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FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN



As part of Pillaton's commemoration of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations a highly successful "90 Years in Bloom" floral display was held in St Odulph's church over the weekend of 11th and 12th of June.

Alison Downing was responsible for instigating and organising the event, and together with the assistance of many in the village, the end result was spectacular. Fortunately Les Wyatt was able to get along with his camera to record this selection of images.

See inside for more on the floral display and all the rest of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.





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As some of you might be aware this particular edition of the Village News is being put together in the middle of rural France. Don't worry, in the light of recent events, this is not part of some cunning outsourcing plan on the part of editor, nor has he decided to flee the UK. I'm only away on holiday and hoping to come back.

However, wherever I am, it's always a bit of a struggle to think up something new for the editorial. In the past I've had to resort to talk about buying cheese and the colour of soft furnishings, so what on earth to cover for this month. I suppose I could mention the phenomenally successful Church Flower Festival linked to the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations that involved so many in the village, or possibly the ever popular Cherry Feast.

Earlier in the month I had high hopes there might be an outpouring of pride in the exploits of the England football team. This proved very short-lived and instead I ended up clapping along with the whole of Iceland and frantically searching for some long lost relationship to Wales in order to legitimately cheer on the plucky Welsh.

Elsewhere on a national level, in the wake of the EU Referendum, the pound has dropped, stock markets are nervous, David Cameron has gone and Teresa May is our new Prime Minister.

So not a lot to write about, just the usual old things; nothing ever happens while you are away on holiday, although I have been very concerned by the rise in the price of French goat's cheese.

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Robin Dwane, Editor



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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 JUNE 2016

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

APOLOGIES Cllr. Warne and County Councillor D. Pugh.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Dolley, S. Floyd and Martin declared an interest in a payment to the social committee of the Village Hall for a contribution to the committee's celebration of the Queens birthday.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of 3 May 2016 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that he had met with County Councillor D. Pugh and the Highways engineer to examine potholes in the Parish only to learn that there was a limited prospect of roads in the Parish being improved.

PLANNING PERMISSION

Cllr Martin distributed copies of the planning application which he had downloaded and generously printed. The Council supported the removal of the condition at Kernock House properties which prevented longer term letting.

COMMEMORATION OF QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Council resolved to contribute £90 towards the celebration of the Queen's birthday.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Council undertook to enquire into the condition of the stiles on the public footpath.

Chairman D Dolley

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 JULY 2016

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

APOLOGIES None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of 7 June 2016 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

County Councillor D. Pugh offered a regular meeting with the Highways engineer to examine potholes in the Parish.

The Council confirmed their decision regarding the removal of the condition at Kernock House properties which prevented longer term letting

PLANNING PERMISSION None.

FINANCE

The Council approved a payment of £35.50 to Hand Made Pages for hosting the web site.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Heap reported a good response to the request for volunteers to carry out improvements to the Village.

Chairman D Dolley

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

At most Parish Council Meetings there is generally a discussion over the maintenance and repair of the assets and fabric of our village, which would normally be carried out by contractual arrangement. This ultimately results in a financial cost to the Parish Council.

In an effort to reduce these costs, over the coming months during the summer, I am looking for willing and enthusiastic volunteers to club together and take on these tasks that although not complicated, would eat into the budget if it was carried out by contractors. I have produced a list of defects that are currently outstanding, some of which are already in the process of being rectified (many thanks to the Walters Family for their sterling work on the Telephone Box/Library).

If you are willing to give up two or three hours of your time over the coming weeks to spend on sprucing up our beautiful village (followed, no doubt, with some well-deserved social refreshments), then please contact Graham Heap, 'Blackthorns,' Barton Meadows. Tel 07977 056523.

SOUPER VILLAGE SHOWCASE DAY!

