

# Pillaton Village News

Issue 227 September 2023

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

## TRACTORS AWAY



A second successful Pillaton Charity Tractor Run took place on Sunday 6 August. Fortunately storm Antoni had blown through overnight and left a fine day in its wake although a few trees had fallen in the lanes and needed clearing.

The good weather saw over 80 entries for the Tractor Run, which was being held in aid of St. Luke's Hospice, Plymouth, with plenty of spectators turning out for the event at both the start and around the route which took in St. Mellion, St. Dominic, Harrowbarrow, Metherell, Cotehele, Paynters Cross, Cargreen, Botus Fleming and Hatt before finishing up back in Pillaton.



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After such poor weather for most of the summer, early September has been unusually hot and humid, particularly so for Cornwall. Apparently, weather patterns coming up from the Sahara were to blame, which was all made very noticeable one morning by the extensive polka dot pattern of dust spots left on my car following a brief shower of rain. For some the hot weather will have been bliss, but for others not so with the sticky nights making it difficult to sleep.

Still complaining about things, notably the weather, is a peculiarly British obsession and reflected by what appears in our press. This summer has seen an endless succession of concerning stories from blighted holidays, wildfires, air traffic chaos, rail strikes to the cost-of-living crisis. There must be some good news somewhere.

Even the most successful Women's World Cup in history was completely overshadowed by just one thing- an ill-judged kiss. Clearly the Spanish authorities have issues to resolve, but surely the tournament should be most remembered for the fact that Spain became first-time winner, outplaying a plucky England team in an exciting final, rather than anything else. Just imagine if the most notable thing about the 1966 World Cup Final were the implications for NHS dentistry, due to Nobby Stiles not wearing his false teeth when Her Majesty the Queen presented him with his World Cup winners medal.

I suppose it's just a sad fact of life that bad news or controversy sells newspapers and improves viewer numbers, so we should just come to expect it.

Of course, the latest big issue of concern in the country has been the widespread use in schools and public buildings of a special aerated type of concrete that has an unfortunate tendency to crumble with age. This lightweight material started out life in the 1920s, in Sweden, and was later transformed for roofing purposes with the addition of reinforcing metal bars to become the reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC), that we have all been hearing about. However, unlike most things Swedish, such as Volvo cars and Abba, RAAC is proving not to be nearly as durable, particularly if roofs were not kept well maintained and waterproofed, causing fears that some buildings may be in danger of imminent collapse. However, one tiny crumb of comfort, for once the RAAC problem is not a uniquely British one. The material has been used extensively around the world since the 1950s, so many other countries are going to be in the same boat.

So, to use the old Crimewatch catchphrase, 'Don't have nightmares, do sleep well.' You can rest assured it will soon be too wet and cold, and I will try and not print too many negative stories.

The next copy date is 6 November - full details on page 23.

*Robin Dwane, Editor*

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM There were 4 members of the public present.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Smith told the Parish Council that some of the trees in St. Odulph's churchyard required significant lopping of branches or indeed felling although this would be sometime in the future. The Church PCC realized that the work could significantly affect the view and accordingly invited the Parish Council to be involved. The Chair and Cllr. Johnson agreed to liaise with the Church authorities.

### MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Telephone Box Painting

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to contact the previous contractor and hence the Council agreed to approach a new contractor.

#### b. Installation Of Speed Camera

Cllr. Johnson informed the Council that the Police would not support a speed camera because there had been no reported accidents in the Village, however Cornwall Highways were studying alternatives. Cllr. Johnson said that the Police would support the setting up of a speed watch group with hand held cameras and that he would continue to enquire into the possibilities.

#### c. Overgrown Verge Next To Dolcoath

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Johnson for cutting the grass on the verge next to Dolcoath. It was noted that the grass cutting and the planting of a tree were completely separate matters.

#### d. Overgrown Vegetation At Tiddlers Well

The Chairman informed the Council that owners of the trees in the lane were examining the tree heights and that Mr Rubie had kindly cut back the hedge on the corner.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council approved the following applications:

PA23/05860 Construction of a balcony and external window alterations, internal alterations, glazed garden room and replacement garage at the Old Barn Polborder for Mrs Zimmer.

PA23/06551 Modification of a planning obligation to remove a small parcel of land from deed in respect of application E2/00/01369/OUT for Coombe Farm.

### TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY

The Council asked for volunteers to administer the library.

### ABANDONED FURNITURE IN LAY BY

The Council agreed to write to the occupier and request removal of the abandoned furniture in the lay by.

