

News and Events Archive - 2023

Rainfall Recorder Wanted



Does anyone out there keep records of the Pillaton rainfall or is anyone interested in taking this on? Having carried out this task with dedication since 2011, Brian Hutfield has decided to call it a day and will no longer be providing this website with rainfall records after the end of December.

We are very grateful to Brian for keeping this going for many years and wish him well for the future. It will though be a shame if we cannot continue with the records so if anyone can help, please get in touch via the Contact Us link at the bottom of the page.

See records for Pillaton Rainfall since 2011.

18/12/23

Village Hall - Fire Escape Lintel Repaired



An update from Peter Johnson regarding the repairs to the main fire exit in the Village Hall.

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL - FIRE ESCAPE LINTEL NOW REPAIRED

The lintel repair has been completed and the fire escape is fully functional (but please only use the Fire Escape for a genuine emergency).

Peter Johnson

10/12/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes from December's Parish Council Meeting have been added to this website.

See the Council page for links to older meeting minutes.

09/12/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw

The final draw in 2023 has been made for the Village Hall 200 Club with Neil Bonner's number being picked out of the hat. See 200 Club Draw for details.

09/12/23

New Pub Sign



A new pub sign was unveiled outside The Weary Friar by Trina on 30th November. For more details and photos, see [New Weary Friar Sign](#)

09/12/23

Village Hall - Fire Escape Lintel Repair



Village Hall users, please read this message from Peter Johnson regarding the main fire exit.

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL - FIRE ESCAPE LINTEL REPAIR

Please be aware repair work on the lintel above the main hall fire escape is now scheduled to start on Tuesday 5 December 2023. Please take extra care around construction work, and there may be some interruptions to use of the main hall from time to time. Repairs are estimated to last only 2 or 3 days, depending on the weather. Any queries or concerns, please contact either Dave Dolley (351509) or me, Peter Johnson (351409). Thank you.

02/12/23

Pillaton Village News Magazine



With Christmas just around the corner, it is not surprising that the recently published November 2023 Village News has information about the various Christmas activities planned. There is also one of Robin Dwane's ongoing series of articles looking back at Pillaton in the past, this time it is 1948.

The Pillaton Village News page contains links to older copies of the Village News, most of which can be viewed in full colour!

19/11/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

November's Parish Council Meeting minutes are now available on this website.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

08/11/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw



The November Village Hall 200 Club Draw has been made and Jen Francis had the lucky number this time. See 200 Club Draw for details.

08/11/23

Village Hall 200 Club Latest

200 Club

Now going in to its fourth year, there is an update on the Village Hall 200 Club.

If you want to take part in the draws or extend your current holding, see contact details in the above link or use this 200 Club Application Form.

07/11/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

October's Parish Council Meeting minutes have been produced and are now available on this website.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

06/10/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw

200 Club

A number jointly owned by Maire and Richard Warwick was the winner of the October Village Hall 200 Club Draw held yesterday. See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

Also see the reminder if you want to be sure any numbers you have are included in the next draw that will take place on the 6th November.

03/10/23

Summer Show 2023



The Pillaton Gardening Club's Summer Show took place on 9th September and an early report of this appeared in the September 2023 Village News. We have now received from the Chairman, Ian Edwards, a report listing the Trophies and winners' names and also some photographs of the event. Our thanks to Ian for providing these.

Summer Show 2023 Report
Summer Show 2023 Photographs

27/09/23

Village Hall Fire Escape



Village Hall users, please take note of the following information from Peter Johnson regarding the main fire exit.

Residents may have noticed the use of props outside the main hall Fire Exit. This is due to a cracked lintel which will need replacing. The props etc. have been installed as a temporary safety measure, and following qualified professional advice and risk assessment, and pending a permanent repair. The Fire Exit remains safe and useable, although the opening is marginally narrower, which may prevent larger wheelchairs or mobility scooters using it. Please only use this Fire Exit in the event of a genuine emergency. Any queries please contact either Dave Dolley or Peter Johnson. Thank you.

26/09/23

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The September 2023 Village News has been published and features on the cover a report of the very successful Tractor Run which raised over £2000 for St. Luke's Hospice, Plymouth. Included inside, amongst other items, are reports of the August Afternoon Tea which raised £600 for the Breast Cancer Now charity and Pillaton Gardening Club's Summer Show which, with an increased number of entries, also proved a success.