It's a tradition in France for communities to host a "Fête des Associations" each autumn to enable all the town or village groups to show themselves off to the local inhabitants and also hopefully to help them attract new members. Sue and I thought it would be a nice idea to do this here, so please save the date for our Souper Village Showcase Day on 12 November, 11.30 am to 2.30 pm, when you can enjoy a soup and roll lunch and meet the people behind some of our village organizations. You'll have a chance to try out some of the activities during taster sessions and chat to the people who run the groups, so if you haven't yet joined in a group, or if you want to fill more of your spare time, come along and see what's on offer. We've also invited Children's Hospice South West to come along and bring their Christmas cards to sell, and we'll be sharing any profits from the lunches with that charity. Watch out for more details nearer the date or contact Ann Henderson (01579 351289) or Sue White (01579 350065).

Ann Henderson and Sue White

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90 YEARS IN BLOOM

FLOWER FESTIVAL PILLATON CHURCH -11 TO 12 JUNE 2016

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this such a beautiful birthday tribute to her Majesty the Queen. It was a great success, over 200 visitors enjoyed the exuberant displays filling every corner, telling the story of the Queen's life in flowers artefacts and photos. Donations amounting to £340 (and counting) will be shared between the Church Fabric Fund and the World War 1 Commemoration Group Pillaton Playground Appeal.

The Thursday evening before the event the major planned arrangements were in place, there were 59, so we crossed our fingers and waited to see whether Friday would bring enough to reach the 90 target. - We need not have worried, Pillaton plant lovers went into overdrive!

A car full of Renfree trees filled the Bunkum's milk churns, armfuls of foxgloves, treasured roses, exotic shrubs, huge rhododendrons, bunches of lilies of the valley, from jam jars to imaginative arrangements, kept on coming filling every space until the 90 target was actually doubled.

Outside red white and blue plants in containers lined the paths and hung from the trees; special thanks here to Ian Edwards, Linda Mavin, Carole Hoskin, Pam Aggatt, Kernock Nursery and Heather Troupe for the fantastic garland over the gate.

So many people contributed to make this a real Village event, to name them all is not possible so just a few for special mention.

The WI, without whose support, enthusiasm and talented flower arrangers this would never have happened.

Richard and Pam Lowther for church admin. stewards' rota and refreshments.

Helen and Ian Edwards and grandchildren for general help and setting up the children's Art Display.

Les Wyatt for the photography.

Tony and Trudy Rowe for labour at heights and magnificent Armed Forces display.

Ann and Brian Henderson for help, admin. and advertising.

Mary Doige and Cheryl Desborough for the gorgeous light hearted 'family' flowers in the Lady Chapel on behalf of St Mellion Church Million Million.

Colin Lucas for memorabilia of the Queen's visit in the 1950s.

Many thanks to all who supported this event. As it went well we are now planning a Christmas Tree Festival!

Alison Downing and Sue Archer

PILLATON CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Wow, did Pillaton and surrounding areas pull out the stops for this flower festival as part of the celebrations of the Queen's 90th birthday over the weekend of 11th and 12th June. It was fantastic – colourful, poignant, told a story and perhaps most of all brought a community together in a most spectacular fashion.

It was the brain child of Alison Downing whose original idea was to perhaps have 90 different floral arrangements. 90! I understand on one of the days Dylan Rundle started to count how many and stopped at 180 having not counted them all!

But to go back a bit. Alison with her idea started to sound a few people out. Yes there was enthusiasm and yes people said they would do some sort of arrangement. But would there be 90? As time went on Alison was a little, well perhaps more than a little concerned. However it all began to take shape and a plan to tell the story of the Queen's life emerged and a plan of what to put where in the church also emerged.

So the story started as you came into the church, by either path, with arrangements of patriotic red, white and blue flowers everywhere including baskets hanging from the trees! These looked amazing!

Then in the church the font was decorated signifying the Queen's birth and baptism. This then pointed the way to the children's corner where there was a beautiful display of pictures of flowers drawn and painted by children in the village and from St Mellion School. Some talented artists there indeed!

This led round to arrangements indicating some of the Queen's interests and involvement – WI, the armed forces, her youth and teen years. The corner to the far side of the organ depicted the more austere war years. The pulpit signified the Queen's wedding and was beautifully decorated accordingly. The altar and surrounds were magnificent as they represented the coronation. The colours here were absolutely stunning - reds and golds – and there was even a flower crown and orb! Moving round to the Lady Chapel where here the arrangements represented the Queen as mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

On one window sill and on one of the benches there were arrangements depicting the Queen's love and involvement in horse racing.

