we've had to resort to watching foreign TV dramas with subtitles.

I'm also beginning to tire of seeing distorted faces on laptops, interrupted by dodgy internet connections and bathroom acoustics. On the upside, if you are slightly voyeuristic, it's been an education to have an insight into the homes of the rich and famous; some politicians seem to have remarkably well co-ordinated bookshelves, whilst others spend an inordinate amount of time in the cupboard under the stairs - *that might explain many things!*

Stay Alert, stay safe, the next copy date is 7 September, - full details on page 23.

*Robin Dwane, Editor*

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# Cherry Feast



Unfortunately, it is with great sadness that we have to cancel this year's Cherry Feast, due to the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic.

As regular attendees, you will know that 100% of the profit gained at the feast goes direct to the fabric fund of the churches at Pillaton and St Mellion. We are therefore hoping that you would be interested in making a donation of the spend you would usually make at the Cherry Feast, to the PCC.

- 1) By cheque in favour of St Mellion with Pillaton PCC, addressed to Honorary Treasurer, Jim Bennet at Foxhollows, 16 Barton Meadows, Pillaton.
- 2) BACs payment St Mellion with Pillaton PCC  
30-96-68  
01024709
- 3) [www.justgiving.com/stmellion-pillatonpcc](http://www.justgiving.com/stmellion-pillatonpcc)

On behalf of the committee and the Pillaton-with-St Mellion community, we thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Next year's Cherry Feast will be 11th July 2021.  
Stay safe, and see you then!

Tanya Taylor  
Chair

Jim Bennet  
Treasurer

## **PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 MAY 2020**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs. Dolley, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Bridgman and Warne.

**APOLOGIES** None.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no input from the public.

#### **PLANNING PERMISSION**

The Council supported the following application.

Planning; PA20/02802. Replace 2 widows in the ground floor extension with patio doors and block up existing external door at 3 Chapel Place.

*Chairman: Mr Dave Dolley*

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 JUN 2020**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs. Dolley, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Bridgman and Warne.

**APOLOGIES** None.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was an objection from the public regarding the planning application on the grounds that the development would be an intrusion to the countryside and visually harmful. However the Council took into account that there was already holiday accommodation present at the location and an additional cabin would not be significant.

#### **PLANNING PERMISSION**

The Council supported the following application.

Planning; PA20/03996. Stationing of self-catering holiday unit together with parking and demolition of two existing stable blocks at Tremoan Cottage St Mellion for Mr. Ben Mills.

*Chairman: Mr Dave Dolley*

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL MEETING 12 JUNE 2020**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs. Dolley, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Bridgman and Warne.

**APOLOGIES** None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no contribution from any member of the public.

FINANCE

The Council approved the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 (see below), the Annual Governance Statement and the Certificate of exemption.

The Chairman thanked Mr D. King for kindly auditing the accounts free of charge.

*Chairman Mr Dave Dolley*

**PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**  
**1st APRIL 2019 TO 31st MARCH 2020**

| yr 18/19        |                            |                 |  | yr 18/19        |                       |                 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| £               | RECEIPTS                   | £               |  | £               | PAYMENTS              | £               |
| 3,855.00        | PRECEPT                    | 3,960.00        |  | 900.00          | CLERKS SALARY         | 900.00          |
| 69.96           | Council grant              | 51.10           |  | 860.00          | GRASS CUTTING         | 750.00          |
| 7.68            | BANK INTEREST              | 11.77           |  | 0.00            | SALT BINS & REFILL    | 0.00            |
| 0.00            | VAT REFUND                 | 0.00            |  | 20.00           | FIELD RENT            | 20.00           |
|                 | FUNDS RAISED FOR PLAY PARK | 685.00          |  | 1,060.28        | MAINTENANCE           | 833.45          |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 0.00            | CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSES   | 0.00            |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 0.00            | AUDIT                 | 0.00            |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 40.00           | STATIONERY & WEBSITE  | 121.44          |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 350.01          | INSURANCE             | 346.41          |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 240.00          | RENT HALL             | 240.00          |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 20.00           | POPPY APPEAL          | 15.00           |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 90.00           | SAFETY INSPECTION     | 45.00           |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 0.00            | ELECTION COSTS        | 0.00            |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 0.00            | REPAIR FINGER POSTS   | 0.00            |
|                 |                            |                 |  | 0.00            | BANK FEE              | 15.00           |
| <b>3,932.64</b> | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>      | <b>4,707.87</b> |  | <b>3,580.29</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b> | <b>3,286.30</b> |