The Pillaton Village News page contains links to older copies of the Village News, most of which can be viewed in full colour!

18/09/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes for September's Parish Council Meeting are now available to read.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

09/09/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw

200 Club

Sue McLaughry is the winner of the September Village Hall 200 Club Draw. See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

07/09/23

Village Hall 200 Club Renewal

200 Club

A reminder that for many Village Hall 200 Club participants, their yearly subscription will be due by November 5th. If you are not already taking part in the draws or wish to increase your chances of winning by buying additional numbers, then this is your opportunity. See 200 Club Renewal for full details.

03/09/23

Pillaton Summer Tractor Run Video



Last week's Tractor Run was filmed by Scott Hutchinson using a drone and the resultant 9 minute highlights video can be viewed on YouTube at Pillaton Tractor Run. In addition to the tractors, there are also some fine aerial shots of the surrounding countryside. Our thanks to Scott for this.

12/08/23

Social Skittles Evening



Do you fancy a game of skittles? There will be a Social Skittles Evening in the Village Hall on 16th September from 7.00 pm. If you haven't played before, here's your opportunity. If you are a regular in the Skittles League then maybe it is a chance to get some practice in before the new season starts!

12/08/23

Heritage Open Day at St Odulph's



A Heritage Open Day is planned for 10th September at St Odulph's from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. There will be displays and a chance to climb the tower (weather permitting). Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

12/08/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw



The August Village Hall 200 Club Draw has been made and the winning number belonged to Pete Francis. If your number has not yet come up, perhaps next month will be the lucky one. See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

10/08/23

Summer Show



The Pillaton Gardening Club's Summer Show will take place in the Village Hall on 9th September. Printed copies of the Schedule and Entry Form have been distributed through the village but can also be found at the Schedule and Entry Form links.

There are numerous categories including ones for flowers, fruit, vegetables, art, handicrafts, cookery, wine and photography. There are also sections specifically for children to enter. If you have never entered anything in the show before, why not give it a go.

09/08/23

Pillaton Summer Tractor Run



Following the successful Charity Tractor Run held at the start of the year, another event was organised for the summer and this has just been held. 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, and plenty of spectators turned 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.

Some photographs from the afternoon can be seen on [Pillaton Summer Tractor Run](#).

(Update: A YouTube video by Scott Hutchinson of the event can be seen at [Pillaton Tractor Run](#). Thanks to Scott for bringing this to our attention.

07/08/23

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The July 2023 Village News is hot off the press and the recent Cherry Feast takes the front page with a full report inside. Also inside is an article by Robin Dwane on "The Railway That Never Was". This is a considerably expanded version of the brief note accompanying the 1868 Map of Pillaton Parish and Surroundings on the website.

The Pillaton Village News page contains links to older copies of the Village News.

16/07/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes for July's Parish Council Meeting have been published.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

09/07/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw

200 Club

Sarah and Ivan Bunkum reprised their January win on the Village Hall 200 Club Draw by winning the July draw. They join the select group of double winners. Who will manage the first triple? See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

04/07/23

Cherry Feast



After a gap of several years, the annual Cherry Feast was held once more. This was also its first appearance at a new location at Bush Farm which worked very well. Although the weather was more cloudy than has been seen for several weeks, we were fortunate that it was mainly bright with only a few drops of rain and the event was well attended. Hopefully a full report will appear soon but in the meantime some photographs from the day can be seen on 2023 Cherry Feast.

(Update: A full report can be found in the July edition of the Village News.)

03/07/23

Village Hall Booking Secretary Vacancy



A vacancy for the Village Hall Booking Secretary has arisen. Full details can be found on the above link.

13/06/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

June's Parish Council Meeting Minutes have been published.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

08/06/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw



Another month, another Village Hall 200 Club draw. Winner this month was Alma Scott-Palmer. See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

05/06/23

Pillaton Village News Magazine



In the May 2023 Village News, available now, you will find reports on recent activities and an article by Giles Greenhough on how we can all help to reduce instances of fly tipping which we seem to suffer from in the area.