There were also various items of precious memorabilia sprinkled around the church including items loaned by the Lucas family as they have been honoured with a visit from the Queen.

The Commonwealth was recognised with an arrangement of exotic plants inside the bell tower on the window ledge overlooking the church. Stunning!

I said earlier 180+ arrangements of different sorts but goodness knows how many varieties of flowers there were: the more formal flowers grown and loved by us all, the more exotic ones referred to earlier, different flowers grown in our gardens and loads and loads of flowers from the fields and hedgerows. There were also trees in milk churns! The church looked absolutely wonderful and the perfume amazing.

Although Alison, with the help and support of Sue Archer, masterminded this festival, she would be the first to say that this was a team effort by so many people. There were those who lifted and shifted, those who arranged both the more formal and less formal displays, those who wrote the guide to the church and the arrangements, those who arranged the children's corner, those who stewarded and those who undertook all the rest of the many tasks required. All in all this added up to a huge number of people who between them ensured a very successful festival. We had over 180 visitors too.

So thanks Alison and Co.

PS. I haven't forgotten the cream teas in the hall on Sunday. These went down very well and were much appreciated.

PPS. I have heard rumours about a Christmas tree festival so watch this space!

Pam Lowther

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

After an unsettled morning with some heavy showers, the rain finally cleared and brought the visitors to the Village Hall for the Queens 90th Birthday Tea. It was a slow start but as the afternoon went on, the demand for the cream teas was almost impossible to keep up with. 87 cream teas were served along with numerous pieces of cake and sponge together with countless cups of tea and squash.

Fifteen children took part in the Children's Treasure Hunt. There was a party bag for each entry and great fun was had by all finding all the clues. Each clue represented a letter which spelt out the name ELIZABETH.

The adult's Treasure Hunt was won by Robert & Tracy Barnicoat with 23 points out of a maximum 26, the prize was a Waitrose voucher. We would like to thank all those who participated.

We were entertained during the afternoon by the Handbell Ringers and they ended their performance with us all singing Happy Birthday to her Majesty and to June who also celebrated her birthday on the 12 June. We would like to thank them all for supporting this event.

We would also like to thank Tanya Taylor, Shirley Floyd, June & Brian Hutfield, Len White, Brian Henderson, Carole Hosken, Karon Martin & her sister in law for their help and support during the afternoon. A special thank you to Acacia for her delicious chocolate cake.

Thank you to all who attended and the money raised will go towards the new chairs which have recently been purchased for the Village Hall.

Ann Henderson & Sue White



The cherry stall.

CHERRY FEAST

Wow! What a 'Super' (and sunny) Sunday the 10th July was! Murray won Wimbledon, Hamilton won the British GP and despite other local events, the St Mellion-with-Pillaton Cherry Feast still managed to draw in the crowds and everyone enjoyed themselves.

As a committee member for six years, and now this year as Chairperson, the day itself started, like for all sportsmen and women, with fear and trepidation. However, in the back of my mind, I knew the team had done the required amount of 'training', and all injured VIPs had been nursed back to near perfection. After much rushing about dragging tables, signs and bunting from one place to another, watching event shelters being erected, cakes and tea urns appearing, books, white elephants and cherries all present and

correct, plants carefully placed and watered, and the obvious fear of rain, we were all 'warmed-up' and ready to blast out of the starting blocks! The whole event ran

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The 2016 Cherry Feast: another British winner.

<u>ST. MELLION WITH PILLATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</u>		
<u>CHERRY FEAST - FINAL RESULT 10th JULY 2016</u>		
<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>
100	Donations	200
320	Entrance	550
125	White Elephant	85
200	Plant Stall	270
100	Cherries	69
245	Cake Stall	190
300	Cream Teas	476
330	Church Displays	310
207	Wine Wheel	133
77	Bottle Stall	201
100	BBQ	250
46	Bookstall	85
157	Childrens' games, ice cream, drinks	215
233	Pretty Things	152
<u>200</u>	Sponsorship (as per programme)	<u>400</u>
2,740	SUB TOTAL	3,586
	Less Costs:	
	Laira Youth Band	200
	Sundries - equipment	246
	Wreckers	150
	Emazdad	170
<u>600</u>	Devon Rock Choir	<u>150</u>
2,140	SUB TOTAL	2,670
	Prize Draw (Shelagh @ Carkeel £1500!) 2725	
<u>1,900</u>	Less net cost of Printing and Prizes	825 <u>1,900</u>
4,040	NET RESULT	4,570

