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Well, all done and dusted, the election has come and gone, Tories win, UK set to leave the EU on 31 January and trade agreement sorted by the end of the year. Will it all go according to plan? We will see. Then of course there's trouble in the Middle East and various Royal Family dramas bubbling away and this is just the start of the New Year. To quote a favourite phrase of my late mother, "those that live longest will see most."

Like many people around the country, just before Christmas we had the unwelcome news that our Hotpoint washing machine was one of the models that could possibly self-destruct. Eventually, after some investigation we managed to ascertain that fortunately the date of manufacture, meant it was unaffected by the critical defect on the door locking system. However, to discover this information meant going through a call centre, something we all take for granted these days. Sometimes these can be rewarding encounters, sometimes not.

When your call goes through, you will be faced with a bewildering range of options, I usually plump for the "All other enquiries" as being a safe bet. You are then told that "All our agents are busy;" this always conjures up images of Cold War spy exchanges in East Berlin, but maybe that's just me showing my age.

A period is then spent on hold during which time you will be subjected to music of varying quality, told it would have been easier to have used the internet, and then reassured your call is very important.

Finally, you get through. Now it may just be me, but many call centres like to record my telephone conversation for training purposes. I'm always delighted to oblige as I like to think my clear speaking voice will be appreciated along with the way in which I can explain things in a simple and logical manner.

When the call concludes I often have a mental picture of it being replayed to a class of trainee call handlers. The instructor would be saying, "Here we have a customer from the South West of England, who has clearly explained his query." After a few moments the instructor comments, "Ah, there appears to be some confusion, our caller is having to go through his query again; I'm not sure the agent has fully grasped the situation."

Some minutes later, the instructor remarks, "there seems to be a bit of tension creeping into the telephone conversation." This is then followed by an exclamation, "Um, I'm not sure our caller should have said that,that's uncalled for." Finally, "Oh, our caller has hung up!" "Right, moving on, our next training module is how to deal with difficult customers."

Happy New Year and may all your call centre encounters be good ones!

The next copy date is 10 March 2020, - full details on page 23.

Robin Dwane, Editor

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3 DEC 2019

ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Warne, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Harris, Martin, Dolley and Bridgman.

APOLOGIES County Councillor J. Foot.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

PUBLIC FORUM There were two members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 5 November 2019 Parish Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported on the emails of support, the generous offer from the Weary Friar for a quiz evening and the setting up of a Face Book page advertising the need for funds for new play park equipment.

PLANNING PERMISSION None.

PRIORITIES

The Council decided that the three most important priorities for 2020 that should be considered a priority for Caradon CNP were; the repair of Mushton lane, the deflection of flooding and improved traffic road markings on bends.

SPEED WARNING SIGN

The Council resolved not to share a speed warning sign for the Village with 7 other parishes at a cost of £2,144 on the grounds that ; the Village did not experience excess speeding and the cost did not merit a sign which would only be in the Village for 6 weeks a year.

FINANCE

The bank balances were noted and the following payment approved; £45 to Mr Inglefield for play park inspection.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to report the pot holes in Mary Moon close to Highways for repair.

Chairman: Mr. Dave Dolley

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 JAN 2020

ATTENDANCE

Cllrs. Warne, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Martin, Dolley, Bridgman and County Councillor J. Foot.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Harris.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Martin declared an interest in the planning application and made no comment or voted on the application.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were three members of the public present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 3rd December 2019 Parish Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING None.

PLAY PARK

The Chairman undertook to clarify the situation with the Village Hall CIO regarding seeking their support for fund raising for new play park equipment.

The Chairman reported on the result of the generous offer from the Weary Friar for a quiz evening and raffle which had raised £560 towards new play park equipment. This amount included a £200 donation from the Weary Friar itself.

The Chairman kindly offered to carry out weekly play park inspections.

PLANNING PERMISSION

PA19/10864 Construction of single storey extension to front of 4 Chapel Place for Mr and Mrs Miles was approved by the Council.

FINANCE

The bank balances were noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to report the blocked drains in the village to Highways for repair.

Chairman: Mr. Dave Dolley

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PILLATON VILLAGE HALL - TRUSTEES

There are some changes to the Village Hall trustees from 1 January 2020.

After 32 years as secretary of the Village Hall trustees, Rosemary Long retired on 31 December 2019. During this extended period, in addition to unstinting support, Rosemary has managed bookings for the Hall, keeping minutes and general Secretarial duties.

I would like to thank Rosemary for her conscientious and loyal service to the Village Hall. Her knowledge and support to myself and to the trustees has been exemplary. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

The trustees have decided that the role of hall booking should be split from that of secretary and a new position created to undertake this. I am pleased to announce that Helen Smith has been appointed as Booking Secretary and Sue White as Secretary.