| <b>BANK POSITION 2019/2020 and RECONCILIATION AS AT 31st MARCH 2020</b> |                                      |                 |                    |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|   |                                      | £               |                    |
| OPENING BALANCE April 2019  |                                      |                 |                    |
|   | CURRENT ACCOUNT                      | 397.64          |                    |
|   | DEPOSIT ACCOUNT                      | 4,640.61        |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>CASH 1st APRIL 2019</b>           | <b>5,038.25</b> |                    |
|   | less outstanding cheques/fodgement   | 0.00            |                    |
|   | <b>ADD; RECEIPTS as above 19/20</b>  | <b>4,707.87</b> |                    |
|   |                                      | <b>9,746.12</b> |                    |
|   | <b>LESS; PAYMENTS as above 19/20</b> | <b>3,286.30</b> |                    |
|   | <b>CLOSING BALANCE 31st March 20</b> | <b>6,459.82</b> |                    |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY</b>   |                                      |                 |                    |
|   | CURRENT ACCOUNT                      | 1,796.34        |                    |
|   | DEPOSIT ACCOUNT                      | 4,663.48        |                    |
|   | <b>TOTAL AT 31/3/2020</b>            | <b>6,459.82</b> | <b>OS CQS 0.00</b> |
|   | Add outstanding lodgement            | 0.00            | 0.00               |
|   | Less outstanding cheques             | 0.00            | 0.00               |
|   | <b>Cash Book March 31st 2020</b>     | <b>6,459.82</b> |                    |

# PILLATON VILLAGE HALL

## FLOOR UPDATE

The contractors arrived to replace the floor on Monday 8 June. They discovered a few unpleasant surprises on removing the existing floor. This led to significant additional work and cost to remedy the issues. However, all the work that was necessary has now been done and the wood for the new floor was placed in the hall and acclimatised prior to being laid during the week commencing Monday 6 July. The floor has now been re-laid and the keys were handed over to the

Village Hall Committee on Saturday 11 July; pictures of the completed floor taken by Chris Ley have been posted on the Pillaton Cornwall Facebook page.

Whilst the hall is still empty the Village Hall Committee decided this would be an ideal opportunity for the hall to be redecorated.

Three estimates for the redecoration were obtained and this work will be carried out before the hall is reopened.



*Work in progress re-laying the Village Hall floor.*

## THE MURAL

The mural is also having a makeover and this work should soon be completed.

## VILLAGE HALL FUTURE BOOKINGS

If anybody is looking to book the hall at some time in the future, please contact Helen Smith, Booking Secretary on 01579 350147, who will be happy to help you.

The full terms & conditions plus an up to date price list can be found on the Pillaton.org.uk website.

## CANCELLATIONS

Due the pandemic we have had to cancel future bookings for the moment and also the following events:

**Thu 30 July International Friendship Day Afternoon Tea**

**Sat 22 August Qixi Festival (Chinese Valentines Day) Supper**

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We look forward to welcoming all our loyal supporters back soonest and it is hoped that the **Thanksgiving Sunday Lunch on 22 November** will still take place.



## VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENING

The date for the reopening of the hall will be on the Pillaton website, the Facebook Group, the Noticeboards and the next edition of the Village News.

If you have any queries on the above please contact the Village Hall Secretary, Sue White, on (01579) 350065.

*Dave Dolley*

## A CHURCH EMERGING FROM LOCKDOWN

You will have read that church buildings are permitted to open from 4th July. Again, it's important to note that buildings may be opened for public worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, at the discretion of the incumbent and under certain conditions. Teams have worked hard toward a limited opening (see below), with due regard for hygiene, people management and risk assessment. Opening details are listed below.

Pillaton: Wednesday 2.00 - 6.00 pm, Sunday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

St Mellion: Tuesday and Saturday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

We now have a plan to open for public worship. We are proceeding with caution, recognising that some ministers, worship leaders and congregation do not yet feel safe in being in a larger group.