*Best wishes to you all,
Tanya Taylor,
Cherry Feast Chairperson 2016*

May 2016 Meeting - "A Hug You Can Keep"

PILLATON WI

What lovely people we have to talk to us at our monthly meetings. This month we had Ann Simmons who told us about Project Linus – Quilts for bereaved and sick children.

Ann told us that this project had originally started in the USA and was brought to this country in 2000. The idea is to make quilts for children who are ill or who are in some sort of difficult situation. Each child is given a quilt which can be knitted crocheted or quilted, that they keep as support and comfort during difficult times – a hug you can keep.

We were asked to imagine being a small child. Maybe alone or perhaps in hospital for the first time and to think how it might feel to be given a warm, cuddly and colourful quilt to hold or to wrap around yourself. Maybe as you are reading this you can also let your imagination wander as to how it might feel.

Once given a quilt, this remains the property of the child for them to do as they wish with. Apparently soft cuddly quilts can be helpful to children with poor sight. They may be able to see bright colours or they may be able to feel any shapes on the quilt. Bells too are sometimes added as another dimension.

Unfortunately as happens, sometimes the sick child dies so the parents are offered the quilt as this can be a comfort to them. It has been known for the child to be wrapped in it in their coffin.

Ann told us that the quilts can be any size, shape or colour – in fact the more colourful the better. So ladies, there are a lot of clever people in this village and surrounding area. If you feel able to make a quilt the only proviso is that they must be able to be washed at 40 degrees. Any of the WI members will be able to let you know where to send it or if they don't know they will know someone who does! But even better if you are not already a member, how about coming and joining us? We would welcome you especially if you are a bit younger than current members! Come and have a say in what we do. Second Monday of the month (not August though!), 7.30pm, Pillaton Village Hall.

June 2016 Meeting

Another lovely speaker this month. James Lynes came to talk to us about "My history of the Hillhouse Hat Shop." Several generations ago, in 1799, a relative of James (I got lost with how many greats to add to grandfather!) started Hillhouse & Co. Hatters. This became a thriving business and was eventually in the hands of James' grandfather Arthur John Harman and was situated at 11, New Bond St., London, a prestigious address indeed.

Before and during Arthur's time hats were made and also restored for many famous people. So for instance Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly were regular clientele as was Sophia Loren (apparently Arthur was besotted with her!) and all the gents hats in the musical "My Fair Lady" were from there.

The range of hats was extensive. Some were bowlers, trilbies, deer stalkers, flat caps and tops hats whilst others were items such as velvet berets and fur hats for ladies. James' grandfather retired in the 1970s and sold the business then. Traditionally women were not allowed to work on the shop floor and as unfortunately he didn't have a son to pass the business on to there were no men to take on his mantle.

Arthur in his wisdom decided that when he retired all the books and historical documents relating to the business were to be destroyed. What a shame as undoubtedly there was a lot of social history in these. Unfortunately too, the business only lasted six months after being sold.

However James is very proud of his family history and is constantly on the lookout for hats made by the company. So if you ever come across an old hat or indeed a hat box with a label inside saying Hilhouse & Co. Hat and Cap Makers he would love to know about it. I must go into our attic and see where my father's bowler hat came from just in case!

Pam Lowther

Over the past few weeks Neil and Clare Walters from Briars Mede have done an excellent job of renovating our local library. The never ending invasion of plant life and the ravages of our maritime climate were taking their toll on the old telephone box. It is now possible to get in to the cleaned, dried, repaired and freshly painted box without first fighting your way through the undergrowth! A big thank you to both Clare and Neil for all their hard work.

