

# Pillaton Village News

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## WIND AND GALES

*Fallen tree on the road down to Clapper Bridge (image courtesy Ruth Woodley)*

This winter has been very mild and wet with nearly 10 inches of rain in January followed by a further 6 inches in February. We have also had our fair share of gales with the night 5th/6th February being particularly bad with trees being brought down as in the picture above and heavy rain causing the River Lynher to flood. This winter has also been the first time that the Met Office has chosen to give individual storm systems their own names in the manner of hurricanes. Since Christmas we have had Frank, Gertrude, Henry, Imogen and Jake, but Cornwall arguably experienced its worst gales of the winter so far during an unnamed storm on Wednesday 9 March with wind speeds locally gusting over 60 mph. Fortunately as the Village News goes to print we are experiencing some benign weather but no doubt Katie, Lawrence and Mary are all waiting their turn.



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That Carol Kirkwood has a lot to answer for! As I get older I find the television weather forecasts more and more alarming. I am sure that in years gone by, trees were always being blown down in gales; it's just that we didn't always know about it. However now that it has become so easy to take photographs with mobile phones, news bulletins are continuously punctuated with images of storm damage so that we are constantly reminded of the destructive power of the weather. I find those enormous white wind arrows on the BBC weather chart that obscure most of Cornwall, simply terrifying. In terms of the chart's scale the arrows must be 100 miles long and 40 miles wide; what chance does Pillaton have in the face of such odds? Perhaps that nice David Braine should conclude the BBC Spotlight evening forecast with something similar to Crimewatch's reassuring closing catchphrase "Don't have nightmares, do sleep well."

It was all so much more genteel in years gone by when all the BBC had was little magnetic weather symbols. A little black cloud with two rain drops is far less frightening than those bright splashes of green, yellow and red on the rainfall radar picture which make me want to rush and grab my fishing waders. In any case more often than not the magnetic symbols dropped off the chart to leave the illusion of a much drier day.

In the past the forecasts were also fairly inaccurate so that one tended to adopt a more optimistic frame of mind when planning the day's activities ahead and trips to the beach. This is no longer the case with advances in modern technology and satellite imagery. Nowadays the merest hint of a shower cloud to the west of Ireland can cause me to put off cutting the grass for days.

By the way observant readers will have noticed what the editor has chosen to put on the front page - a fallen tree!

The next copy date is 2 May 2016 - full details page 27.

*Robin Dwane, Editor*

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## PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 FEBRUARY 2016

#### ATTENDANCE

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

#### APOLOGIES

None.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There were three members of the public present. An invitation was given from the floor by Mr Floyd for Cllrs to visit the proposed new build at Pillaton Mill.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the 5 January 2016 Council Meeting were accepted unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING

None.

#### PLANNING PERMISSION

Cllr Martin volunteered to use his equipment to allow viewing of planning applications received electronically with there being no need to purchase equipment. The Council accepted the generous offer.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported he had received confirmation from Cormac that the wooden finger post to be installed at Kernock was ready and awaiting installation.

Cllr Harris undertook to discover the cost of repairing broken metal finger posts.

Cllr Warne volunteered to examine the telephone box to see what repairs were necessary.

Cllr Harris informed the meeting that he did not think it necessary to attend any further Network meetings.

It was noted that there was no support for creating a neighbourhood plan for Pillaton.

County Councillor D. Pugh explained that there were insufficient funds to mend all potholes in the area but advised the Council to report any large holes.

Cllr Heap promised to draw up a defects list of items in the Village requiring repair in the hope that volunteers would assist in repairing them.

The Chairman thanked Mr Phil Ruby for kindly cutting the hedge at the playing field at no cost.

*Chairman D Dolley*

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 MARCH 2016

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

APOLOGIES County Councillor D Pugh.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES The minutes of 2 Feb 2016 Council Meeting were accepted unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Harris reported that there were grants available for repairing metal finger posts and the Clerk was tasked to investigate.

Cllr Heap told the Council he was in the midst of preparing the defects list for items in the Village requiring repair.

PLANNING PERMISSION None

#### COMMEMORATION OF QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Council resolved to ascertain what functions were being held in the Parish before deciding upon any commemoration activity.