From Sunday 2nd August we intend to hold two services across the four parishes every Sunday. One service of the word (e.g. Matins, Morning Praise) and one Holy Communion. It is important to understand that these will not be conducted as they were before the pandemic - the health and safety considerations restrict that, and they will feel very different.

We are not permitted to sing, we must keep social distancing, nor can we congregate in the building at the end.

In August there will be:

Sunday 9 August, 6.00 pm, Holy Communion at Pillaton

Sunday 16 August, 10.00 am, Morning Praise at St Mellion

This is something of a trial period as we find out what congregations we have and where the demand is. We are pleased that online church will continue indefinitely for those unable to come to a building for public worship with live streaming and a recording posted later.

Please continue to check the website and social media, and mostly keep praying and worshipping! We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Rev Chris, Rector*  
*email: Rector@tamar7.org*  
*website: tamar7.org*

# PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYPARK ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair has met today with the playpark safety inspector. Sadly, several items of play equipment have been condemned with immediate effect and must be removed due to rotten timbers, before the playpark reopens, with a greatly reduced number of playpark items.

Unfortunately, no date for reopening can be anticipated at this time due to the extensive amount of work required. This work will be carried out by Parish Councillors, so your continued patience would be very much appreciated. This situation was forecast several months ago and despite many efforts to obtain grants, grant applications were put on hold by all grant giving organisations, due to Covid-19.

The council regrets the delay, but it is outside the council's control. We will update you with more news as soon as we can.

*Dave Dolley, Chair, Pillaton Parish Council  
7 July 2020*

## LOCAL LIBRARIES

From Monday 6 July the local libraries have been able able to offer book services again by welcoming you at the door but not any further just yet. Order your books online, then go to your nominated library to collect them from the lobby or entrance. You can also return items, with no fines until 30 September.

Other regular library activities such as story-time sessions will have to wait until the libraries can fully reopen, once it is fully safe to do so. Please keep an eye on Cornwall Council social posts and publicity for further information.

All online services continue. These include:

- Free reservations
- Borrow Box
- Press Reader

The revised opening times for our two nearest libraries are as follows:

### CALLINGTON LIBRARY

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIMES</u>     |
|------------|------------------|
| Monday     | Closed           |
| Tuesday    | 1.00pm - 4.00pm  |
| Wednesday  | Closed           |
| Thursday   | 1.00pm - 4.00pm  |
| Friday     | 10.00am - 1.00pm |
| Saturday   | Closed           |

### SALTASH LIBRARY

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIMES</u>     |
|------------|------------------|
| Monday     | 10.00am - 2.00pm |
| Tuesday    | 10.00am - 2.00pm |
| Wednesday  | Closed           |
| Thursday   | 10.00am - 2.00pm |
| Friday     | 10.00am - 2.00pm |
| Saturday   | Closed           |



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# QI XI 七夕 FESTIVAL CHINESE VALENTINE'S DAY

Qi Xi had been planned for Saturday 22 August in the Village Hall to celebrate Chinese Valentine's Day, but sadly COVID-19 had other plans!

As it seems a shame not to have an excuse to enjoy a summery dinner "en couple", how about cooking some of these romantic dishes chez vous? As I wrote in the last issue of Village News, Chinese brides often wear red, the colour associated with luck, joy and happiness, and pink is the colour associated with love and harmony. So, these recipes include red strawberries and pink salmon! Recipes are for 2 people.

An easy main course, this salmon dish combines fish with chilli. It probably makes sense to you that the spiciness of chilli peppers can spice up your love life, as the heat releases endorphins, which raise the body's temperature, quicken the pulse, and can put you in a good mood to do whatever floats your boat! So here goes:

## ***"Lime and chilli salmon"***

*You will need 2 x salmon fillets (you could also use pink trout fillets); 50g butter; lime; chilli flakes; 50g fresh or frozen peas; few spring onions; 2 tbsp dry white wine; sea salt and black pepper.*

*Preheat oven to 200 degrees C. Cut 2 x squares baking parchment large enough to make a parcel for each fillet, then mix up a chilli butter with the chilli flakes and a good squeeze of lime juice. Spread some over the centre of the parchment. Pile the peas and sliced onions onto the butter and slice more butter over the vegetables, season well. Add the fish on top, plus the remaining butter, and sprinkle with the wine. Fold the parchment to make a parcel sealing everything in. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 20 mins. Serve with new potatoes and a green salad. Enjoy!*