PILLATON LIBRARY

Also, a few months ago, Clare set up a kids' books section in the library but many of these have since disappeared and the spaces taken up with adult books. Hopefully this indicates an encouraging demand for children's books and it would be good to keep plenty available so if you have any that you no longer need then please consider donating them to the library. These can be left in the library box or taken to Briars Mede which is directly opposite.

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - HIRE CHARGES

General Hire:

	<u>0900-1400</u>	<u>1400-1800</u>	<u>1800-2400 hrs</u>
Residents of Pillaton Parish	£20.00	£20.00	£30.00
Non-residents of Pillaton Parish	£40.00	£40.00	£60.00

Groups who use the hall on a regular basis in a non-profit making capacity:

Parish Council **£20.00 per session**

Women's Institute, AGM's; Gymkhana; Art & Crafts, Gardening Club;

Parochial Church Council; Skittles League **£12.00 per session**

Commercial (Profit Making) Groups:

Pilates; Zumba etc. **£15.00 per session**

Hire of Skittles: There will be an additional charge of £10.00

All Hirers of the Village Hall will be required to sign an indemnity and undertaking that they have familiarized themselves with the Village Hall Emergency Plan. They will also need to take out adequate insurance to cover their event.

For more information and reservations contact the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee at "Sandpipers", (01579) 350466. Keys must be collected from her, and not from any other key holder, except in an emergency, when they may be collected from Mr. D. Dolley (01579) 350159.

PILLATON WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION GROUP LATEST NEWS

The last few months have covered a particularly poignant period of reflection from events 100 years ago – and particularly the Battles of Jutland and the Somme - and perhaps more especially the toll of the casualties of 1916 on Pillaton.

Following recent successful fund raising events (the Clay Pigeon Shoot and Choral Concert), together with the generous response from the village to our appeal (and other contributions, such as from the Flowers for the Queen exhibition), we are very close to raising the capital sum needed to purchase Pillaton Playing Field and secure its freehold under village ownership. This is the Group's keystone project in providing a lasting commemoration of the centenary of the Great War. I am afraid I still have to be evasive about exact sums as confidentiality on the sale price and associated negotiations remains a condition of the agreed sale with the landowners. However we still have a way to go, especially in raising funds for legal expenses associated with the sale and the setting up of a trust for that ownership (as the field will be owned by the people of the parish, rather than the Parish Council – the same model as ownership of the Village Hall). So more donations are still needed, and we continue to arrange fund raising events.

However, in hope a sale could be completed later this year, we have decided to postpone the Family Fun Day scheduled for 10 September 2016 until 2017. This means, with luck, that day could become both a Family Fun Day and also an official opening of the Playing Field under new village ownership. In addition given the many and varied events this summer, we felt that another event in September this year may be “an event too many.” So a provisional date of 13 May 2017 has been set for the postponed event.

Our confirmed events for the rest of 2016 (full details will be provided shortly) are as follows:

Sunday 2 October 2015 – Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush

Friday 28 October 2016 – Halloween Supper in the Weary Friar

If you have any new ideas, or would like to assist or contribute to the above events, please contact either me, the Chairman, (01579 351409) or our Secretary/ Treasurer, Chris Ley (01579 351033).

Thank you.

Peter R Johnson

THINK!!

To reduce the amount of medicines wasted every year, NHS Kernow is running a

campaign to encourage patients to Think!! about their medicines, including any dressings, creams and bandages, and to only order what they need when renewing their prescriptions.

Dr Iain Chorlton, Chairman of NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group, is urging patients to discuss any questions they have about their medication with their GP or Pharmacist.

Patients should talk to their GP or Pharmacist if:

- 1 They are unsure why they are taking any of their medicines;
- 2 They are confused about what to take and when;
- 3 They are suffering from any side effects;
- 4 They are not taking all of their medicines on their prescription.