Also don't forget that the magazine has advertisements of services available to us. If you are looking for an electrician, plumber, window cleaner, fuel oil or logs, etc., take a look. You may find someone who can help out.

The Pillaton Village News page contains links to older copies of the Village News.

20/05/23

Pillaton Skittles League



A report on the latest Pillaton Skittles League season and some information about the next one can be found at [Skittles League 2023 Report](#).

10/05/23

Coronation Celebrations



In spite of some changes needed because of the wet weather, our Coronation Celebrations went ahead on 8th May at the Village Hall and were enjoyed by many. The heavy rain meant that the planned outdoor events for the afternoon were cut back and moved inside the hall. The evening event with hog roast, live music and Disco all went as planned and there was a good turn out. Some photographs of the day can be seen on the [Coronation Celebrations](#) page.

09/05/23

New Village Bus Service

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A new community bus service supported by Saltash Red Bus, Transport for Cornwall and Cornwall Council has been provided for people in this area and goes into Saltash and back on Tuesdays. Some background to this service can be found in [May's Pillaton Council Meeting minutes](#) (see adjacent article). A map showing the route locally (it is a "hail and ride" service) and a timetable can be found at [bus route 452](#).

06/05/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

May's Parish Council Meeting Minutes are now available.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the [Council](#) page.

06/05/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw



The draw for May's winning number in the Village Hall 200 Club has taken place and the winner this time is former, and much missed, resident Jan Simms. See [200 Club Draw](#) for names of the recent winners.

01/05/23

Baby and Toddler Group



A new Baby and Toddler Group called "Pillaton Baby and Toddlers Stay and Play" is being set up in the Village Hall, starting on 15th May. For details, see Baby and Toddler Group.

29/04/23

Coronation Celebration Schedule



The schedule for the Coronation Celebration events on 8th May 2023 has now been published and can be seen at Coronation Celebration Schedule. In addition the organisers are looking for a qualified in date First Aider or medical professional to cover the evening. Also help setting up the playing field and village hall 1100 to 1300 on the 8th, plus the major tidy up on Tuesday 1000 to 1130 would be much appreciated. Please contact Peter Johnson on 351409 - thank you.

26/04/23

Gardening Club Report

A report from Chrissie Russell about the recent Pillaton Gardening Club event held at the Village Hall.

Free Seed and Plant Giveaway

Despite the wet weather, we had many people come to see what we had to offer and some even brought wheelbarrows full of plants, for which we were very grateful. There were vegetable plants and seeds, and garden plants in various stages, from seedlings to well grown specimens. There was a display of plants that were flowering in the garden at the moment, and snippets of discussions about various gardening topics were heard all around.

The aim was to encourage more people to come together to talk about gardening and hopefully inspire them to grow more vegetables and flowering plants themselves and I think that we achieved that.

Chrissie Russell

25/04/23

Celtic Quiet Places

Celtic Quiet Places is a Cornwall wide network of rural churches which now includes our St Odulph church. Its aim is to encourage visitors, especially if they are seeking an oasis of quiet, and its website provides background to the buildings and locations.

22/04/23

Spring Show Report



We have had some photographs from the Pillaton Gardening Club's Spring Show up on the website for a couple of weeks (see them here) but we now also have a Spring Show Report from Ian Edwards that summarises the event and names the major trophy winners.

16/04/23

Gardening Club Seed and Plant Give Away



Pillaton Gardening Club is holding a free Seed and Plant Give Away on Saturday 22nd April. See Seed and Plant Give Away for further details.

11/04/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

April's Parish Council Meeting Minutes have now been published.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

07/04/23

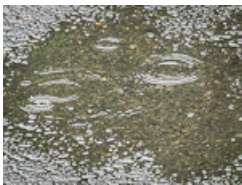
Village Hall 200 Club Draw

200 Club

April's winning number in the Village Hall 200 Club Draw was held by Wendy Lee. See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

04/04/23

March Rainfall



After the comparative drought in February, March proved to be very wet with 192mm (7.56") of rain. According to the Met Office, it was the wettest March in England since 1981, but down in this part of the world we had 232mm (9.13") in March 2018, hence last months total was not so exceptional.

See Rainfall Figures for Pillaton records since 2011.

