

News and Events Archive - 2011

Pillaton Handbell Ringers



The Pillaton Handbell Ringers rung a selection of Christmas music to a very appreciative audience in the Great Hall at Cotehele House in December. The setting was magical, with the traditional garland of dried flowers dominating the Hall and a log fire blazing in the huge Tudor fireplace. The group has had another successful year, ringing at music festivals and rallies throughout the region and entertaining the residents of local care homes, as well as enjoying our weekly practices and get-togethers. We are now looking forward to competing at Saltash Music Festival in January and attempting to retain our trophy from the Cornish Music Festival in Truro in March.

Maire Warwick

16/12/11

Pillaton Playground Project Planting Day



Local volunteers turn up at the Playground Project Planting Day to help plant out around 500 trees, shrubs and flowers in the beds behind the Village Hall.

Photographs of the Planting Day.

13/12/11

Christmas 'Souper' Event for Children's Hospice SW



Following on from the Toy Service held in St. Odulphus, a very successful Christmas 'Souper' Event was held in the Village Hall. This was a seasonal get together with stalls, mulled wine, mince pies and of course soup, to have some fun and raise money for Children's Hospice South West. The provisional total raised for the charity is £350 so well done everyone and thanks to all who contributed gifts, prizes, time and anything else.

Some Christmas 'Souper' photographs.

11/12/11

Skittles League Latest

December's results, reports and tables.

11/12/11

Poppy Appeal Thank You

Thanks very much to all who gave a donation to the Poppy Appeal collection either in Pillaton or in the Benefice Churches. We raised £172.50, which was amazing so thank you.

Pam Lowther

30/11/11

Thank You

LUCAS FAMILY – THANK YOU

The family of the late George Lucas would like to thank all those who sent cards and messages of sympathy, attended his funeral and who helped in any way.

A sum of £820 was collected for St Odulph's Church, Pillaton. Our grateful thanks to everyone.

Colin Lucas

26/11/11

Pillaton Village News Magazine

November's edition of the Pillaton Village News is now available.

For other recent editions of the magazine, follow the links on the Village News page.

19/11/11

Operation Sunshine Collection

The members of Pillaton WI would like to say thank you so much to all who contributed to the Operation Sunshine collection. We had a good turnout, which resulted in three Land Rovers and a huge great trailer all filled to the brim. Our drivers this time were Ruth and Greg Terrell, who did two journeys, and Jenny and David Shawcross. So a big thanks to them for their time and resources. We raised enough funds to cover the cost of the village hall and to have a few pounds left over to donate to Operation Sunshine. Ann in Tavistock was absolutely delighted and sends her sincere thanks to all involved.

We hope to repeat this exercise in the spring so please remember to put things aside if you do any clearing out.

Thanks again.

Pam Lowther
(On behalf of the WI)

12/11/11

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Meeting

Friday 4th November saw the initial planning meeting for events to be held in and around the village next year to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

4/11/11

Superfast Broadband, the Current Situation

In June there was an earlier item about the high speed broadband implementation that has started across Cornwall. Updates on the official Superfast Cornwall website indicate that we in Pillaton (on the St. Dominick exchange) could have fast broadband connectivity by the end of 2012. Currently there is no more specific date than this and it looks as though the rumours that we may be connected to the Callington exchange and have the service earlier are unfounded.

Users on Callington, Gunnislake, Liskeard and Saltash exchanges (Saltash is actually a separate project) should all have high speed broadband available by December this year.

To benefit from the faster line, you will need to change your broadband account and possibly your Internet Service Provider. Prices at present start from £20 per month. For the latest details on this and other related items, take a look at the Superfast Cornwall website. You will also find there a 'Superfast broadband line checker' facility which can be used to obtain the latest situation for your specific telephone number.

31/10/11

Pillaton Playground Project Commissions David Whitley



Artist David Whittle has been commissioned by Pillaton Playground Project to paint the new mural at the Village Hall. Members of the Village Hall Committee recently met with the artist to review the competition entries.

25/10/11

Skittles League Latest

October's results, reports and tables.

17/10/11

A 200th Birthday Party



Alison, Gilly and Liz decided to celebrate their recent 'big' birthdays in style by throwing a Fancy Dress Party. Billed as a 200th Birthday Party (the sum of their years) this was attended by many people in a wide variety of costumes. Relive the occasion and see who you can recognise in a selection of 200th Birthday Party photographs.