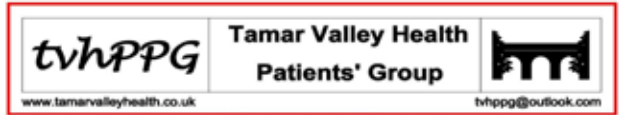
Patients will be encouraged to complete a medicine record, which lists the types and quantities of their prescribed medication, including dressings, bandages and creams, they have at home. This will be given to their GP or Pharmacist when they order their next repeat prescription to ensure they only receive the medicines they need. It can also be used to help ensure that all the patient's medicines run out at the same time. Some patients seem to believe that if they do not make a repeat order for something they happen to have a good stock of, it will be removed automatically from their prescription list but this is not so. The prescription list is unchanged until it is amended by a GP or Practice Pharmacist.

Around 10 per cent of medicines prescribed in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are wasted – a cost of £2million a year. This money could be better spent on providing vital frontline services, such as doctors, nurses and operations.

It is important that patients understand what medication they are taking and why. Some people think their medication is not necessary, are worried about possible side effects or try to reduce the number they take to fit taking them into a busy schedule. A patient is more likely to continue taking their medication correctly if they understand its benefits and continue to feel well.

There are a number of ways that patients can help to reduce medicine wastage. This includes checking the medication they have at home before re-ordering repeat prescriptions and only ordering those that they are running out of and need. Patients should ensure that they discuss their medication requirements with their GP or pharmacist on a regular basis.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO REDUCE WASTED MEDICATION
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WORLD WAR I DIARY : JULY- SEPTEMBER 1916

PILLATON SUFFERS MORE WAR DEAD

After the loss of three men in the Royal Navy earlier in the year, Pillaton was to lose two more in the iconic battle of the Somme. After weeks of preparation and the accumulation of huge amounts of men and war materials, British and French armies launched a massive attempt to break through the German lines and send the allied cavalry racing into enemy space. On the morning of July 1st, an artillery barrage of unprecedented ferocity was laid on the German lines with the aim of destroying enemy defences and shattering his morale. At around 7.30am ten huge underground mines were detonated under German strong points sending great clouds of debris into the sky swiftly followed by British and French troops going “over the top” across a front stretching 25 miles astride the river Somme. So began one of the bloodiest battles of the war with 20,000 Britons killed and 25,000 seriously wounded on the first day. Big losses had been expected but not on this scale, so what went wrong? The huge artillery barrage had not obliterated the barbed wire in no man’s land but had only made small gaps. British soldiers were sent into action carrying over 60 pounds weight of equipment which made rapid movement difficult. They tried to advance steadily in long, tight waves. The German defenders were shocked by the barrage, but had spent the winter digging deep and constructing well protected shelters and when the barrage stopped had rapidly emerged to defend themselves making deadly use of their many machine guns. It was a scenario repeated many times in a battle that dragged on into the autumn. Historian Martin Gilbert wrote that this battle was “... a war of woods, copses, valleys, ravines and villages taken and lost, then retaken and lost again.” This was exemplified in the third phase of this epic battle which began on July 14th with attacks on High Wood and Delville Wood near Pozières. Arthur CHUBB was from a big family originally from South Hill, but when war broke out was working at Trewashford farm. Arthur was serving in the 1st Battalion of the Devonshire regiment which was moved to the Somme front from the Arras area. On July 20th the 1st Devons were in support of the 8th Devon’s attacks on Delville Wood. The 1st Battalion was moved close to the front line on July 23rd and a day later came under heavy shell fire during which Arthur was killed aged 18. His body was never recovered.

Lt. Percival George COLLINS, whose brother Gerald had been killed at the Battle of Jutland, had joined up immediately after leaving Oxford University in August 1914. Commissioned in the 6th Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall’s Light Infantry, he was moved with the battalion to France in May 1915. The attacks on Delville Wood had been going on for the past month when the 6th DCLI were moved into forward trenches near the infamous wood (called Devil’s Wood by the men). On August 18th, the 6th DCLI were ordered to capture the north-east sector of the wood. At 2.45pm they went “over the top” and advanced in two waves about 100 yards apart. The NE boundary of the wood was reached but at great cost, and the

Battalion was finally forced to retire in the face of ferocious counter attacks. Percival COLLINS was one of 7 officers killed in this attack along with 69 men killed and 290 injured or missing. These casualties represented 70% of the Battalion's strength and the 6th was withdrawn to refit and recruit. Percival was 23 years old and like Arthur Chubb, his body was never found. Both these men are commemorated on the huge memorial for the fallen with no known grave at Thiepval. Mr Thurstan Collins, who inherited the Newton Ferrers Estate not long before had now lost both his sons in the space of three months.

