

Pillaton Village News

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Village web site at www.pillaton.org.uk

PINNACLES RESTORED

Anyone passing through Pillaton recently cannot fail to have noticed that, following the disastrous lightning strike in January, the pinnacles on the church tower have now been fully restored to their former glory. The restoration work still continues and it is planned that the Church will re-open this coming Remembrance Sunday on 10 November (more details on page 7).



SUMMER SHOW SUCCESS

Pillaton Gardening Club held a most successful Summer Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 7 September. See full report on page 9.

Richard Warwick is pictured left viewing the wine and preserves exhibits.

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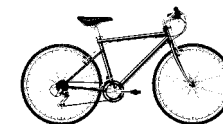
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Putting together this edition of the Village News seems to have been more problematic than usual. With no Parish Council Meeting in August and only one set of minutes to publish I thought I would have space to burn, but completely the opposite seems to have occurred. I seem to have been inundated with copy and notices; everything from ferrets to voter registration. I'm not complaining though, far better to have too much, than be left with the problem of filling acres of white space.

It does mean however that I have had to adopt a cosmetic surgeon's philosophy of 'nip and tuck,' squeezing lines and reducing font size to make everything fit. I think it is true to say that almost every page has changed shape and layout at some stage over the last week as different items have come in. In the process readers have ended up with a very truncated editorial, which consists of the editor simply having a good moan, but hopefully I have managed to fit all the pieces of the jigsaw together successfully and in a format that still remains legible.

Next copy date is 4 Nov 2013 - full details page 27.

Robin Dwane,
Editor

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PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 17 July 2013

ATTENDANCE Cllrs. Dolley, Warne, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Heap, Martin, Harris and County Councillor D. Pugh.

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dolley declared an interest in payments and left the room when the payments were approved.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES The Minutes of 19 June 2013 meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

Fences

a) The Council agreed that in respect of the broken fence at the River Lyhner the best approach was to contact the owner in order to discuss the issue. County Councillor D. Pugh undertook to visit the area on 30 July together with a Cornwall County official to assess the problem.

b) Cllr Harris undertook to put the request from the Ramblers Association for support for retaining the path by the river, on the web site.

c) The Council agreed that in respect of the new fence at the River Lyhner the reply was accepted from the land owner that the fence complied with UK standard specification.

Mushton Lane

The Chairman said he had received copies of St Mellion minutes confirming the whole of Mushton lane would be resurfaced although only the St Mellion side had been repaired. It was recognised that County Councillor Flashman had promised to use his Highway budget to complete the Pillaton side but there were no Highway budgets now available. County Councillor D. Pugh undertook to visit the area on 30 July together with a Cornwall County official to assess the problem.

Signposts

Cllr Harris said he was continuing to making enquires into the repainting of the finger posts in the area with the work carried out under Community Payback organised by the probation service.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council approved the planning application for the rebuilding of the barn at Polborder.

POLBORDER ROUNDABOUT

The Council decided not to adopt the Polborder roundabout.

TRAINING

Cllr Heap expressed an interest in attending a code of conduct training session.

FINANCE

The Bank position of current account £295 and deposit £2,771 was noted.

The following payments were authorised; D. Dolley £47.70 paint and mower repair, C. Hoskin £199.97 gardening, Village Hall £12.00 hall hire, G. Lawson £ 29.50 website hosting, Cornwall Council £145.72 election expenses, Grant Thornton £120 audit fee.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council agreed to accept an offer from County Councillor D. Pugh to arrange a visit from a Cornwall County official to advise the Council on the merits of a plan.

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY AREA NETWORK

There had been no current meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council welcomed the report from John Wheeley which gave the statistics on web site usage indicating more than a doubling of visits in three years. Thanks were recorded to John for his efforts.

The Chairman said he would paint the damaged seat at the top of the village and check on its safety.

Cllr Martin distributed copies of suggested headings for Council stationery for a choice to be made at the next meeting.