And if you are veggie? Here is another easy recipe for vegetarians, or vegans using tomatoes. The French called the tomato the "pomme d'amour", or love apple, for their belief that the exotic tomato had aphrodisiac powers. The Spanish, along with other Mediterranean folks quickly adopted the tomato. A clever Spanish chef combined the fruit with olive oil, spices and onions and thus created the world's first tomato sauce. And it didn't damage the tomato's reputation to become known as an aphrodisiac. In Germany, the common name remains as "Liebesapfel" or "love apple." And why "love apple"? It's believed that the tomato closely resembles the human heart, the seat of love, according to ancient myths and because of this resemblance is a natural aphrodisiac. The old Italian name for the fruit was "pomo de mori" or "Moorish" apple. Anyway, here is the recipe:

## ***"Pasta with grilled tomatoes and onions"***

*You will need 5 x very ripe large tomatoes; 1 tbsp chopped thyme leaves; 2 x medium onions, sliced; 2 x garlic cloves finely chopped; olive oil; sea salt and black pepper; pasta to serve. Halve tomatoes and scoop out the seeds. Place skin side up in an ovenproof dish, scatter with half the thyme, black pepper and drizzle with olive oil. Put under a hot grill till skins blacken and smell sweet – 4-6 mins. Remove from dish and replace with the onion rings, again drizzled with oil, black*

*pepper, and the rest of the thyme, and cook under grill till soft and browned at the edges – 6-7 mins. Meanwhile cook your pasta in boiling, salted water, until “al dente.” Roughly chop grilled tomatoes, charred skins and all, toss in a pan with the grilled onions, their oil and the garlic. Simmer for 2 mins, season and toss with the drained pasta. If you’re not vegan, this is lovely with a generous serving of Parmesan cheese on top. Voila!*

Room for dessert? Well it must be strawberries! In Ancient Rome, strawberries were associated with the goddess of love, Venus. And later, in France, strawberries were often given to newlyweds as a sign of good luck in fertility. I prefer to just enjoy strawberries as they are, maybe drizzled with a sweet dessert wine and with a pretty jug of cream on the side. These lavender hearts would be nice to serve alongside:

### ***“Lavender shortbread hearts”***

*You will need 150g plain flour; 125g unsalted butter; 50g castor sugar; 30g cornflour, half tsp dried lavender flowers. Either blitz everything in a food processor or rub in with your fingers until the mixture comes together in a soft dough. Knead briefly till smooth. Roll out on a floured surface to 3mm thickness. Stamp out heart shapes and place onto greased baking sheets. Chill 30 mins before baking at 180 degrees C for 12-15 mins or till lightly golden. Leave on trays for a few mins, then transfer onto a wire rack to cool. These will store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.*

Oh, and lavender is good for you too - dried lavender has only a few calories per tablespoon and is free of fat and cholesterol. Throughout history it has been used to remedy various ailments including insomnia, anxiety, depression, stress, and fatigue. Well, Bon Appetit, and let’s hope that we will all be able to get together in November for the planned Thanksgiving Lunch. See you then.

*Ann Henderson*

## **TAMAR AREA PROSTATE GROUP**

As a result of COVID-19 our monthly meetings are postponed until further notice. We are still available to support anyone who needs us during this period and have members who have experience of various surgical procedures, radiotherapy, and hormone therapy. If you are recently diagnosed and just want to have a chat about your treatment or your options, don’t hesitate to make contact. TAPS membership is free and open to men and their partners.

For more information on TAPS please contact Chris Greensted by phone on 01822 834797 or by email to [tapsinfo555@gmail.com](mailto:tapsinfo555@gmail.com).

Other excellent sources of support are:

**Prostate Cancer UK (PCUK): 0800 074 8383**

**Tackle Prostate Cancer (UK): 0800 035 5302**

**The Chestnut Appeal: 01752 792736 (Derriford Hospital)**

**The Mustard Tree Centre: 01752 430060 (Macmillan Cancer Support)**

# PILLATON - 1941

*Maire Warwick kindly alerted me to this recollection of life in wartime Pillaton, written by Mervyn John (Tim) Wakeling in 2006 as part of the BBC's WW2 People's War online archive of wartime memories contributed by members of the public. The full version of the article can be found at [bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar](http://bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar)*  
Editor

After I had been bombed out of two schools in Plymouth in 1941 my father was talking to a colleague at work whose father wanted a live-in housekeeper. This man's father was the Rev Richard Hocking, the rector of Pillaton. Mother went as housekeeper and I went as an evacuee to his rectory, and from there I was soon booked into the village school.