Another Pillaton man, 2nd Lt. Eustace Elliott attached to the 8th East Yorks, arrived at the Somme at the end of August 1916 soon after the Battalion had taken part in a failed attack near Delville Wood. The 8th E Yorks continued fighting in the area until the end of the battle. Charles Pearce of Rowse Farm was also in the area serving with the 8th Royal West Kents, and although not involved in any major attacks did take part in spirited defensive actions such as at Delville Wood between August 30th and September 5th when the Battalion suffered over 300 casualties. Pillaton, along with many other villages, paid a high price for the Devil's Wood.

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.

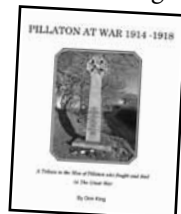
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PILLATON AT WAR 1914-1918

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. Odulph's church together with some information on others from the local area who served and survived.

Copies of the booklet are for sale (price £6) and can be ordered by emailing Don at donald.king@btinternet.com or call 01579 350890. All net proceeds will be donated to the Pillaton Memorial Playground Fund.



‘THE GREEN’ AT BRIARS RYN

Residents of Pillaton appreciate the beautiful countryside surrounding the village. At this time of year (May, at the time of writing), the display of colours in the lanes is stunning – delicate yellows, pinks, blues and white and a wonderful range of greens.

At the top of Briars Ryn, a typical Cornish hedge has been maintained for more than 40 years, at no expense to anyone other than the occupants of No.1. The hedge has thickened, its briar roses are a delight, there is now some honeysuckle weaving its way through, and of course it has been and will continue to be a shelter for nesting birds. The small piece of green land adjacent to it has similarly been looked after i.e. mowed, and planted with daffodils too – by neighbours living in close proximity – for the visual benefit of other residents of the Ryn.

With the inevitability of people selling houses and moving out of Pillaton, there remain only a handful of neighbours who have lived in the Ryn since the 1970s and who remember why the trees and shrubs on the green were originally planted, in specific places – which was to prevent large vehicles being parked on the grass. Had this not been the case, then the area would no doubt to this day have remained just as grass, and from previous correspondence with Cornwall Highways/Council they have no interest in the horticulture of this piece of land – their only interest is if they need to have access to underground public services. So there has never been any question or point of going to the expense of employing professionals to carry out planting or landscaping.

The oak tree which is actually in the garden of No.1 is looking good, as is the tree which is in more or less in the middle of the green. The ash which was partway taken down earlier in the year, had grown too large and had become dangerous with branches breaking off – it’s a species which unfortunately can lose its limbs easily in stormy conditions. Growth rate is about 2 feet per year, so it’ll be putting on a spurt again and should one day return to its original shape.

It was sad to have had to fell the oak at the bottom of the green, but the tree had become diseased, and might also have been potentially dangerous. The remaining part of the trunk will be felled to the ground and another young tree will be planted for all to enjoy. One small benefit of the recent tree-felling is that a couple of the neighbours most affected by those two trees, and who agreed on its fate, had paid the tree-feller and consequently were entitled to use the wood for fuel – selective logging/sustainability on a small scale. It hurts no-one, or it shouldn’t do!

There is no ‘committee’ or ‘group’ to help or indeed fund looking after this little piece of land, but constructive (rather than derogatory) and polite comments are always welcome.

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FRUIT CASE

The fecundity of Spring carries on a pace with my feathered friends going hell for feather competing to see who can produce the most offspring. My terraced nest boxes on the east side of my bungalow rarely seems to be empty, for as soon as the boxes are cleaned out in the autumn, the sparrows move back in for winter quarters and carry on producing an very early brood in the Spring. I have to traverse the path around the back beneath with extreme care, as low flying unskilled pilots and super fast stunt flying from their parents is a hazard.