Dave Dolley
Chairman

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

We are shortly planning to have an on-line booking system for the Village Hall. Helen Smith has very kindly agreed to take on the role of Booking Secretary and as from 9th January now has the Village Hall diary and can be contacted for any bookings that you wish to make as follows:

Landline - (01579) 350147

e-mail - pillatonhelen@aol.com

Now that Rosemary Long has retired I have taken on the role of Secretary and can be contacted as follows; landline (01579) 350065 or via email at susantwhite@btinternet.com

We will advise you all in due course as to when the online booking system comes in to operation.

As many will know the Village Hall floor is going to be replaced and a starting date of Monday 11 May has now been arranged. The hall will be closed for approximately 4/5 weeks; further details will be published in the Village News.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any concerns/comments please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sue White



PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL PLAY PARK APPEAL

The Play Park equipment has been condemned by the safety inspector because of rotting timber supports. Accordingly Pillaton Parish Council are seeking grants to purchase new equipment and retain the excellent facility for all to enjoy.

In order to obtain the grants we need to show to the awarders of the grants the popularity of the play park. Therefore the Parish Council would like to hear from users of the play park.

What is needed is emails or letters of support from users of the park, therefore the Council is asking you to contact the Council expressing support and to ask people who visit the park from neighbouring parishes for their support as well. The email to contact is richardwoodley008@gmail.com or drop a letter to Flowerwood, Pillaton, PL12 6QS.

The awarders of the grants also like to see that the local community has assisted financially therefore it would help please if you could make a small financial contribution or even if some parents would like to organize a coffee morning to raise funds.

Many thanks for your interest.

Dave Dolley, Chair of Pillaton Parish Council

WEARY FRIAR DONATION TO PLAY PARK FUND

The Chairman of the Parish Council Dave Dolley is pictured receiving the funds raised by the Weary Friar Pub for new play park equipment from Trina West, the land lady.

The amount presented by Trina was £560 and the result of the generous offer from the Weary Friar for a quiz evening and raffle to raise funds towards new play park equipment. This amount included a £200 donation from the Weary Friar itself.

*Dick Woodley
Clerk to Parish Council*



WI CAROL SINGING



Pillaton WI held a most successful Carol Singing event outside the Weary Friar, on the evening of Tuesday 17 December, complete with mince pies. The WI would like to formally put on record their thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas lights and joined in the carol singing around the tree.

The occasion was kindly sponsored by Palladium Building Supplies. A collection was also taken on behalf of the Cornwall Air Ambulance New Heli Appeal; details of the amount raised to be announced at a later date.

Heather Troup



SPICE UP YOUR LIFE!

On Saturday 16 November, almost 50 folks came to Pillaton Village Hall and travelled the world with the spice themed menu for the evening.

Diners enjoyed their choice of chicken curry, Moroccan lamb or the vegetarian option of vegetable chilli, followed by desserts, which included cinnamon apple tart and ginger steamed pud – Mmmm!

The hall was filled with Christmassy notes of cinnamon and ginger, curry and other aromatic spices wafting around - perfect for a cold, grey winter's evening.

Judging by the animated chatter, everyone had a good evening and helped raise much needed funds to maintain our only community centre for the benefit of all villagers.

Sue and I are grateful for your continued support and thank those who generously donated raffle prizes, helped set up and clear away afterwards, and of course Shirley Floyd for once again cooking up a storm, assisted by David.

Please continue to support our fund-raising events - and it would be so lovely to attract some of the newcomers to Pillaton who we haven't yet met! Watch the Village News, website and notice boards for future events.

Ann Henderson and Sue White

PILLATON WI November Meeting Making Christmas Decorations

Our annual programme always includes a craft and this year, Carol Horsington from Cornish Willow was our guest. She had prepared the willow frames and each of us were given two frames and lengths of rush. The rush was threaded in and out in a herring bone design with ends neatly concealed. The group completed the task and finished the evening with tea and biscuits provided by the duty member.

Linda Mavin



Sandra Beal with her decoration

PILLATON WI - CHRISTMAS PARTY

The decorations were up, with the tree lit, and it was time for the festivities to begin. The evening started with sherry or fruit juice and a lovely chat with friends.

After the crackers were pulled, it was time to enjoy Shirley's fabulous dinner, which I think I can safely say that everyone enjoyed.

After tea coffee and mints, the Secret Santa was brought around in a massive box to be followed by the opening of the presents.

After a lovely evening we said our goodnights and good wishes for a merry Christmas.