Chairman D Dolley

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PILLATON CHURCH UPDATE

Excellent progress has been made by a really dedicated and highly professional team of craftsmen to restore our church to its former glory. The pinnacle has been rebuilt in a way where the repairs are all honest and the new and the old can be clearly seen, so generations to come will be able to understand what happened on that fateful snowy night. The majority of the original stones were astonishingly undamaged, even though most fell the full 75 feet or so off the tower, and the stonemasons have skilfully pieced the 3-D jigsaw all back in place leaving a structure that will stand for centuries to come.

Whilst talking about the tower, the next pinnacle was found to have been hit by the flying stonework so it too was repaired and re-pointed in lime mortar. The spire with the weathervane was found to have a concrete cross, which has been replaced with a granite one and the weathervane restored by Steve Gordon. The great timbers forming the roof of the tower have been repaired and all the lead restored, making it waterproof for another few hundred years. Soon a flagpole will proudly fly our flag again while an improved lightning conductor system will protect us against further disasters from all four pinnacles.

The tower scaffolding has now come down, the barrel vault has been repaired and had its lathes restored; the slating of all the holes in the roof is almost complete. The work required inside the church includes the re-plastering of walls and ceilings, the woodwork remade and the electrics restored. The lime plaster mortar coat which is being used throughout the church, in keeping with best practise, has a long drying period and needs to be left undisturbed to set for several months. The ceiling bosses which were lost in the strike are being replaced by an expert plaster craftsman's shop in Plymouth. Discussions have also started as to a commemorative plaque in the floor where the largest piece of masonry landed just inside the door - any ideas would be welcome.

Fundraising has been fantastic and has almost kept up with the expenses which have been incurred in restoring parts of the church which have not been covered by insurance but have been undertaken whilst the scaffolding has been in place. We still require considerable funds to replenish our coffers and every penny counts. The experts have assured us that it will be safe to ring the bells again ready for our first service back in the church on Remembrance Sunday, 10 Nov which will be a day of great celebration of our return, tinged with solemnity as we come together to remember those who made it possible for us to live in peace.

Anon (from August/September 2013 Church News)

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Thursday 3rd October

7.00 pm to 9.30 pm in Pillaton Village Hall

The Village Hall has been given a grant by the Solar Farms Community Fund to replace the windows in the old part of the Village Hall. This work is being carried out by Moorland Joinery and the work will commence shortly.

We are also applying to the same Fund for a grant to replace the floor in the new extension of the Village Hall. The floor has suffered damage caused by water ingress and there are areas which have 'bubbled' badly because of this.

If we are successful in obtaining funding we are hoping that this work will be carried out before Christmas.

Sue White

The good summer was celebrated by the colourful array of flowers, vegetables and fruit at the annual Pillaton Gardening Club's Summer Show held on Saturday 7 September. Handicraft, needlecraft, art, cookery, preserves, wine and photography were also represented and the following trophies were awarded. The outright winner of The Kernock Park Nurseries Shield was Ian Edwards who also went on to win the Kathryn Bunkum Cup for vegetables and the WI Rose Bowl for preserves. The Rose Peter cup for cut flowers and the Gymkhana Association Cup for floral art went to Rose Peter. Rose also received the Newton Ferrers Trophy for the best potted begonia. The Horticultural Society Cup for pot plants went to Richard Warwick who also received the Clare Druett Cup for fruit. John Hubbard won the J Hubbard Cup for best leeks and Ann Barnicoat won the WE Lucas cup for the best herbs. The Ken Beal Shield for Handicraft was won by Tea Slemmon and the Howarth Trophy for needlecraft went to Karin Martin. Ann Henderson won the Peter Hicks Plate for Art and the Greta Jope Cup for colour photography. Shirley Floyd deservedly won the Davina Beal Cup for cookery and her daughter in law Agnieszka won the WI Silver vase for the best jam sponge. Noreen Symons competing against her son produced a table full of home made wine which resulted in Noreen narrowly winning the VNA Symons Wine Trophy. The junior section saw Oliver Symons obtaining the Pillaton Wives Group Cup for photography and the Playgroup Cup for Garden on a Plate. Acacia Martin won the Rose Peter Shield for children's cookery and achieved most points in the junior section. The family gaining most points in the show were the Symons family who were presented with the J and T Dolley Trophy.

Carole Hoskin, the Show Secretary wishes to thank exhibitors and visitors alike in supporting this local show.