24/9/11

Pillaton Village News Magazine



September's Pillaton Village News is now available. Amongst many items in this issue of the magazine you can read about a new Wall Hanging made and presented to the Church by Delcia Miles, discover what the Television Cameras were doing in the village recently, find out who won the trophies at the latest Summer Show and learn about some 'little men'.

Links to recent magazines can be found on the Village News page.

17/9/11

WI Meeting

The September Meeting report of the Pillaton WI is now available.

17/9/11

2011/12 Skittles League Fixtures



The fixture list for winter's Skittles League Matches has been published.

13/9/11

Website Anniversary



The 8th September marks the first anniversary of the launch of this website so a big thank you to all the contributors and visitors over the past year who have helped make it a success.

During October 2010, the first full month in service, we had 127 visits spread across 58 different users who downloaded 578 pages. Since then there has been a gradual increase in activity with our busiest month being July 2011 when there were a total of 410 visits from 245 different users who downloaded 1530 pages.

Amongst those who contacted us by email after visiting the site were two separate users from Australia, both tracing family histories from the parish.

Whilst on the topic of history, does anyone have any old (or even not so old) photographs of Pillaton and the area that we could put on the website? If you have any such images we could borrow to copy, please let us know. Either get in touch using the link at the bottom of any page or call on 351662. We'd really like to add some old images of the area to the website for others to enjoy.

8/9/11

Gardening Club Summer Show



The Pillaton Gardening Club held its Summer Show on Saturday 27th August and there were many fine exhibits from the villagers and others in the neighbourhood. This selection of photographs will give you a flavour of what was on offer.

27/8/11

Pillaton Village News Magazine

The July issue of the Pillaton Village News magazine has just been published. Read about what is likely to be the last Cherry Feast to be held at the Rectory and see a break down of the record monies raised. This and other items can be found in the July 2011 link on the Village News page.

25/7/11

WI Meeting

A report on the Pillaton WI July Meeting is now available.

11/7/11

Cherry Feast Thank You



A thank you from Alison and Ann and a link to further Cherry Feast photographs.

12/7/11

Community Spirit is Alive and Well in Pillaton

This item from John Opie about the Community Park Project shows just what can be done when folk put their minds to it. Many congratulations to all involved in what is an outstanding achievement.

3/7/11

A Well Kept Secret



A surprise party for Dave Dolley's 70th birthday was held at the Village Hall on 1st July. It is not often that something goes on in the village without Dave getting to know of it sooner rather than later but this was one of those rare occasions when he was the last to know!

1/7/11

Traffic Congestion Near Kernock Park Plants

A message from Richard Harnett of Kernock Park Plants regarding recent traffic congestion.

20/6/11

Superfast Cornwall

Most of you will have no doubt seen the BT Openreach engineers carrying out cable installation work in the area during recent weeks. The fibre optic cable they are laying is an essential part of the Superfast Cornwall project that will bring much improved internet broadband speed to Cornwall.

Official details are available from the above site where plans show that Callington is due to have the new service by March 2012 whilst St. Dominick, where Pillaton telephone lines are currently routed, is in the batch for 2013. However, villagers who have spoken to the installation engineers have been told (unofficially of course) that the connections could be up and running in a few months and that Pillaton will be connected to Callington.

We will keep you updated with further information when available. If anyone can provide more official details, please get in touch.

16/6/11

Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch latest.

25/5/11

Village Hall Mural Competition



As part of the improvements to the area around the Village Hall, it has been agreed there should be a painted mural. If you have ideas for what it should look like then why not enter the Village Hall Mural Competition?

23/5/11

Refuse Collection Day Changed



The weekly refuse collection day has been changed from Friday to Wednesday with effect from 18th May 2011. You are advised to have your refuse placed at the collection point by 7.30 am. on Wednesdays.

17/5/11

WI Meeting

A report on the Pillaton WI May Meeting is now available.

15/5/11

Pillaton Village News Magazine

The latest Pillaton Village News magazine has just been published. To view this, and other older issues, see the Village News page.

15/5/11

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Advice and the latest contact numbers following on from the incidents overnight on 29/30 April.