#### FINANCE

The following payments were authorised. Clerks salary £720; Inland revenue £180.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked Cllr D. Floyd for clearing out the water channel at Tiddlers Well.

*Chairman D Dolley*



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## PILLATON ARTS AND CRAFTS COME and VISIT OUR SECOND EXHIBITION

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On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>  
and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016

from 10.30am until 4.30pm

Entry £2 includes refreshments  
(children under 12 free)

You can expect a fine array of craftwork, art and photography  
which has been created by the residents of Pillaton and the  
surrounding area. Many items will be for sale.  
Come along and help celebrate the talent in our village!



Planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday? Well, you could buy a ticket for the street party in Pall Mall on 12 June at the very reasonable cost of £150 (!), or alternatively, join all your friends in the village hall for an afternoon tea from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm on the same date for just £4 per head. Sue and I are still planning exactly what will happen on the day, but you can be sure it will be a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, so please save the 12 June date. Please look out for posters on the village notice boards nearer the date and full details will be in the May issue of the Village News.

By the way, when planning your summer bedding displays this year, why not go for a patriotic red white and blue theme? Apparently, forget-me-nots and cornflowers were in bloom when the Queen was born so they would make a good choice to start with.

*Ann Henderson and Sue White*

## '90 YEARS IN BLOOM'

### A Floral Tribute to Her Majesty the Queen.

A suggestion has been made that Pillaton could stage a mini Flower Display in St Odulph's Church over the weekend of 11-12 of June as part of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations.

This would not be a 'show' or competition but an opportunity for everyone who loves flowers, young or old, flower arranger, gardener or plants person, to bring something beautiful from their gardens to celebrate the Queen's long reign.

We hope to display at least 90 floral tributes ranging from posies, plants in pots, formal arrangements, singles flowers etc. grouped around the church to represent all the stages of the Queen's life.

It will need a large number of people to contribute to this enterprise to bring it to fruition. We have a small band of flower arrangers but want to involve as many people as possible, especially children and people new to the Village.

Any offers of help with flowers, admin, stewarding and staging gratefully received.

For further information please contact: Alison Downing, 6 Barton Meadows  
Tel 01579 351241; e-mail: [alison.downing@gmail.com](mailto:alison.downing@gmail.com)

## ST MELLION WITH PILLATON PCC HON TREASURER'S BATH HALF MARATHON – ALMOST

For many years now, my sponsored running and biking events have received so much generous support from the good folk of our two villages, to the extent that £65,000 has been raised to support our two churches since the turn of the century. A huge heartfelt thank you for that.

My training this year was going really well and confidence was high. How are the mighty fallen though when I had to pull out of the Exeter Half Marathon on Sunday 14th February. By the Tuesday, after advice from a running friend and nurse, I visited the doctor and was off to Derriford and straight to surgery for a deep vein thrombosis. That surgery was unsuccessful, but four surgeries later, I still have two legs and my life – praise be to the lord.

All very boring and perhaps arrogant of me to believe, that being very fit, this should not happen to me. Bad luck or what? We shall never know.

The medics say that I should be back to being reasonably fit in about 6 months, taking it steady, so I am penning this note from my bed.

In the meantime, because the "annual begging letters" had already been sent out, sponsorship support has been flooding in, some of it probably by way of a sympathy vote. I can't tell you how truly grateful I am for your support, despite my setback.

Whilst writing, I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their concerns, cards, offers of help and kindness – it's been overwhelming.

Sorry to be such a pain – but I shall return.

*Sincerely,  
Jim Bennet*

## LEAP DAY DINNER

Sunshine yellow daffs and table napkins and jugs of pastel pink camellias lent Pillaton Village Hall a spring like atmosphere to welcome the 39 guests who came along to turn a mundane Monday into a fun day and celebrate Leap Day. Shirley came up trumps as ever and we enjoyed a choice of chicken, salmon or vegetable bake with a selection of desserts and cheeses. Thanks to all who supported us by coming along, donating raffle prizes, buying raffle tickets and helping to set up and clear up! We raised a profit of £203.50 to help maintain our Village Hall for the community to enjoy.



*Ann Henderson and Sue White*

# PILLATON WI

## January 2016 Meeting

A veritable feast indeed I think is the way to describe our Jan meeting. The reason being that Liz Llewellyn-Jones gave a cookery demonstration to show us a range of dishes using filo pastry, so of course we had to try everything. Well it would have been rude not to!