Our next event is the Pumpkin festival on Thursday 31 October (Halloween) at 6.30pm with fancy dress and pumpkin food. Contact Carole 01579 350063 or myself 01579 350956.

Linda Mavin

A Taste of France

“Le Petit Bistrot Français” is at Pillaton Village Hall on Saturday 19 October, 7.30 pm

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A bientôt!

WI Ladies that lunch:

On Tuesday 13 August a bevy of belles from Pillaton WI enjoyed a tour, organised by the Cornwall Federation, of the Knightor winery, near the Eden Project, followed by a 3 course lunch. Four of us; myself, Jenny, Sue and Sandra piled into Jenny's car as she had nobly volunteered to drive. Arriving in good time, we profited from the warm sunshine and sat in the courtyard with coffees and hot chocolates to wait for the tour.



Jenny, Ann, Sandra & Sue at the Knightor Winery

The vineyard is quite a new one, with many of the vines only planted over the past few years. Varietals are primarily those suited to the English cool growing climate, so white wine grapes predominate and are similar to the grapes grown at Camel Valley and Sharpham vineyards. We saw Madeleine Angevin, Seyval Blanc and Pinot Noir amongst others. One interesting vine, Black Hamburg, was grown from a cutting taken from the great vine at Hampton Court!

Our guide ably explained the difficulties of wine making in our capricious climate. Remember the awful summer last year? That didn't do much to help the winegrower. And the long cold winter followed by a very late spring this year meant that there was no early growth made by the vines, so harvesting the grapes isn't likely to happen before the end of October this year. We were taken next into the shed where the grapes are pressed and the juice stored in the stainless steel vats. The processes involved in wine making were explained in simple to understand terms and questions were patiently answered.

Then we got to taste the wines! We were asked to test our palates with two different vintages, 2011 and 2012, of the same dry white wine just to illustrate how, in wine making, the vintage is all important. Lastly, we got to taste the truly glorious fizz that Knightor makes!

Lunch followed in an upstairs room – felt a bit like the Last Supper! Thankfully no Judas appeared with a kiss...The room was a buzz of noisy chatter, scraping of knives and forks, and quiet moments when everyone just enjoyed lunch.

Then it was time to pile back into the car and wend our way home, replete with good food, good company and Cornwall basking in sunshine as we drove through the countryside. Another successful WI trip – not just Jam and Jerusalem, you see!

Ann Henderson, Pillaton WI

PILLATON WI The speaker for our July meeting was Julie Pride from the Children's Hospice South West and what a wonderful speaker she was. The topic of how respite for children with a life threatening condition and for their families could have been quite depressing and sad. But no, Julie talked about it all so beautifully and positively and made it so interesting and I hope left the audience feeling very positive.

She explained that the SW Children's Hospice movement was started in the mid-1980s by Gill and Eddie because two of their three children had a life threatening illness and there was no Children's Hospice in the south west – the nearest being Oxford. I worked with Eddie during this time and I remember sitting quietly with him as he described the effect this was having on them all as a family, as a couple and as individuals. I am sure I don't need to say anymore.

So Eddie and Gill undertook the task of fundraising and gaining permission to build a hospice. In 1995 Little Bridge House in North Devon was opened. Charlton Farm, near Bristol and the newest Little Harbour in St Austell have followed this. Little Harbour was the outcome of the Precious Lives Appeal, which was started just as we all went into recession!

So what do they do? The dictionary definition of hospice apparently is a resting place on a journey therefore not specifically referring to the end of life. This is exactly what they offer – a resting place. Each hospice welcomes the whole family. Brothers and sisters often describe their feeling of never coming first as Mum and Dad's attention is inevitably focussed on the sick child, however well intentioned they might be. So the hospice offers them an opportunity to enjoy themselves, to have a holiday, to be "normal" and to help them feel special. They often describe, as do the parents, their home as not necessarily being their own as carers are constantly coming in and out. Eddie said that he couldn't sit around in his pyjamas on a Sunday morning because of this!

Siblings when back at home are also encouraged to phone the hospice at any time just to chat. Statistics tell us that approximately 50% of all brothers and sisters of a child with a life threatening illness develop some form of mental illness, do not attain at school, become bullies or are bullied. However it is also shown that the work of hospices' can reduce this.