Heather Troup

PILLATON GARDENING CLUB

Pillaton Gardening Club dates for the forthcoming year of 2020 are as follows:

Wednesday 12 February - Annual General Meeting - Pillaton Village Hall at 7.00pm

Saturday 28 March - Spring Show - Pillaton Village Hall

(entry forms from Carole on 350063)

Saturday 5 September - Summer Show - Pillaton Village Hall

(entry forms as above)

Sunday 25 October - Pumpkin Festival Pillaton Village Hall from 3.00 to 4.30pm

There is no charge to enter the above events and everyone is welcome.

More information from Linda on 350956.

Linda Mavin

25 CHRISTMASES

This Christmas, 2019, was the 25th Christmas we have celebrated here in Pillaton. As always, on Christmas Eve the bells rang out to call us to Midnight Mass and we welcomed Christmas Day with friends and neighbours.

It was serendipity that brought us here in February 1994, as we had been almost ready to complete on the purchase of an old school just outside Saltash when it all went pear shaped. The house we now live in was empty and had stayed on the market, unsold and unloved, for over 18 months – we think it was waiting for us.

Looking back over the past nearly 26 years, so many memories come to the surface. Kind neighbours loaned us dehumidifiers as we needed to dry out and air a property that had stood unheated and unventilated for so long. The first few months were spent redecorating, replacing rotten windows and rebuilding the collapsed wall and path between ourselves and the bungalow next door.

When we caught our breath the following year, in June we threw a Ceilidh party in the Village Hall to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and invited our family and the neighbours closest to us in the village – we didn't know many folks then.

Gradually we were drawn into village life. Both working full time in Plymouth, we only really had evenings and weekends to get to know everyone, but thanks to lovely ladies who took the trouble to be friendly, I became a member of Pillaton WI and we both helped with the annual Cherry Feast.

With the Millennium looming, in 1999 I joined the group planning the end of century celebrations and got to know a lot of talented people. The pageant staged in 2000 involved almost the whole village and both Brian and I had parts to play.

Once we retired – me in 2009 and Brian a couple of years later – we could join in much more and really appreciated the closeness of the village community. At my 60th birthday party in the Village Hall I felt privileged to have so many friends here in Pillaton.

Over the 25 years we have seen many changes –the fund raising and community effort for the complete reconstruction of the Village Hall – which remained closed for over a year whilst the work was being done –; the creation of the amazing play park thanks to the play park project team; the formation of the CIO to manage the hall for the community; we've seen vicars come and go; the recent formation of the Tamar Valley Benefice making St Mellion with Pillaton one of 7 churches within a single Benefice; the sterling work by the World War 1 group to raise funds to purchase the village playing field and keep it safe to future generations of children. It just goes on and on – too many brilliant community efforts to mention them all.

There is so much to enjoy without needing to go far: we have all the village

organisations to join; Wassail in January each year plus the annual barbecue, both at Rick Park Farm; social events in the Village Hall; Church; U3A at Callington and so many other wonderful activities to share with friends. Where else could you go for a walk and meet so many people en route that the quick half hour sortie takes over an hour to complete?

On a sober note, we have seen many village elders and dear friends disappear and we remember them fondly. The youngsters who played in the village when we first arrived have grown up, moved away, and many are now mums or dads themselves. When we came to live in Pillaton we were the young ones – now we seem to be the village elders ourselves!

Pillaton is a special place to live. A quote from the early 1950s describes the village as “a rare example of a small community living in harmony and friendship in a beautiful countryside.” I hope it will continue to be so – its future depends on all of us.

Ann Henderson

YOUR SAY - IN YOUR CHURCH!

The Annual Meeting (APCM) for our combined churches at St Mellion and Pillaton – St. Melanus and St. Odulph – will take place on,

Sunday 8 March 2020 at 11.15 am in St. Odulph’s Church, Pillaton, immediately following the Eucharist service. The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

An annual report will be available at least a week earlier, reporting on the life and events of the church community over the last year. This will include worship, groups, finances and the church building and there will be a chance to ask questions. There will also be a vision on how the church develops in St. Mellion and Pillaton in the coming years.

This is also the time to elect Churchwardens, members of the church council (PCC), and other roles.

The church exists for the benefit of the local community and we hope that you will take this chance to show your support for your church.

If you are interested in standing for election as a churchwarden or member of the PCC, please contact the Secretary, Ann Henderson, on 01579 351289 or via alloursaints@gmail.com. (Note that to stand for election, you will need to be on the Church Electoral Roll and to have attended church and received Holy Communion at least 3 times during the past year.)

We look forward to seeing you.