### FINANCE

The Council approved the payment of £47 to Handmadepages for web site hosting and domain name renewal.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council agreed that they would not comment on matters raised on Facebook but would welcome and respond to correspondence addressed to the Council.

It was noted that Mr Renfree would remove the fly tipping from the river.

The Chairman confirmed that the equipment in the playing field was clear of faults.

*Chairman Mr. Dolley*

# **Soup Kitchen**

## **Pillaton Village Hall**

**25 November, 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm**

**(Lunches served 12.30 pm to 2 pm)**



**Donations in aid of St. Petroc's Society, helping the single homeless in Cornwall.**

**Collection of winter clothes, warm accessories, and clean serviceable bedding.**

**Contact Alison Downing 351241 or Ann Henderson, 351289, for more information.**

# AUGUST AFTERNOON TEA

After a long and harrowing but successful treatment for breast cancer in 2022 I decided that it would be nice to do something to support others going through the same experience and to contribute to ongoing research into the disease. I noticed that the charity Breast Cancer Now was encouraging people to hold Afternoon Teas during the month of August and so I consulted with the Callington U3A Baking Group to which I belong to see if they would be willing to join me in organizing a tea in the Village Hall. They were all enthusiastic and agreed to bake cakes and scones for the occasion and to help with the running of a small get together on a summer afternoon. After putting up a few posters and making an announcement on the village Facebook page the news spread and I had many positive responses from friends and neighbours offering to make cakes, donate raffle prizes or simply just come along and support the cause. Mentioning it to the Pillaton and St Mellion Handbell ringers at our weekly Wednesday afternoon practice, they thought it would be a good idea to include a short recital to entertain everyone while they enjoyed their tea. I began to worry that maybe there would not be enough cake so started to fill the freezer with batches of scones and other bakes.

On the morning of the tea, together with John and Jenny Wheeley, we prepared the hall setting out the tables and chairs, hoping that there would be enough people to fill them. We needn't have worried as by 2.30 there was a queue to come in and the raffle tickets were selling fast. Fortunately, the weather stayed fine so that the picnic benches were available to take the overflow. Gallons of tea were poured out, masses of cake consumed, although there was still enough left over for people to take home some slices to be enjoyed later. The handbell ringers provided some uplifting music, and several lucky people went home with some good raffle prizes. All in all, a very convivial and enjoyable afternoon and after counting the proceeds I was able to send £600 to Breast Cancer Now.

A huge thank you to all those who supported this event.

*Maire Warwick*

## BUNKUM

The family of the late Leonard Bunkum would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy, kindness and support following their sad loss.

Thank you to all who attended the funeral and made donations, in Leonard's memory, to Callington Methodist Church and Cancer Research UK.

## Pillaton Baby & Toddlers Stay and Play

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# SUMMER SHOW 2023



The annual Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show took place once again on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. With exceptionally warm weather gathering the produce to be displayed in the Hall and Church took a real effort, but the people of Pillaton did us proud. There were well over 500 entries, such that extra tables and display surfaces had to be sourced.



The weather had played its part with many below ground vegetables on the small side this year. The flowers and fruit though, were exceptional in size and vibrant colours, particularly the dahlias.

Many thanks to all the Committee members for their hard work in setting up and



*All images courtesy of Ian Edwards*



taking down the apparatus and in particular Carole Hoskin for getting all the entrance cards written up and generally organising everything to be done.

Many thanks also go to Maire Warwick for getting all the results onto the computer for the first time in a summer show, which eased the points calculations for the Trophy winners.

Full results with a list of all the trophy winners will be published in the next edition of the Village News and on the Website.

*Ian Edwards  
Chairman GC*



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## **PLANS FOR THE VILLAGE CHURCH**

The village community is invited to view the latest drawings for the potential re-ordering of St Odulph. Two possible plans are on display in the church.

The church is open every day. Please try to look at the plans and complete the short survey form to let us know what you think – do you prefer option 4 or 5; should we pick a bit from each option; is there anything we have missed; how would you like to see the church used?

The drawings will also be on view at the next coffee morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

*Sue McClaughry*

**Parish of St Mellion-with-Pillaton**

### **HARVEST 2023**

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest Praise Communion Service**

**St Odulph's Church at 10.00 am**

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Harvest Supper and Auction**

**in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

*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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(Feel free to bring own drink)

*All proceeds to St Petroc's Society (helping the single homeless of Cornwall)*



## WEARY FRIAR COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us once again for some more tea, coffee, cake, and chat.  
A fab opportunity for village locals to get together in a warm, friendly environment with no strings attached, though donations of cake are most welcome!