Parents are offered relief from their caring tasks as the hospice team will do these for them, consequently perhaps allowing parents to have a different quality of time with their child, or perhaps just to have a lie in. They are also able to leave their child in safe hands and maybe do things with their other children or just go of on their own for a bit. The poorly children too have opportunities to play and have fun. Each child has a bespoke room and each time they come for a visit the room will be prepared for them so that it was totally identical to before – what a task organising this! There is a huge emphasis on dignity with as much as possible being done to ensure this – lots of gadgets and help are available.

Of course children die – they have life threatening conditions but everything is

done to support them and their families through the process. Many parents when they know that their child is near the end of their life bring them to the hospices. The child is given their own room, which again is made personal to him or her, and care is given to all the family during this time.

Julie told us about one little boy who was worried what would happen to his favourite toys when he died. The visiting Vicar, Geoff, suggested that his favourite toys got "married" so that they wouldn't be alone. The little boy liked this idea so Geoff and all the staff came in dressed for a wedding (including hats!) and a full wedding ceremony was conducted for his toys. The little boy was then heard to say that he didn't need to worry any more.

Each hospice has a special room named "Starborn" for the family to sit with the child after death. There is no hurry over this and the family can reflect, listen to music or do whatever will help them. At Little Bridge House they have a donkey. Some parents whose daughter had died a few days before Christmas and who had attended the Carol Service spoke to the owner of the donkey. The next thing to the surprise of the staff, the donkey was led into Starborn where it apparently rested its head next to the child. The parents remarked that she was having the Christmas she wanted. The rule of the hospice is that there are no rules. How wonderful.

Of course all of this is expensive to maintain. They need £8million per year to run the three hospices but they do cater for a large number of families. At Little Harbour which has only been open for about 18 months, they support over fifty families and look after up to twelve children at any one time. They are still fundraising and hope to be able to increase this support to one hundred and fifty families over time.

Sadly Eddie and Gill's two children did die and also very sadly Gill became ill and she too died. However the work that she started with Eddie all those years ago still carries on and hopefully will continue to do so. What an amazing journey!

Pam Lowther

PS. Heather Troup, Janet Wilcocks, Lesley Allibone and Carole Hoskin are all doing the moonlight walk around Saltash in aid of the Hospice so would welcome sponsors.

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CHERRY FEAST

After the huge disappointment of 2012, the Cherry Feast held on 14 July at the new venue of St Mellion

School was a huge success. The weather was this year definitely our friend - a warm sunny afternoon, which made for a relaxed day out for all the family. The school children performed, the Wreckers danced, Emmazdad entertained the small ones, and the Laura Youth band played to their usual high standard.

Away from the performers, all the stalls did brisk business (especially the ice-creams/soft drink stall!), and for the first time, we ran out of coconuts on the shy - well done one and all.

After being held for so long in the Rectory gardens, there was a degree of uncertainty that the new venue would attract the same attention, but we are pleased to say that attendance was better than we expected, and we look forward to many years of continued association with the school - in fact I heard a number of people commenting that the sports field was the best place for the Feast, and why had it not been considered before. There were a few teething problems - signage to the parking etc - and we have noted that, which will be rectified.

Our thanks go to Angela Palin and all the staff at the school for their enthusiasm and support, without which the day would have been impossible. Our thanks also go to all who assisted before and on the day, in no matter what capacity - village fetes would not survive without a small army of dedicated volunteers. A net figure of £5000 was raised.

Anon (from August/September 2013 Church News)

LIVING CHURCHYARDS UPDATE

The new churchyard has been brought under control

by diligent mowing this summer and the place is looking very tidy. A start has been made on clearing the 'compost' from the back hedge of the old churchyard and building a new bank down the side of the new churchyard so that a native hedge can be planted this autumn. The weed along the back hedge has been killed with the intention that the whole area behind the church can be levelled and kept under control by mowing. This has traditionally been a problem area when brambles and undergrowth have sometimes nearly managed to invade the church.