As it was a Church of England school it was located on the opposite side of the road from the church and its western end wall was in the rectory drive. The head teacher was a Mrs Smith who had a daughter of about my age and an elder son. Several times she added me to her family as we went for walks around the countryside. Secretly Jane Smith was the first girl I had a bit of a crush on.

Of course, the rector, knew nothing of this, as according to him Mrs Smith was a terrible woman because she was a Methodist and should never have been allowed to run a C of E school. He was convinced that she had got the appointment by false pretences and should be thrown out. She told us that she had made sure the selectors knew of her faith, but as the rector was absolutely, stone deaf, he had no idea what was actually said at the interview.

The second teacher was a Mrs Shropshire, a homely woman who had come down from London with the crowd of evacuees who now substantially outnumbered the local children.

Even as a twelve year old I was capable of the thought that it was a mercy the rector was as deaf as a post, because on Sundays the singing in the Methodist chapel could be heard clearly in the rector's' across the valley from it, obviously a crowded chapel in contrast to his parish church. His congregation often comprised only my mother, myself, the lady organist, Tom Dolley the choir man and his two choirboys. One choirboy was local and the other an evacuee if I remember, as the evacuees for the most part fitted in so well it was difficult to know the difference.

Tom Dolley was very unhappy for a time. He was a Home Guard and had been on duty at the Royal Albert Bridge which takes the Great Western Railway from Devon into Cornwall. Part of the structure of this bridge comprises two huge tubular steel arches. This night a bomb had bounced off one of those steel tubes as he was patrolling inside it. The ringing in his ears lasted for a fortnight and what he was calling Hitler was not truly befitting a good chorister even though he had a temporary difficulty with trying to sing in tune.

I soon learned that the village was divided into two distinct groups. One group supported the chapel. The other would have supported the church, if they had been able to see eye to eye with the rector who had fallen out with most of them anyway. Within the village community you were either a Fowell, a Dolley, a Doney, a Pearce. The Greenaways ran the post office and the Pearce's the shop.

The children's war effort was waste paper collection and as I had a bicycle I went around a number of the outlying farms quite regularly doing this task, this with my trips out with the Smith family and the wide ranging games of the children soon taught me my way around the locality.

To catch a bus, it was necessary to walk the two and a half miles from Pillaton to St Mellion. To give a little flavour of the war situation a story from here will not come amiss. The government in its wisdom had decided to ban the making of clotted cream. Instead of scalding any milk left over at the end of the day the dairyman had to throw it away, something to do with economy. However, there is no way of separating the Cornish from their cream. Then came the St Mellion church fete and tea, several farmers offered "proper" cream which was of course refused by the vicar as he could not be seen to be breaking the law and the village policeman would be there. Then the 'Lord of the Manor' sent some cream; there was no way of refusing anything from that source. I have yet to work out how a policeman can eat something without knowing it's there.

The rectory itself was a grand old house with seven bedrooms and a study upstairs, a fine bathroom on a mezzanine floor, and downstairs a bit of a maze. The front door led directly into the entrance hall with the library and the music room on the right, and on the left another door led to the rest of the house.

Inside the back door the route to the wash house which led to the laundry was under a landing and so low that even at twelve years of age I had to duck, it must have cracked many skulls in the years it had been there.

The sole occupants of this mansion were the rector, mother, me, and Mlle Aeschimann. Also, Jessie came in from the village to do the heavy cleaning and old George came in to tend the kitchen garden.

Mlle Aeschimann was a real character, a one-time governess who had been driven a little askew by the thought of the Germans tramping all over her beloved France and the panic of her escape from them. She did a little light cleaning and tidying, and swatted flies.