Liz started by sweet talking us with delicious little parcels of filo containing flattened dates rolled around frangipani and pomegranate seeds. The filo was then sprinkled with chopped pistachios and baked. Yummy I can tell you!

These were followed by spring rolls – grated carrots, Spring onions, bean sprouts, cannelloni beans, red peppers and sweet chilli sauce all wrapped in filo and baked in a hot oven. Also yummy!

Next on the list were potato and pea somosas. Now there is an art to folding somosas to make them triangular and Liz had certainly mastered this! These tasted delicious – just spicy enough for my taste anyway. One member suggested they would go well with sweet chilli sauce to give that extra zing.

Liz then moved onto a Mary Berry recipe which was mini Beef Wellington tartlets. The filo was baked in small moulds. While this was going on the fillet steak was cut into very small chunks, mixed with a little honey, seasoned with salt and pepper and lightly fried ensuring that the meat remained rare. However for non-rare lovers it could have been cooked for a little longer. A small blob of horse radish then went into each mould followed by a dollop of steak and wow was it delicious! The meat was so tender and the horse radish gave a delicious kick. Another yummy indeed!

Finally Liz moved onto “crispy things” – somosa filo crisps. For these she brushed a layer of filo with oil, covered with another sheet and oiled this too. She then cut these into strips about 1.5 inches wide and folded these into triangles. Each triangle was sprinkled with ginger and sesame seed and then baked. Very different than the previous dishes but also very delicious.

So it was an interesting and tasty evening enjoyed by all. Trish Bobbin acted as Liz's assistant in the fetching and carrying to and fro the oven. Thanks Trish.

Liz told us that all of the recipes she had demonstrated came from the BBC Food website so if you would like to know more that's the place to look. Happy cooking and hopefully happy eating too. That certainly was the case for us WI ladies!

## February 2016 Meeting

February 8th, our meeting evening, was a wild and windy night indeed which resulted in our attendance numbers being low. In addition our planned speaker had called off at the last minute due to personal reasons.

However, all was not lost as our resourceful committee put together a quiz for us.

These are always fun as they test our memories (or lack of!) and abilities to work out logical answers without having to be at MENSAs standard!

This time we were given the instruction that all of the answers were sweets! Now if you are thinking that everything at WI revolves around food and drink of one kind or another well you are not wrong. In Jan we had a cookery demonstration and an opportunity to taste and in March we will be having our birthday party with a “Shirley meal”. So any ladies out there who aren't already a member, you would be more than welcome to come and see for yourself what we get up to!

But back to our quiz and just a little test for you. Just a few of the questions were (and remember the answers are all sweets of one kind or another):

1. Small purple flowers from an Italian ham town
2. The biblical pal of James or John
3. Tea time treat from English lakes
4. Ancient itinerant minstrels
5. People who made this quiz.

Do you know the answers? See page 24 to check whether you were right. Have fun!

*Pam Lowther*



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## **SPRING SHOW**

Saturday 26th March  
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At 2.30 p.m.

Pillaton Village Hall

### **GARDENING CLUB SPRING SHOW**

The Pillaton Gardening Club Annual Spring Show takes place in Pillaton Village Hall on Easter Saturday, 26th March. Exhibitors can collect schedules from Carole Hoskin (Phone 01579-350063) with entries to be in by the evening of Wednesday 23rd March.

### **Save the Date — 13 May 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

St Odulph's Church, Pillaton.

An evening of musical entertainment

by the Chamber Choir and Canzonetta Choir  
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St Joseph's School, Launceston.

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**PILLATON WORLD WAR ONE  
COMMEMORATION GROUP  
LATEST NEWS**

The World War One Commemoration Group was set up in 2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War and its fundamental impact on the village and community of Pillaton – both from the significant casualties suffered and the enormous long term changes to society and the way of life here.

Our programme of events for this year, both commemorative and/or fund raising has now been finalised, as follows:

**Sunday 17 April: Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush.**

Full details in separate notice on page 13 of the Village News and also on the Village Website.