A grant for a new tractor house and the plantings has been applied for along with a Faculty from the church to allow the new tractor house to be built. It is hoped to introduce a selection of wild flowers in and around the churchyard and next spring there are plans for a beehive to be established in the area by Tamar Valley Honey.

If anyone has any spare time, assistance with maintaining the churchyard would be most welcome. An hour or so per week April to October would achieve wonders. The equipment is good and just waiting to be used a little more. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Tony Rowe on 01579 350669.

FERAL FERRETS

We were very surprised at around dusk on the evening of Sunday 25 August to see at least two polecat/ferret-like animals running across the road in front of the car on the way back from Callington near the entrance to Axford Farm. One of these was white and at least one other was darker coloured. Even more surprisingly, the following evening we saw another single individual running along in front of the car a bit beyond Peter Doney's house, just outside the village. We got a good view of this one as it kept stopping in the car headlights to turn and look at us. It was a dark typically polecat-coloured individual.

It seems that there are increasing numbers of reports of polecats and polecat/ferret hybrids from the South West. Recently pure polecats have been expanding their range from their refuge in North Wales and several specimens have been collected from South Devon and just over the Tamar. We also seem to have well established feral populations of ferrets, especially in the east of Cornwall. The white one we saw on Sunday is almost certainly a recently escaped pet, but others may possibly be polecat-ferrets (ferrets with polecat colouring), polecat/ferret hybrids or pure polecats.

Whatever they are, the sightings, on two consecutive evenings at locations quite far apart, suggest that there might be considerable numbers around, so chicken-keepers might check that there are no small holes in their wire!

Richard & Maire Warwick

The website went 'live' on 8 September 2010 and is now

PILLATON WEB SITE REPORT

approaching its third anniversary. During the year the colour scheme was changed from gold and black to blue and silver and there are eight main sections on the site; Home, News, Diary, Notices, Activities, Amenities, History, Council and Gallery. Activity on the website has increased year on year; in 2010-11 there were 207 visits to the site with 897 pages viewed, in 2011-12, 434 visits and 1441 pages viewed and last year 527 visits and 1707 pages viewed.

Not surprisingly peak activity came just after the church was struck by lightning back in January. As a result there were over 1100 visits and more than 4,700 pages downloaded in January. Currently there are over 200 pages on the site (about 150 last year) and well in excess of 400 photographs. Copies of the Village News produced are available on the site and are regularly downloaded as is also Andrew Harris's Walks booklet (a new version of which was added during the year).

If you search for Pillaton on Google, it shows our web site third in the list, so it is easily found. It has been pushed back from first place last year by two entries for Pillaton Pools caravan and camp site in Staffordshire. This is a commercial site and probably has to pay Google to appear at the top of the list!

John Wheeley, Webmaster

ST MELLION SCHOOL NEWS After several sleepless nights brought on by anxiety and excitement (and that was just the staff), we started the new school year on Thursday 4 Sep! It was lovely to welcome 61 pupils on our roll. We have 7 children new to school who are settling very well with their teacher Miss Morfey and the established children of Y1 and Y2 in Class 1. In Class 2 our Y3 and Y4 children have welcomed their new teacher, Mrs Christopher, who has moved over from St Dominic School. In Class 3 our Y5 & Y6 children continue to be taught by Miss Welch, who is the Assistant Headteacher. We benefit from a large number of support staff who teach specialist subjects such as art and design technology, French and swimming, guitar and violin or who work with pupils to support their needs. Mrs Knight in the office keeps all the plates spinning, Mrs Patten, keeps all the rumbling tummies at bay, and Mrs Leatherland tidies up after us all! Class sizes remain small: 23, 19 and 19. If you are considering St Mellion School for your child, please do visit the website and make an appointment to see the school during the school day. Applications for September 2014 are being made to Cornwall Council right now!

Just 'when we were thinking it was all over' in mid July we received notification that Ofsted would be in the following day. The inspection was very different to the inspection we had in 2007 as the inspection framework has changed several times in the intervening years. We are delighted to tell you that the inspector reported that staff have an in-depth knowledge of each pupil, and that we use this to help every pupil to progress. She confirmed that our levels of attainment are above average in reading, writing and mathematics, examples of outstanding teaching were observed, along with the outstanding motivation and enthusiasm of our pupils. She reported that a caring ethos permeates throughout the school, with superb relations between all pupils and staff. The inspector agreed that we accurately understand our own strengths and areas for development, and recognised that we have already planned or begun action that will further improve certain areas. St Mellion School was judged to be a 'Good' school.