01/04/23

Knit and Natter Group Coffee Morning

The Knit and Natter Group is holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 4th April, from 10.30 am. to 12.30 pm. in the Village Hall to help raise funds to start a baby and toddler group in the village. See Coffee Morning for further information.

01/04/23

Rosemary Long's Funeral

There will be a celebration of Rosemary's life on Wednesday 19 April at 1.00 pm. in St Odulphs Church Pillaton. All village friends are welcome to the church service. See Rosemary Long Funeral Arrangements for further details.

31/03/23

Pillaton Skittles League



The final rounds of Pillaton Skittles League matches have been played and the Mavericks have held on to their lead to take top place for the season. Skittles League 2023 shows the full results.

28/03/23

Coronation Celebration



Further details for the celebration of the King's Coronation on 8th May 2023 are now available at Coronation Celebration Events.

21/03/23

Cherry Feast 2023



Plans are being made to revive the Cherry Feast again this year. Find out more at Cherry Feast 2023.

20/03/23

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The March 2023 Village News has now been produced, printed and circulated. Among the contents are more details on the planned Coronation Celebration events for May and an article by the Reverend Chris Painter outlining changes that are being made to the parish structure in this part of Cornwall.

The Pillaton Village News page contains links to copies of the Village News published over the past dozen years or so.

19/03/23

Spring Show



After a three year gap because of Covid, the Pillaton Gardening Club's Spring Show was held once more on Saturday, 18th March. As always, the entries to the various classes made for a fine display, as can be seen in the Spring Show Photographs kindly sent in by Ian Edwards.

19/03/23

Pillaton Spring Show



Another reminder from Chrissie about the Pillaton Gardening Club's 2023 Spring Show which is to be held in the Village Hall this coming Saturday.

One Week to go!

Pillaton Gardening Club's spring show is now a week away on Saturday 18th March at 2.30p.m.

Last year this was cancelled due to covid but the summer show was really well attended with 403 entries. We are looking forward to welcoming a good participation at this year's spring show.

The entry forms should be given to Carole Hoskin, 10 Barton Meadows, Pillaton, our show secretary, by 7p.m. on Thursday 16th March or to other committee members i.e. Ian Edwards, Tracy Kennedy or Sue Archer. We would accept them but it's easier if you use a member in the village. If you haven't already obtained a show schedule with the form inside then Carole has some spare (or see link below).

Exhibits to be staged 7.30 – 9.00p.m. on the Friday or 8.00 – 9.45a.m. on Saturday morning.

Don't be shy. Have some fun. There are people to help you and encourage you to take part.

Chrissie Russell

The 2023 Spring Show Schedule has entry forms and details of all the times, classes and awards.

12/03/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

March's Parish Council Meeting Minutes have now been published.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

12/03/23

New Website for Hiring the Village Hall



Online booking for the Village Hall has now been implemented and it can be booked for any event or occasion. The Amenities page has further information and a link to the Hall Booking Online web site.

11/03/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw



Michelle Pitman had the winning number in the March 200 Club Draw. See 200 Club Draw for names of the recent winners.

06/03/23

Pillaton Spring Flower Show



Pillaton Gardening Club's 2023 Spring Flower Show is to be held in the Village Hall on 18th March 2023. The 2023 Spring Show Schedule has entry forms and details of all the times, classes and awards.

We also received the following encouragement to you all from new Gardening Club secretary, Chrissie, so why not "have a go".

Two weeks to go!

Two weeks to go before the Spring Show on the 18th March.

There are so many daffodils coming out now and with the colder weather some of these blooms will be perfect to put into section 1 of the exhibits.

The primroses are closely following on from the snowdrops with senior and junior classes in section 2 and section 3.

Looking at the flowering shrubs in the garden, it's a shame that our witch hazel will be over by then, but the camellias are doing well and even if you haven't got any flowering shrubs the foliage class in section 4 is something for everyone.

How about having a go at some floral art in section 6 and 7.

Lots of exciting chances to enter into the show.

Chrissie Russell

04/03/23

Pillaton Skittles League



Pillaton Skittles League matches have taken place over the winter and, although the Mavericks have a good lead over the others, the final outcome is still not certain. The final batch of games are due to be played on 23rd and 25th March in the Village Hall. Skittles League 2023 shows current standings.

