News and Events Archive - 2014

A New Altar Rail in Pillaton Church

Tony Rowe has sent us news and a photograph of a New Altar Rail that has been installed in the church.

15/12/14

Stop Loan Sharks



Cornwall Council and a number of partner organisations have been alerted to the issue of illegal money lending in South East of Cornwall. The national Stop Loan Sharks team is holding a themed month in January to raise the issue about the impact that loan sharks can have in people's lives.

This Debt and Depression Article gives an example of the effect Loan Sharks can have on people's lives and advice on how to overcome it.

13/12/14

Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth

Pillaton Parish Council would be glad to receive comments on the suggestion to celebrate Commonwealth Day in 2016. A letter from Sheryll Murray MP about this can be found in Town Councils & 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth'.

6/12/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The December Policing Bulletin for this area has been circulated (NB. it is actually titled January 2015).

3/12/14

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The November edition of the Pillaton Village News is now available on this site. A chance to catch up with local happenings.

Links to copies of the Pillaton Village News published in the last four years or so can be found on the Village News page.

24/11/14

A Unique Experience at Pillaton Church



Tony Rowe has sent us a report on the recent Jonathan Delbridge concert held in the church. A magical evening by all accounts.

6/11/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The November Policing Bulletin for this area has been issued.

4/11/14

Pillaton Garden Club Halloween Event



The Pillaton Garden Club Halloween Event went very well. You can read about this and see some photographs of the pumpkins and costumes on the Pillaton Halloween Event page.

31/10/14

More Old Photos



Maire and Richard Warwick have kindly provided some more old photographs, mainly from around the 1980s, that have now been added to this website. There is also a view along The Row from the church tower lent by Margaret Hoskin. If anyone can date this, we would be happy to hear from you.

- Village Pantomime (ca 1986)
- Village Millennium Pageant (2000)
- Various images added to this page including a view along The Row
- A newspaper cutting about the 1980 May Fair
- St Mellion School Photos from the 1980s

29/10/14

Wind Turbine Proposal



We recently received an email from Susan Concannon regarding a Wind Turbine Proposal in the neighbouring parish of Quethiock. It is certainly worth reading.

Peal Attempt on Pillaton Bells

There will be an attempt by a visiting band to ring a full peal on Pillaton bells on Monday 27 October, commencing at 10 am. If successful, this will last for about three hours. Those sufficiently knowledgeable about campanology might like to know that the peal will be of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Richard Warwick

24/10/14

Skittles League News



As most of you are probably aware, Sue and Len White have decided to stand down after organising our Skittles League for many years. Fortunately for us, John and Ruth Stannard have now agreed to take on this role and the 2014-2015 Fixture list has been published. Our thanks go to Sue and Len for all they have done over the years and to Ruth and John for taking over the reins.

Details of matches from previous years can be accessed via links in the Skittles League section of the Activities page.

18/10/14

Saltash Policing Team Interim Bulletin

A mid-month Saltash Policing Team Bulletin has been published to give advice regarding Halloween and Bonfire Night.

18/10/14

Notice of a Supper and Recital by Jonathan Delbridge

We have received details of a Supper and Recital planned for 6th November 2014 in the Village Hall and Church. Supper tickets are selling fast so make sure you book your place soon if you intend to go.

8/10/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The October Policing Bulletin for this area has been circulated.

8/10/14

September Rainfall



6.5mm of rain in September ensured it was the driest month we have had in the past four years being almost half the previous low of 12mm in April 2011.

See Rainfall Figures for more detail.

1/10/14

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The September edition of the Pillaton Village News is now out. As always, there are plenty of interesting items in it so be sure to take a look.

Links to copies of the Pillaton Village News published in the last four years or so can be found on the Village News page.

24/9/14

Summer Show



A good variety of home grown and home made produce together with art and craft items could be seen at the recent Summer Show held in the Village Hall. Thanks to Ian Edwards, who was there with camera to capture the event, you can share the occasion with a selection of his images in the Gardening Club Summer Show 2014 section of our Web Gallery.