Plans for this term already include a visit to St Germans' Church to learn about and prepare for Harvest celebrations, and as the term progresses the older children will be studying that favourite of history topics: The Romans! We hope to report on our activities throughout the year in each edition of the Pillaton News/Mellanus News. Please also visit our website at www.st-mellion.cornwall.sch.uk

Angela Palin, Headteacher

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

Electoral registration forms are being posted out on 1 Oct to all 258,000 households in Cornwall. The new electoral register will be published in Feb 2014 and this list will be used as the basis for the European Parliamentary elections in May 2014. Everyone is required by law to provide the information which is asked for in the forms and registration can be done online or by using the pre-paid envelopes provided. More details regarding registration are available on the village website.

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FRUIT CASE

The balmy summer dryness has given way to more uncertain weather, more breeze and even blessed rain. The prolonged drought brings an early autumn, though without moisture in the leaves there will be little chance of glorious autumn colours.

The last of the swallows have just departed, and it was sad to see the decimation of their numbers cause by the vicious winter weather throughout Europe last winter. In previous years their gathering for departure in hundreds on the wires outside the Weary, so many, their excited chatter filled the air, and drowning conversations of the outside beer drinkers. The small number of swallows that gathered this year for their fly past was pitiful by comparison, but it had been a successful breeding year and their numbers were considerably greater than when they arrived. We wish them safe passage for next year.

The continued strange weather effected the whole of the growing season, the cold spring made germination late or non existent. We then had wet, wet, wet followed by dry, dry, dry.....

I wondered over the brilliant germination, with the soft fruits, until I found a bees' nest under an ailing potentilla. The bees had undoubtedly been drawn to the garden by my deliberate planting of bee attractive plants especially alliums. The bees were replaced later in the season, by a firestorm of wasps, gorging on the ripening fruit, so many wasps where had they been hiding all year! I search the garden for nests but found none, but the wasps persisted, filling my wasp traps with a sticky stripy soup.

My lovely figs, a super crop this year, the best ever, yet 8 big ripe figs were devoured by wasps with gusto, the remains left hanging as hollow purple rags, still attached to the branches.

My blackcurrants and worcester berries had a bumper crop, producing more than I could fit in my freezer. I left plenty for the blackbirds. My mulberry tree is a delight with its dark, sharp, strong flavoured fruit, but the berries had not swollen as they should have done due to the lack of rain.

The village has been full of the sounds of summer holidays, audible from my conservatory sofa, shouts of joy and pain from small children, bashes and thumps from footballs, clapping of horses hooves, barking of dogs, repetitive thumping of drumming, sounds of barbecue to make my Mabel stand on her hind legs to get the full aroma of cooking meat.

My own grandsons were part of the summer invasion, bringing chaos and exhaustion in their wake. The evidence of their mischief is unearthed for days, well after they have gone. My gnomes really had a drubbing, 3 upside down in the bird bath, 1 midsummer murder pose- feet sticking out from under a bush, some grouped by the guinea pigs runs, deep in conversation, and another with his buckets filled with flowers.

I found blackcurrants in the guinea pigs run, obviously my 2 year old grandson, who

enjoys free-range fruit grazing wanted to share his bounty with them. Raised beds make life much easier for fruit pinching Herbie, as the fruit is level with his nose. He started with the strawberries, graduating to blackcurrants and worcester berries, though mulberries produced a screwed up prune face. Too much flavour for the little chap.

Jan Simms

PS. It has been brought to my notice that the chicken farmer, whose birds live down at the bottom of the sewage treatment plant lane, had 30 HENS STOLEN in one night. The thief will probably have used a vehicle??? The hens were in an isolated spot. As several residents of Pillaton are known to have small holdings with stock, and maybe it would wise to review their security in light of this.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Large goldfish and shubunkins, prettily marked and healthy. I have too many, due to their fecundity and the reduced size of my new pond. Please ring, to let me know when you are coming and bring a bucket with a cloth to cover it.