The little 'LBJs' (little brown jobs) as they are affectionately called by twitchers are always entertaining. I was sitting reading on the conservatory sofa, when I noticed them ant catching, popping here and there on the front step gathering beakfuls from under the door sill. Very useful. The dry spell between the wet makes them dive near the pond and quite often sit bathing in the waterfall. Cheekiness seems to be a good word to describe sparrows for they often pop in the conservatory, leaving deposits on the sofa, in and out of the greenhouse, and even washing in the guttering when it is blocked with Mabel's tennis balls.

The alternating humid wet or dry weather has made the garden rocket away, and as I have been unable to garden due to sciatica,(doctor's orders)I have watched my formerly tidy garden taken over with weeds, in fact it reminds me of when we first moved here and the place seemed consumed by vegetation, most of which had blown in uninvited from the nearby fields. Percy Thrower said 'one years weed = seven years seed' and it is true, so I have removed seed heads from rose bay willow herb and docks, to preserve my sanity. During my enforced painful idleness I have found myself on the conservatory sofa looking through the uncovered skylight at the sky (which reminds me I must beg the window cleaner to clean the glass roof - to improve my view) Today the sky was perfect overhead, the sky was summer blue with Persil white clouds, the small so white duo seen in frame, were gently being teased apart round their edges, by a lively breeze, whilst through the open door I could see a grey cloud blanket hovering ready to move in. English weather is so interesting to watch.

A less pleasant aspect of this year has been the abundance of magpies, with their voracious appetite for killing collared doves, nestlings and eggs. I usually wave my football rattle when I hear them hunting in groups their harridan cackle laughing at the mayhem they cause. I found the body of a spotted woodpecker nestling right in the middle of my lawn, as I have large conifers, I wondered if they had nested in the owl box, but I cannot get the ladder out to look! I have invested in a balloon with eyes on it to try and discourage the magpies, I had one before and it seemed to work, we shall see.

My guinea pigs continue to fatten on the abundance of fresh grass, which they graze with the sideways motion of eating sweet corn, very studiously. The dandelions are as big as rhubarb, so they will not starve.

Blackcurrants are ready, figs are fattening nicely, and the strawberries seem to have survived the slugs, so things are looking up!

Jan Simms



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
20 Jul	Wednesday	1200 Pasty Lunch, Methodist Church Hall	Cargreen
24 July	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Family Service	Pillaton
26 Jul	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St. Dominic
31 Jul	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
		1000 Morning Prayer	St Mellion
02 Aug	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
07 Aug	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
		1800 Evening Prayer	Halton Quay
09 Aug	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Landulph
14 Aug	Sunday	1000 Family Service	Landulph
		1000 Eucharist	Pillaton
16 Aug	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
17 Aug	Wednesday	1200 Pasty Lunch, Methodist Church Hall	Cargreen
21 Aug	Sunday	1000 Family Service	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
23 Aug	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Dominic
28 Aug	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Family Service	Pillaton
04 Sep	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	St Dominic
		1800 Evening Prayer	Halton Quay
06 Sep	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Pillaton
11 Sep	Sunday	1000 Eucharist	Landulph
		1000 Family Service	Pillaton
13 Sep	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	Landulph
18 Sep	Sunday	1000 Morning Prayer	St Dominic
		1000 Eucharist	St Mellion
20 Sep	Tuesday	0930 Morning Eucharist	St Mellion
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Pillaton Village Diary

Sun 24 Jul	Barbecue, Rick Park Farm
Sat 3 Sep	Gardening Club Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 6 Sep	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 10 Sep	Family Fun Day, POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2017
Sun 2 Oct	Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush
Tue 4 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 28 Oct	Halloween Supper, Weary Friar
Sun 30 Oct	Pumpkins and Halloween for all village children, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 1 Nov	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 12 Nov	Village Showcase Day
Tue 6 Dec	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 19 July	Garden Waste
Tue 26 July	Recycling
Tue 2 Aug	Garden Waste
Tue 9 Aug	Recycling
Tue 16 Aug	Garden Waste
Tue 23 Aug	Recycling
Tue 30 Aug	Garden Waste
Tue 6 Sep	Recycling
Tue 13 Sep	Garden Waste
Tue 20 Sep	Recycling

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