**Friday 13 May: Choral Concert, St Joseph's School Choir, St Odulph's Church**

The concert is in support of Pillaton World War One Commemoration Group: please see separate notices for details, page 13.

**Saturday 10 September: Pillaton World War One Commemoration Group Family Fun Day takes place at the Playing Field and Village Hall.**

**Friday 28 October: Pillaton World War One Commemoration Group Halloween Supper in the Weary Friar.**

To ensure this commemoration has lasting value, the Group plans a permanent legacy for the benefit of the Parish and wider local community. Currently the Pillaton Playing Field – the only local public park/outdoor amenity in the parish – is not owned by the Parish (unlike the adjacent Village Hall). It is leased from local land-owners on a fixed term. Thus, there is no guarantee of perpetual availability of this facility for the local community. Therefore we aspire to buy the field into village ownership as that lasting legacy.

We now need to call on the generosity of the local community to raise more funds. Consequently, we are launching a local appeal to help towards the target of purchase of the field for the Parish – details are provided opposite in this edition of the Village News, and also on the Village Website Notices section. Please give generously!

If you have any ideas or would like to assist or contribute to the above events, please contact either the Group's Chairman, Peter Johnson (01579 351409) or Secretary/ Treasurer, Chris Ley (01579 351033 - and our AGM is on 7 April 2016.

Thank you.

**LOCAL FUND RAISING APPEAL FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF PILLATON PLAYING FIELD**

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We now need to call on the generosity of the local community to raise more funds for this crucial, much used and loved local public amenity. Consequently, we are launching this appeal for contributions towards achieving the target of purchasing the field for the Parish.

The Group has already been raising funds from events organised locally, and has also submitted applications for grants from local community funds, but as most of these organisations do not permit submissions for land purchase, our scope for obtaining a grant from such sources are limited. Nevertheless we continue with new fund raising events.

So please do give generously. Any donations, in cash or cheque (made payable to the Pillaton World War One Commemoration Group), and whether large or small, will be very welcome indeed, and every little bit helps! Please send donations, with the slip below, to the addresses shown. Alternatively there is a Donations Tin in the Weary Friar. Thank you very much in anticipation of your generosity.

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## WORLD WAR I DIARY : JANUARY TO MARCH 1916

By January 1916 Britain had some 2.7 million men, all volunteers, under arms. It was clear however that many more men were going to be needed if the major offensives planned for the summer were to be carried out and the first Conscription Bill was introduced to the House of Commons by Prime Minister Asquith on the 5th of January. Also during January, the first British trials were carried out of a new secret weapon, the Tank - a weapon that was to be used for the first time the following summer. While trench warfare continued in France, there were significant developments further to the East. The Austrians, having already taken Serbia, now attacked Montenegro which quickly surrendered. The Austrians followed this in February by invading Albania and this rapid advance through the Balkans so concerned Britain and France that they sent more troops to Salonika to block their progress. A local man, James Westington, was one of those embarked with the 8th DCLI for Salonika at this time, where disease and the heat were using as much trouble to the Allies as the fighting. Meanwhile over 35,000 British troops were being taken off the Gallipoli peninsula leaving behind some 48,000 of their dead comrades. This evacuation allowed the Turks to move 36,000 of their troops to Mesopotamia where the British were trying to relieve the garrison trapped in Kut. Clement Attlee, future Prime Minister, was wounded serving in the relief column which was suffering terribly from both the muddy terrain and bad weather.

Both sides in this war were preparing major plans of attack in France and Belgium during February 1916. The German plan was to cripple the French army by launching a massive attack on Verdun. On February 21st one million German soldiers were thrown into the battle to capture the two main defensive fortresses of Fort Douaumont and Fort Vaux. The attack featured the latest German war technology with 168 aircraft deployed for reconnaissance and artillery spotting, while on the second day of the attack the Germans used their latest weapon, the flame thrower. The capture of Fort Douaumont caused a near panic among the French, but General Pétain took over command of the French forces and gave his famous order "They shall not pass". The battle for Verdun was to last for 10 months and resulted in terrifying casualty rates. Captain Charles De Gaulle was captured after being bayoneted during a renewed German attack on March 2. The village of Vaux changed hands 13 times in March but Fort Vaux was not yet relinquished by the French and Verdun never surrendered.