Jan Simms 01579-351441. No cost but a donation to the church restoration fund would be welcome.

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Thursday 26 September - Saturday 5 October 2013

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Events this year include a Classical Guitar concert by Morgan Szymanski, an internationally recognised performer, (he is doing a couple workshops in local schools too, organised by us), an art exhibition of artists mostly from Tamar Valley, Mediaeval Music and Banquet, Ivor Novello and Noel Coward midday concert, Cornish-Celtic storytelling performance, a Film Night ("Red Shoes"), a talk by the Lenkiewicz Foundation, about Robert Lenkiewicz, as well as a Jive workshop followed up with a Rock 'n' Roll band dance evening.

See the website for full details of performances at www.landulphfestival.co.uk

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THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST. DOMINIC, LANDULPH
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DIARY FOR THE BENEFICE

DATE	DAY	SERVICE	CHURCH
22 Sep	Sunday	0930 Eucharist	St. Mellion
		1115 Eucharist	Landulph
23 Sep	Monday	1900 Landulph PCC, Rectory Room	Cargreen
29 Sep	Sunday	0930 Eucharist	St. Dominic
		1115 Harvest Eucharist	St. Mellion
30 Sep	Monday	1900 Harvest Supper & Auction in Village Hall	Pillaton
01 Oct	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Dominic
06 Oct	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	St. Dominic
		1800 Harvest Evensong with Callington Singers	St. Dominic
08 Oct	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Dominic
13 Oct	Sunday	0930 Eucharist	St. Mellion
		1115 Eucharist	Landulph
		1600 Pet Service (Outdoors) at Village Hall	Pillaton
15 Oct	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Dominic
16 Oct	Wednesday	1200 Pasty Lunch, Rectory Room	Cargreen
20 Oct	Sunday	0930 Eucharist	St. Dominic
		1115 Eucharist	St. Mellion
22 Oct	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Dominic
27 Oct	Sunday	0930 Eucharist	St. Mellion
		1115 Eucharist	Landulph
29 Oct	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Dominic
02 Nov	Saturday	1030 Bring and Buy, Rectory Room	Cargreen
03 Nov	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist for All Saints Day	Landulph
05 Nov	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Mellion
		Remembrance Sunday (<i>Pillaton Church Re-opens</i>)	
10 Nov	Sunday	0930 Sung Mass & Act of Remembrance	Pillaton
		1045 Service of Remembrance	St. Dominic
		1050 Act of Remembrance & Sung Matins	Landulph
		1500 Remembrance Service	St. Mellion
12 Nov	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Mellion
14 Nov	Thursday	1100-1800 }	
15 Nov	Friday	1100-1800 } Christmas Craft Fair	St. Dominic
16 Nov	Saturday	1100-1800 }	
17 Nov	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist	St. Mellion
19 Nov	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Mellion
24 Nov	Sunday	0930 Eucharist	Pillaton
		1115 Eucharist	Landulph
26 Nov	Tuesday	0915 Said Eucharist	St. Mellion
01 Dec	Sunday	1000 Benefice Eucharist for Advent Sunday	Pillaton

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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Canon Wilson on 01822 832518

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Pillaton Village Diary

Fri 27 Sep	'Macmillan Cancer Support / Sue Ryder Care' Coffee Morning
Fri 27 Sep	(27 Sep - 5 Oct) - Landulph Festival of Music and the Arts
Sat 19 Oct	'Taste of France' Evening, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 14 Oct	Pillaton WI, Harvest Supper
Thu 31 Oct	Pillaton Gardening Club Pumpkin Festival, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 11 Nov	Pillaton WI. Craft Evening
Mon 9 Dec	Pillaton WI, Christmas Party

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 17 Sep	Garden waste
Tue 24 Sep	Recycling
Tue 1 Oct	Garden waste
Tue 8 Oct	Recycling
Tue 15 Oct	Garden waste
Tue 22 Oct	Recycling
Tue 29 Oct	Garden waste
Tue 5 Nov	Recycling
Tue 12 Nov	Garden waste
Tue 19 Nov	Recycling

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