2/5/11

Warning about Local Incidents

Several seemingly related incidents were reported from the early hours of this morning. All residents are advised to be mindful of security.

30/4/11

Royal Wedding Party



Read the report and see the photographs.

29/4/11

Dog Fouling Issue

The Parish Council is receiving many complaints of dog fouling of the lanes and verges both inside and outside the Village. Owners have a responsibility.

19/4/11

Cornwall Yesteryear



It was a balmy spring evening – a perfect night for nostalgia and reminiscence at the SWFTA film show in the Village Hall.

8/4/11

Gambia Visit in February 2011



In February, Karen and Kevin Edwards and family from Pillaton went on an aid visit to Gambia as part of an initiative organised by Callington Community College. Read about their visit and see some photos that show just how different life is for villagers there.

3/4/11

Road Outside Mary Moon Close

Concerns have been raised again over the condition of the road outside Mary Moon Close. As a result, the County Council has been contacted regarding the matter.

3/4/11

Gardening Club Spring Show



The Pillaton Gardening Club held its Spring Show on 2nd April and there was a host of daffodils on display as well as Camellias, Magnolias, Tulips and several Floral Arrangements.

2/4/11

Neighbourhood Policing Team Changes

Notice of changes being made to local policing support.

2/4/11

Handbell Ringers win at Truro again

The Pillaton and St Mellion Handbell Ringers travelled to Truro on Saturday 19th March to compete in the 101st Cornwall Music Festival. The two pieces of music, an arrangement of Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' and 'Willow Waltz' by Ryan Price, impressed the adjudicator who awarded them 1st place and a Distinction with 88 marks. The team has been taking part in this Festival since 1981 and has won the Handbell Class on more than 20 occasions.

Maire Warwick

19/3/11

Operation Sunshine

The members of Pillaton WI would like to say thank you so much to all who contributed to the Operation Sunshine collection or drove a car to take the goods to Tavistock. We had a good turnout, which resulted in four large cars being full to the gunnels! Ann in Tavistock was absolutely delighted and sends her sincere thanks to all involved. We also have had an anonymous donation to pay for the hire of the Village Hall so to that person also a very big thanks.

We hope to repeat this exercise in the autumn so please remember to put things aside if you do any clearing out.

Thanks again.

Pam Lowther
(On behalf of the WI)

18/3/11

Pillaton Community Project

The latest plans for landscaping the Community and Play Area as presented at the Council Meeting on Wednesday.

- Village Hall Area
- Overall View

16/3/11

Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster Message

Devon & Cornwall Police has issued another warning concerning theft of Fuel and Heating Oil.

7/3/11

Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster Message

Devon & Cornwall Police has issued a warning concerning a bank card scam and is asking you to be aware of this and heed the advice given.

1/3/11

Skittles League Latest

Latest Skittles League results, reports and league tables.

20/2/11

Community Emergency Plan

Since the recent item below on Pillaton being prepared for any emergency, Cornwall Council has released information on preparing a Community Emergency Plan (CEP). The CEP is 'designed as a first point of reference for help and should assist the community in helping themselves until the emergency services arrive'. See the section *Community Emergency Plans - template and guidance* at the foot of the Emergency Plans page on the Council website.

10/2/11

Walks Around Pillaton



Andrew Harris has very kindly produced a leaflet containing a number of walks for you to tackle starting and finishing in the village. Maps and directions are given for half-a-dozen walks with distances varying from about 2.5 miles up to 8 miles. The PDF file (ca 2.2 Mb) can be viewed and printed as required. So get your walking boots and waterproofs on and try them out. Walks Around Pillaton

8/2/11

Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster Message

Devon & Cornwall Police is asking for the public to be vigilant given the recent reports of Fuel and Heating Oil thefts in Cornwall.

3/2/11

Emergency Procedures for Pillaton?

Pillaton should be prepared for any emergency. See what this is about.

29/1/11

Skittles League Latest

Latest Skittles League results, reports and league tables.

25/1/11

Friends of Tamar Valley

A new organisation called Friends of Tamar Valley has been set up for people with a desire to get to know and love the area even better.

21/1/11

St Mellion and Pillaton Church News - 10th January 2011

2010 was a very busy year for the two churches. See this full review.

10/1/11

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