1916 was to be a fateful year for a number of Pillaton men and their families. 18 year old Arthur Chubb was serving with the 1st Devonshire regiment when it was assigned to the 5th Division 95th Brigade in January 1916 and by March the regiment was fighting south of the Vimy ridge. Charles Ambrose Pearce (aged 20) was with the 8th Royal West Kents manning trenches near Ypres. In February, CPO William Higman RN was posted to HMS Nasturtium a minesweeper based in the Mediterranean. In mid February, 23 year old Flight Sub-Lieutenant RNAS William Hocking, son of the Rev. Hocking, was posted to the Killingholme RNAS base for

advanced flying training. By another stroke of fate, Mr. Digby Collins, the Lord of the manor of Newton Ferrers died suddenly on Jan 25th. The estate was inherited by a distant relative, Mr Thurstan Collins of Newquay, who had two sons serving in the Navy and in the Army - they would not live to see 1917.

*Don King*

## PILLATON AND THE GREAT WAR



The video of the popular "Pillaton and the Great War" event held in the Village Hall on 17 October is now available on DVD. Copies at £5 per DVD may

be obtained by contacting Chris Ley either by phone on 01579 351033 or email at [chris@chrisley.plus.com](mailto:chris@chrisley.plus.com).

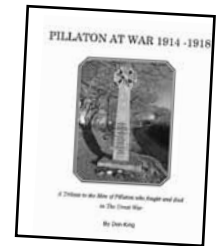
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## PILLATON AT WAR 1914-1918

*A Tribute to the Men of Pillaton who fought and died in the Great War*

This is a 45 page booklet compiled by Don King about the men killed during WWI who are commemorated on the Pillaton War Memorial and in St. Odolph's church together with some information on others from the local area who served and survived.

Copies will be on sale (price £6) at the Memorial Event being held at the Village Hall on Saturday 17 October, but you can also order a copy by emailing Don at [donald.king@btinternet.com](mailto:donald.king@btinternet.com) or call 01579 350890. All net proceeds will be donated to the Pillaton Memorial Playground Fund.



## JT's "BIT OF A DO"

Thanks to all my guests at my 80th Birthday Do. I really enjoyed your company. A sum of over £200 was raised and donated to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Thanks to everyone who sent cards, flowers and encouragement relating to Valerie's recent ill health. It has really lifted her spirits.

*John Tucker*

The delight of my garden view has been tempered by frost damage. The 12 foot high magnolia, transplanted so carefully last year, and that was doing so well, has had its delicious dark magenta opening buds blasted by frosty winds turning them a crispy, burnt umber.

Stan and I moved the tree about 15 months ago; it was on the far left boundary out of view from the house. Rosemary's admiring remarks made me take note, and I decided it was still not too big to transplant, so with much heaving and puffing on my gardener Stan's behalf, and a few groans on mine, it was dug up and the heavy root ball dragged on a tarpaulin, swizzled around and dropped in an enriched hole, a short distance from the lounge patio doors. The poor thing looked stressed out by the experience at the time, but with careful watering throughout the summer, top dressing with tasty ericaceous soil in the autumn, it rewarded me this year with a mass of early blooms, the majority of which have just been spoilt.

Wilf, my late husband, was always moving trees and shrubs, in his profession as a horticultural consultant involved with large landscaping projects, planting trees with cranes was an every day occurrence. Planting pears for your heirs was laughable; he planted mature specimens to produce fruit asap. Life was too short, how prophetic he proved to be.

When we first moved here and the leylandii forest had been felled and chipped, the garden cleansed of toxic rubbish and poisons neutralised with loads of manure, compost, grit, I can remember one trip to Duchy nursery where we bought 17 trees, cherries, ornamental leaved, and evergreens, all planted with love and a great deal of laughter. Some of the trees were very pot bound from the discount corner, with lost labels, but Wilf recognised leaf and form and got some real bargains. Careful planting to 'face' them the right way to make use of setting and prevailing wind could disguise odd shapes and even get nature to correct shape. All have grown and are maturing nicely, bringing form colour and fruit throughout the year.

I have lived here more than a dozen years and this whole garden has become a living diary, not dissimilar to a carpet woven in a temple in which patterns represent stories, that may sound a bit rich but if you garden as I do, your life is told in what you plant and where.