### **DATES ARE: -**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**All dates 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**



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## Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club

### \*\*\*\*\* RENEWAL & APPLICATION REMINDER\*\*\*\*\*

Renewal reminders for 2023/24 will shortly be sent out to existing members of the 200 Club.

Renewal and annual payment of £24 per ticket must be made by 5 November to qualify for the first draw on 6 November for all members who subscribe in October. Members who subscribe at a different time of year will be contacted at a separate and appropriate date.

A monthly draw will be made for one prize consisting of a twelfth of the prize fund up to **£200**.

The club is open to residents of Pillaton and the surrounding area, their families and friends, over 16 years of age.

If you wish to join the club, please contact Chris Ley for an application form by email ([chris@chrisley.plus.com](mailto:chris@chrisley.plus.com)) or Mobile: 07972 817086

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## Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Winners

Date	Amount	Number	Winner
2 Jan 2023	£125	72	Ivan/Sarah Bunkum
6 Feb 2023	£75	31	Geoff Barnicoat
6 Mar 2023	£125	116	Michelle Pitman
3 Apr 2023	£125	82	Wendy Lee
1 May 2023	£125	61	Jan Simms
5 Jun 2023	£125	28	Alma Scott-Palmer
3 Jul 2023	£125	72	Ivan/Sarah Bunkum
7 Aug 2023	£125	76	Pete Francis
4 Sep 2023	£125	21	Sue McLaughry

**NEXT DRAW 2 OCTOBER 2023**



# Fancy a game of skittles?



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## **PILLATON VILLAGE HALL CIO BOOKING SECRETARY**

Pillaton Village Hall is managed by a Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) set up in 2017, enabling Trustees to feel safe knowing they bear no personal financial liability. The CIO is seeking a new trustee who will also assume the position of Booking Secretary. The appointment is ex officio meaning the holder maintains the role on a permanent basis and does not have to seek reappointment as a trustee every 3 years.

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## CHURCH DIARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>		<u>CHURCH</u>
17 Sep	Sunday	1000	Harvest Praise	Pillaton
18 Sep	Monday	1930	Harvest Supper	Pillaton
19 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
24 Sep	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
6 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
01 Oct	Sunday	1000	Family Service	Pillaton
3 Oct	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
08 Oct	Sunday	1000	Morning Praise	St Mellion
10 Oct	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
15 Oct	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
17 Oct	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
22 Oct	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
24 Oct	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
29 Oct	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
05 Nov	Sunday	1000	Matins	Pillaton
07 Nov	Tuesday	1030	Holy Communion	Pillaton
12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday			
		1030	Morning Praise	
			followed by Act of Remembrance	St Mellion
		1050	Act of Remembrance	
			followed by Morning Praise	Pillaton
14 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
19 Nov	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
21 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
26 Nov	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
28 Nov	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic

## **BENEFACTICE CONTACT DETAILS**

**The Benefice is currently in transition and awaiting the appointment of priest.**

For all matters concerning the church, timings of services, and enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, and funerals, in the first instance please visit the Benefice website at:

**[www.sites.google.com/tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice](http://www.sites.google.com/tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice)**

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Sat 16 Sep	Social Skittles Evening, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 18 Sep	Harvest Supper and Auction, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 27 Sep	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Sat 30 Sep	Callington Honey Fair
Mon 2 Oct	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 3 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 12 Oct	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 20 Oct	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Sat 28 Oct	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 6 Nov	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 7 Nov	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 9 Nov	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 11 Nov	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 20 Nov	Coffee Morning, Weary Friar
Sat 25 Nov	Soup Kitchen in aid of St Petroc's Society, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 4 Dec	Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw
Tue 5 Dec	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Thu 7 Dec	Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall

## RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 19 Sep	Garden Waste
Tue 26 Sep	Recycling
Tue 03 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 10 Oct	Recycling
Tue 17 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 24 Oct	Recycling
Tue 31 Oct	Garden Waste
Tue 07 Nov	Recycling
Tue 14 Nov	Garden Waste
Tue 21 Nov	Recycling

## Village News DISTRIBUTION & COPY DATES 2023/24

Issue No.	Copy Date	Dist. Date
228	6 Nov	24 Nov
229	8 Jan	26 Jan
230	11 Mar	29 Mar
231	6 May	24 May
232	8 Jul	26 Jul
233	9 Sep	27 Sep

The distribution date is a guideline and the Village News will often be available the week before.



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