02/03/23

February Rainfall



We had a very dry February with only 16mm (0.63") of rain. In fact it was the sixth driest month we have had in Pillaton over the past dozen years and certainly the driest February in that time.

See Rainfall Figures for records since 2011.

01/03/23

Pillaton Play



A grant bid for a significant sum of money to enhance the play area at the Village Hall has been successful but a small amount to top up is being sought. The New Playground Equipment page has full details.

28/02/23

Church Lightning Strike Mosaic



Richard Warwick has very kindly provided a series of photographs showing the various construction stages of the mosaic plaque he made to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the lightning strike on St Odulphus. Also involved with the project were Les Wyatt who produced the scaled up drawing for the design, Maire Warwick who assisted with the mosaic construction and Roger Warne who made the frame in which it is mounted. (The overall dimensions of the mosaic and frame are 74 x 53 cm.)

The mosaic was gifted to the church by members of the Pillaton Arts and Crafts Society and unveiled at a special service on 22nd January by the Right Reverend Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St. Germans.

Richard's photographs can be seen on the Church Lightning Strike Mosaic page.

22/02/23

Staging Show Entries

The Pillaton Gardening Club held an open meeting on 18th February aimed at helping anyone intending to enter the forthcoming Spring Show. Chrissie Russell, who has just taken over from Linda Mavin, sent in a report of the afternoon which you can see at How to Stage your Show Entries.

21/02/23

Tamar Bridge Toll



A Presentation and Discussion by the Tamar Toll Action Group on the abolition of the Bridge toll has been arranged by the Pillaton Parish Council. It will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. on Tuesday, 7th March 2023.

This has relevance for anyone living in this part of Cornwall. Further details can be found in the link above.

15/02/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes for February's Parish Council Meeting have been published.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

09/02/23

Village Hall 200 Club Draw

200 Club

The February 200 Club Draw has taken place and was won by Geoff Barnicoat. Geoff very generously donated £50 of the £125 winnings to Playing field equipment so the published results show the £75 he received against his name.

08/02/23

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The January 2023 Village News has just been published and contains a report on the successful Christmas Tree Festival with its Repair, Reuse and Recycle theme. There is also a New Year message from the Reverend Chris Painter, details about the Pillaton Gardening Club AGM and its demonstrations on 'How to Stage your Show Entries', various items relating to the running of the Village Hall and the latest Skittles League table.

Older copies of the Village News can be found at Pillaton Village News page.

22/01/23

Church Lightning Strike Commemoration Service



A reminder that a service is being held on Sunday 22nd January at St Odolph's church to commemorate the lightning strike that occurred ten years ago. To mark the occasion, the Right Reverend Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St. Germans, will unveil a mosaic plaque created and gifted by members of the Pillaton Arts and Crafts Society. More details at Lightning Strike Commemoration Service.

The original report from ten years ago can be seen at [St Odolph Struck by Lightning](#).

17/01/23

Village Hall Booking Secretary



We are pleased to hear that Jo King has taken on the role of Village Hall Booking Secretary. For any bookings or further information please see [Hiring Pillaton's Village Hall](#).

12/01/23

Coronation Celebration



An event for Pillaton to celebrate the King's Coronation has been announced on 8th May 2023 so make a note in your diary. Details can be found in Coronation Celebration.

06/01/23

Village Hall Trustee Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen for the role as one of the twelve Village Hall Trustees. See Trustee Vacancy for details.

06/01/23

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes for January's Parish Council Meeting are now available on the website.

Minutes for previous meetings can be obtained from the Council page.

05/01/23

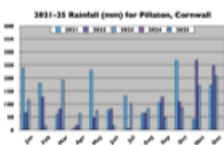
Village Hall 200 Club Draw

200 Club

The first 200 Club Draw of the new year has taken place with Ivan and Sarah Bunkum's joint ticket winning the prize. See 200 Club Draw for the details.

02/01/23

2022 Rainfall



As suggested in November 2021's rainfall entry, December proved to be fairly wet and any remaining thoughts of 2022 being the driest year since our records started in 2011 were soon washed away! December in fact proved to be the second wettest month in 2022, after November, with 247mm (9.72") of rain.

See Rainfall Figures for full details over the years.

02/01/23

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