I learnt my love of gardening from a seed sown from a tiny adopted auntie, who did gardening till she was 96. She had no children of her own, but she drew us in like a magnet to her kitchen smelling of freshly baked cakes (in her kitchen cupboard there was always a tin full of slices of magic), and her immaculate garden with fishpond and fruit was source of wonder. My big sister as a 3 year old bit off the bottoms of her tomatoes, leaving the rest of the fruit in situ; that confounded Auntie until Gilly was caught in the act! Auntie Kath's front garden was full of rose bushes, and I did not realise till much later, each rose was planted for someone, she had loved and lost, especially her beloved cats.

My garden is a mix of plants bought in for love of its colour and form, screening ability (what is the point of living in the country if all you see is houses), and plant

## FRUIT CASE

and seeds from places visited or given. The Turkey oak in the hedgerow grown from an acorn picked up in the Irish arboretum, the prolific fig Wilf aerial-layered from a 1930's parent plant in Sussex, potentillas collected in the wild in Sweden, potentillas Wilf named after family members; my favourite being Janet. Plants with names describing their raison d'être liquid amber, royal fern, pots of sternbergia lutea bought at the closing down sale of a nursery we nearly bought. A small olive tree bought for £10 through bargaining, and trial plants picked up by Wilf from fellow nursery men as a freebie. Items large and small chosen or given with love, all have a story to tell.

The frogs have been totally confused this spring the ric-rac weather temperatures have made them spawn in waves, 3 lots of spawn, the last of which was produced after a noisy young frog sang melodiously for about 3 weeks on and off. I was glad he finally found a female to shut him up. I scooped up some of the early spawn to bring it on in the greenhouse, but was amazed to find there were more newt tadpoles than frog. I kept the frog-poles and put the newt-poles back in the pond to battle natural selection with the goldfish.

My poor guinea pigs, Iris, Peony and Mike, are still in their run in the summerhouse, the lawn still muddy and slippery. This week a bright sunny but breezy day encouraged me to put them in their garden run, with igloos to snooze in, a couple of hours later I had to speedily retrieve them as it started ...hailing. Mad weather I want some sun, to thaw my bones, warm the soil so I can get on with the garden!

*Jan Simms*



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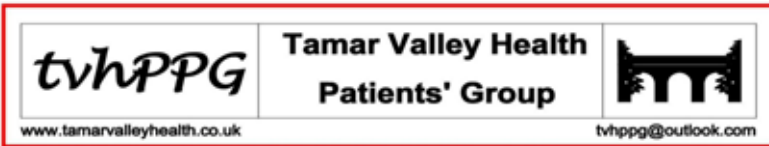
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Some of the issues raised by patients and discussed by tvhPPG with Practice managers:

- Continuing problems with the touch screen login machine > now temporarily suspended while alternatives are considered.
- The provision of children's books at Callington Health Centre > Done. Plus the Gunnislake Health already has a well-equipped children's area.
- The removal of water dispensers was instigated by a health inspection > no simple solution available, however water is available if required.
- A request for baby changing facilities in the waiting room toilets > now provided and installed in both health centres.
- A new design for the non-attendance notices at the surgeries > agreed but not been fully implemented due to data recording and the "sit and wait" option, which continues to be a great success.
- Provision of greater confidentiality for patients when speaking to receptionists at the health centres > a portable screen was provided at Callington but proved unsafe. Problem not resolved, but solutions ongoing.
- Better signage for the drop-off area in the Callington Health Centre car park > no action yet, ongoing.
- Continuing problems with the Practice website > a new website design discussed. This could solve a number of issues from ordering prescriptions online, booking appointments, health info and a tvhPPG page to promote meetings, newsletters, surveys and much more.

What issues do you have that should be on our Agenda ?

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## CALLINGTON U3A

At the U3A meeting on Monday 1st February, Daphne Skinnard, Assistant Editor at BBC Radio Cornwall, gave us an insight into what goes on behind the scenes of the radio station. Established in 1983 and now based in Phoenix Wharf, Truro, thirty staff man the two studios. It is on air from 5am to 7pm with various slots, the Breakfast programme with James and Pam, David White the music aficionado 9-12pm, the Lunchtime Show with Laurence Reed, Tiffany Truscott talks to locals at 3-5pm and 5-7pm is the Drive Time show with Julie Skentelbery.