6/9/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The September Policing Bulletin for this area has been circulated.

10/9/14

Amateur Worldwide Radio Comes to Pillaton

Notice of a Worldwide Radio event planned for 13th September 2014 at the church here in Pillaton.

29/8/14

National Telephone Fraud Scam Warning



Elderly residents throughout the Devon and Cornwall region are being targeted by a national 'telephone fraud' scam. Further details can be found in the Neighbourhood Watch section of this website.

27/8/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin



The August Policing Bulletin covering this area has been issued.

25/8/14

The Lost Men of Pillaton (1914-1918)



Those present at the WW1 commemorative service ("The Lamps Are Going Out in Pillaton") held in the church on 4th August 2014 would have heard Don King's tribute to the Pillaton men killed in WW1. Don has very kindly provided a slightly revised version of this for all to read - see "The Lost Men of Pillaton".

PLEASE NOTE. Don King and Ann Henderson plan to publish a booklet giving more details about these men and of some of those who returned from the war. They would like to find photographs and personal details of men from the Pillaton and St.Mellion parishes who served in the Great War and are trying to make contact with relations and descendents of their families. If you have any information that you are willing to share, please get in touch using the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of any page.

10/8/14

Tribute to Rose Peter



Members of the Pillaton Gardening Club were shocked and saddened by the passing of their Chairman Rose Peter on 2nd July 2014. As a result, several of them have grouped together to produce this Pictorial Tribute.

6/8/14

Neighbourhood Watch Message - 6th August 2014



We have been made aware that a number of burglaries have taken place in the Saltash area over the last few days. You are advised to make sure that doors, windows and outbuildings are secured at all times.

6/8/14

Churchyard Extension Consecration



An evening service of consecration was conducted by Chris, the Bishop of St Germans, at an open air ceremony in the new churchyard extension. Read the report and see photos on the Churchyard Extension Consecration page.

22/7/14

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The July edition of the Pillaton Village News has been published. The main feature is a report on the Cherry Feast but there are many other items of local interest to read about.

Links to copies of the Pillaton Village News published in the last four years or so can be found on the Village News page.

18/7/14

Cherry Feast



The organisers of the annual St Mellion-with-Pillaton Cherry Feast held on Sunday 13 July were blessed with bright and breezy weather, unlike some years in the recent past. The event held on St Mellion School's playing field proved to be an enormous success with over 600 people in attendance and in the process raised a magnificent £6,250, easily surpassing last year's total.

A report, photographs and financial breakdown of the event can be found in the latest Village News (see adjacent item).

13/7/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The July Policing Bulletin covering this area has been issued.

3/7/14

Peal Attempt on Pillaton Bells

There will be an attempt to ring a full peal on Pillaton bells on Saturday 5 July, commencing at 10 am, to celebrate the wedding of a local ringer's daughter. If successful, this will last for about three hours. Those sufficiently knowledgeable about campanology might like to know that the peal will be of eight spliced surprise major methods (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, London and Bristol).

Richard Warwick

National Gardens Scheme Thanks . . . and How About Next Year?!



A thank you message has been received from the organisers of the successful National Gardens Scheme open day but they are already planning for next year's event and are looking for others to join them. See Opening Your Garden to the Public

3/7/14

June Rainfall



Although we had a mainly sunny June, there was still 58mm of rain over the month.

See Rainfall Figures for more detail.

3/7/14

Notice of Plan to Move Goal Posts in Playing Field

If you have any objections to the Plan to Move Goal Posts in Playing Field, you should notify the Clerk of the Council as detailed within 14 days.

20/6/14

Warning of Countrywide Telephone Scam

We have received notice from the Devon and Cornwall Community Police regarding a Countrywide Telephone Scam. Please take a few moments to read this so that you do not fall victim to it.

16/6/14

Pillaton from the Air (1972)



We have received a copy of another old photograph that many of you will enjoy seeing. This time a shot from above taken in August 1972. Pillaton from the Air (1972)

12/6/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The June Policing Bulletin covering this area has been issued. It includes some tips on security that are worth noting.