The rectory stood in five acres of jungle. Well laid out but grossly overgrown gardens in fact and a heaven on earth for a twelve-year old. There was also an orchard in the south western corner of the grounds. Part of the rectory grounds was set out as a lovely terraced garden complete with a bower. Not decoratively lovely then as everything was overgrown, but this made it even better to play in as damage to plants is not too important especially when they are weeds anyway. At the bottom of these terraces was a sizeable lawn and at the end farthest from the house a sheer drop of about fifteen feet or so. At the bottom was the

enclosure of the well which supplied the house on the other side of the lane with water. In this house were two London evacuees, a lad a little younger than me and his sister. He and I had a favourite perch in the laurel trees overlooking the lane where we could sit together on one branch with our arms resting on another at just the right height. Of course, he never ventured further into the rectory grounds than that, no one wanted to get told off by the rector.

The cooker mother used normally was a large kitchen range with about three ovens and a huge hob. Lighting the fire in it was an art which it took mother some time to learn, so at first Jessie had to light it every morning. It was totally worn out, but when mother mentioned this to the rector he was adamant that there could be nothing wrong with it at all as it was new when he had come to Pillaton a mere fifty years earlier. Indeed, the rector had great faith in anything built before the "Great War." This included his yacht. 30 years before it had been brought up the River Lynher to Notter Bridge and was then pulled all the way up to Pillaton by horse for storage in a barn. One day the rector offered me the great privilege of seeing this yacht. He was sure that it would still be in perfect condition ready for the water. Solemnly he opened the great doors and dutifully I stared into the deep gloom of the barn. The vague outline of a boat was dimly discernible, then it was left to continue rotting in peace.

The rector had told my mother never to use the village shop as it was not proper for "the rectory" to do so; his sons though, had told mother to shop there as much as she liked. Nevertheless, the rector went shopping in Plymouth once a week for the grocery order, these forays followed a strict routine.

The groceries were a standing order with one of the "top" shops in Plymouth, so any modifications to the standard had to be notified to him before he started. This had to be in writing of course because he could easily get things wrong if any other form of communication were attempted, so mother never bothered unless there was a huge overstock of something.

The hire car with uniformed chauffeur would arrive, the rector with due dignity would enter the vehicle, then he was gone for the day. In the evening he would return and solemnly hand over the box of goodies.

Mother had negotiated that Saturdays would be her free day however so it was then that mum and I would set off on our bikes to go back home for the day. Opposite Saltash station was a house with a cycle park where we left the bikes and carried on by train, then, upon our return with anything else the shop in Pillaton could not provide, we collected the cycles and peddled back to the rectory.

Often in the evenings mother and I would sit at the window of her bedroom looking out over the valley toward and past the village, a lovely view as the sun went down. From there we could watch the rooks flying home to roost and hear the rumpus in the village when the pub turned out.

I was sorry to leave Pillaton, but I was now thirteen and secondary school called.

*Mervyn John (Tim) Wakeling, 2006*



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Now that lockdown restrictions have started to be eased this has permitted some limited opening of churches for private prayer, but with social distancing and hand sanitization measures in place.

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## Pillaton Village Diary

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Tue 14 Jul | Pillaton Parish Council Virtual Meeting                                      |
| Thu 30 Jul | International Friendship Day Afternoon Tea, Village Hall <b>CANCELLED</b>    |
| Sat 22 Aug | QiXi Festival (Chinese Valentines Day) Supper, Village Hall <b>CANCELLED</b> |
| Sat 5 Sep  | Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall                   |
| Autumn     | Skittles League Presentation Night - <b>Date to be confirmed</b>             |
| Autumn     | Pillaton Arts & Crafts Society Exhibition - <b>Date to be confirmed</b>      |
| Sun 25 Oct | Pillaton Gardening Club Pumpkin Festival, Pillaton Village Hall              |
| Sun 22 Nov | Thanksgiving Sunday Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall - <b>TBC</b>                |

## RECYCLING DATES

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

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Tue 21 Jul | Recycling    |
| Tue 28 Jul | Garden Waste |
| Tue 04 Aug | Recycling    |
| Tue 11 Aug | Garden Waste |
| Tue 18 Aug | Recycling    |
| Tue 25 Aug | Garden Waste |
| Tue 01 Sep | Recycling    |
| Tue 08 Sep | Garden Waste |
| Tue 15 Sep | Recycling    |
| Tue 22 Sep | Garden Waste |

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