News stories are gathered from various sources. The public ring them in and journalists go out looking for newsworthy stories. For example, Superfast Broadband or the lack of it! They contact people for their experiences and opinions. People come into the studio or talk via the Sat Van, their mobile studio. The morning meetings produce ideas for the following days broadcast. News share picks up relevant stories from other areas.

Mobile phones are often used now, as the interview can be quickly edited, downloaded and sent in a fraction of the time it used to take.

Daphne first worked in broadcasting for Plymouth Sound and studied Broadcast Journalism at Falmouth. At Plymouth Sound she acquired the skills to successfully apply for a post with the BBC as a Broadcast Assistant. She has presented most of the programmes on Radio Cornwall and now as the Assistant Editor, looks after the staff and the Charity Appeals, organises Outside Broadcast and Outreach.

*Gillian Brown*

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### CHURCH DIARY

DATE	DAY	SERVICE/EVENT	CHURCH
20 Mar	Palm Sunday	1000 Eucharist - Procession of Palms & Passion Reading	St Mellion
22 Mar	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
24 Mar	Maundy Thursday	1930 Eucharist	St Dominic
25 Mar	Good Friday	1000 Passion Priase F/S	Pillaton
		1200 Stations of the Cross	St Dominic
		1400 At Foot of the Cross	St Mellion
		1900 Seven Last Words	Pillaton
26 Mar	Holy Saturday	2000 Easter Ceremonies	St Mellion
27 Mar	Easter Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Eucharist	Pillaton
03 Apr	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
05 Apr	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
10 Apr	Sunday	1000 Family Service	Landulph
		1000 Eucharist	Pillaton
12 Apr	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Landulph
17 Apr	Sunday	1000 Morning Prayer	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
19 Apr	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
20 Apr	Wednesday	1230 Pasty Lunch, The Rectory Room	Cargreen
24 Apr	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Family Service	Pillaton
26 Apr	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
1 May	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
03 May	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
8 May	Sunday	1000 Family Service	Landulph
		1000 Eucharist	Pillaton
10 May	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Landulph
15 May	Sunday - Pentecost	1000 Family Service	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
17 May	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
18 May	Wednesday	1230 Pasty Lunch, The Rectory Room	Cargreen
22 May	Trinity Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Family Service	Pillaton
24 May	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Dominic

#### Answers to WI Quiz on Page 11

1. Parma violets;
2. Fishermans friend;
3. Kendal mint cake;
4. Minstrels;
5. Smarties

### BENEFACTIVE CONTACT DETAILS

For all enquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and any other Parish business contact your Churchwarden or a Reader - full details on notice boards.

Messages: Betty Reynolds (Secretary) 01579 351069

E-mail: bettyreynolds232@btinternet.com

The Benefice Office in St Mellion Church Hall is open Thursday from 10am to 1.00pm; before attending please check with Betty. Other days/times by prior arrangement.

### Pillaton Village Diary

Sat 26 Mar	Gardening Club Spring Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 5 Apr	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 9 Apr	Skittles Presentation Night, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 11 Apr	Pillaton WI, 'Non-religious Funerals,' Chris Ley, Pillaton Village Hall
16-17 Apr	Pillaton Arts and Crafts Group Exhibition, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 17 Apr	Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush.
Tue 3 May	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 13 May	Choral Concert by St Joseph's School Choir, St Odulph's Church, Pillaton
Sun 12 Jun	Afternoon Tea celebrating Queen's 90th Birthday, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 3 Sep	Gardening Club Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 10 Sep	Family Fun Day, Pillaton Village Hall and Playing Field
Fri 28 Oct	Halloween Supper, Weary Friar
Sun 30 Oct	Pumpkins and Halloween for all village children, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 12 Nov	Village Showcase Day

### RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 15 Mar	Recycling
Tue 22 Mar	Garden Waste
Tue 29 Mar	Recycling
Tue 5 Apr	Garden Waste
Tue 12 Apr	Recycling
Tue 19 Apr	Garden Waste
Tue 26 Apr	Recycling
Tue 3 May	Garden Waste
Tue 10 May	Recycling
Tue 17 May	Garden Waste

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