Ann Henderson
Secretary



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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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Feb	152	48	68	229	105	151.5	92	101	103
Mar	30	26	113.5	89.5	59.5	112	135.5	232	164
Apr	12	191	50.5	120.5	17	63	37	121	74
May	30	54	89.5	91.5	89.5	79	83	52	32
Jun	139	211	48	58	56.5	85.5	112	26	83
Jul	62	138	53	22	85.5	30.5	100	89	61
Aug	136	167	54	127.5	174.5	69.5	134.5	94	146
Sep	113	79	44	6.5	42	98.5	233	69	201
Oct	115	160	205.5	164.5	120	75	92.5	117	261
Nov	89	255	107	180.5	171.5	130	69	295	278
Dec	153	254.5	261	85	169.5	57	172	281	213
TOTAL	1161.0	1699.5	1242.5	1457.5	1255.0	1203.5	1358.5	1670.0	1708.0
Monthly Av	96.8	141.6	103.5	121.5	104.6	100.3	113.2	139.2	142.3

(figures in millimetres)

The rainfall figures for Pillaton that Brain Hutfield kindly puts together each year confirm what we all believed, 2019 was a very wet year! In fact the wettest year since Brian started compiling his figures back in 2011, with a total of 1708 mm or just over 5 ft 7 inches of rain. In more graphic terms this would have left the editor completely submerged. The beginning of the year might not have been too wet and led into a fine early summer, but since then it has been exceedingly damp, with the current stormy weather showing no signs of abating.

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TAMAR AREA PROSTATE GROUP

As well as giving an opportunity to chat with others who are living with prostate cancer, our future meetings will include:

On **February 26**, Rachel Mansell, Infection Control Nurse at the Nuffield in Plymouth will tell us all we will ever need to know about good (and bad) personal hand hygiene. After years of washing your hands you might think you know it all, but after Rachel's talk and demonstration you will be surprised at how little you did!

On **March 25**, Dr David Harris from Tamar Valley Health will be our guest speaker to talk about "Recent developments in the management of side effects resulting from prostate cancer and treatment." As medical research continues to improve, Dr Harris' talk will be of interest to anyone diagnosed with prostate cancer.



Our meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month and are held in the Council Chamber in Callington Town Hall starting at 6pm, (free parking in the main central car park in Callington town centre.) TAPS membership is free and open to men and their partners.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE/EVENT</u>		<u>CHURCH</u>
14 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
19 Jan	Sunday	1000	Matins	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
		1900	Lighthouse Praise & Worship	St Dominic
21 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
26 Jan	Sunday	1000	Family Service	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1030	Worship@Ten	St Dominic
28 Jan	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
02 Feb	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Dominic
04 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
09 Feb	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
		1000	Family Service	Landulph
		1000	Worship@Ten	St Dominic
11 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
16 Feb	Sunday	1000	Matins	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
		1900	Lighthouse Praise & Worship	St Dominic
18 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
23 Feb	Sunday	1000	Family Service	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1000	Worship@Ten	St Dominic
25 Feb	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic
26 Feb	Ash Wednesday	1930	Holy Communion	Landulph
01 Mar	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	St Dominic
03 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
08 Mar	Sunday	1000	Holy Communion	Pillaton
		1000	Holy Communion	Landulph
		1000	Worship@Ten	St Dominic
10 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
15 Mar	Sunday	1000	Matins	St Dominic
		1000	Holy Communion	St Mellion
		1900	Lighthouse Praise & Worship	St Dominic
17 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Mellion
22 Mar	Mothering Sunday	1000	Family Service	Pillaton
		1000	Family Service	St Dominic
		1000	Family Service	Landulph
24 Mar	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St Dominic

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Pillaton Village Diary

Tue 4 Feb	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 12 Feb	Pillaton Gardening Club AGM, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 10 Feb	WI, Career as a Textile Artist, Louise Nichols, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 1 Mar	Sunday Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 3 Mar	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 8 Mar	Annual Church Meeting, St Odolph's Church
Mon 9 Mar	WI Annual Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 28 Mar	Pillaton Gardening Club Spring Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 7 Apr	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 13 Apr	WI Games Evening, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 25 Apr	Skittles League Presentation Night, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 5 Sep	Pillaton Gardening Club Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 25 Oct	Pillaton Gardening Club Pumpkin Festival, Pillaton Village Hall

RECYCLING DATES

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

Tue 21 Jan	Recycling
Tue 28 Jan	Garden Waste
Tue 4 Feb	Recycling
Tue 11 Feb	Garden Waste
Tue 18 Feb	Recycling
Tue 25 Feb	Garden Waste
Tue 3 Mar	Recycling
Tue 10 Mar	Garden Waste
Tue 17 Mar	Recycling
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