12/6/14

May Rainfall



May turned out to be the wettest we have had in the past four years, but only by a couple of millimetres.

See Rainfall Figures for more detail.

4/6/14

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The May edition of the Pillaton Village News is now available. There are plenty of interesting items of local interest to read about.

Links to copies of the Pillaton Village News published in the last four years or so can be found on the Village News page.

18/5/14

Some More Old Photos



The old photographs that were published on the site recently have aroused interest and resulted in some additional ones being sent in of Pillaton in the snow. These were taken by Graham Bridle in January 1985. Our thanks to Sheila for providing them.

7/5/14

Thanks from the Quizmasters

A message has been received from the organisers of the successful '1970s and 1980s Quiz' held a few days ago in the village. As you can see in Quiz Thanks Letter, there was an excellent response to this event held in support of two charities, Moorfields Eye Hospital and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

28/4/14

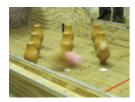
Another Photo from Pillaton's Past



Dave Joslin has sent us another photograph from the 1950s. This time it is of the pupils at St Mellion County Primary School and probably dates from around 1957. Following the closure of Pillaton's school in the early 1950s, the one in St Mellion became the nearest and logical choice for children from the village to attend, and has continued thus to this day.

See if you recognise the children or the names on the St Mellion School Photo (ca 1957) page.

Skittles League Meal and Presentations



The Skittles Presentation Night was held on Saturday 12th April and was attended by 41 people. As usual a delicious meal was cooked and served by Shirley Floyd ably assisted by Dave.

See 2013-2014 Final Positions and Report for more details and the final league positions.

12/4/14

Update on Old Photos of Pillaton



This is a follow up to the item from Dave Joslin published below as "Old Photos of Pillaton

Joyce Moore and Roy Warne, who were in the Cricket match, have now seen the photograph and identified the others there. Many thanks to both of them for doing this.

See the photo and names on the Pillaton Coronation Cricket Match (1953) page.

7/4/14

PAAC Exhibition



A very successful Exhibition was held in the Village Hall by the Pillaton Arts and Craft Group on 5th April. PAAC Exhibition photographs

7/4/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The Saltash April Policing Bulletin covering this area has been issued.

7/4/14

March Rainfall

March was much drier than the previous three months. See the latest rainfall figures for details.

1/4/14

Pillaton Garden Club Spring Show



The annual Spring Show was held at the end of March. See Spring Show 2014 for report and photographs.

Old Photos of Pillaton



Many thanks to Dave Joslin, former village resident during the 1950s, who has emailed in two photographs taken in that period. One is of High Kernock as it was when he started living there. The other was taken at the Coronation cricket match between the women and the men of the village (1953). He comments:

"One of my activities was the scorer for the cricket team and Roy Warne was the wicket keeper. . . . the photos may jog some memories as I have a job to identify those in the 1953 Coronation cricket match. My mother was one of the women and the only ones I can recognise now are Laurence Pearce, Don Irwin and Roy Warne."

If anyone can identify any of the faces in the photo (click on the thumbnail image above for a larger version), could they please get in touch and let us know using the contact link at the bottom of the page.

You can see both photos in the Gallery section Days Gone By

23/3/14

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The March edition of the Pillaton Village News is now available. As always, there are lots of items of local interest to catch up on.

Links to copies of the Pillaton Village News published in the last four years or so can be found on the Village News page.

22/3/14

BBC Searching for 'Interesting Homes'



BBC One is looking for people who live in interesting homes across Cornwall and would be happy to try a home swap holiday for a new TV series. More details about the BBC Home Swap.

21/3/14

The Merry Bellringers

At the recent Pillaton ringers' AGM, held in the Weary Friar, Richard Warwick (the Tower Captain) appended to his report an item relating to an incident involving bell ringers here nearly 200 years ago. Although treated seriously at the time, from this distance it is easy to see the funny side of things. See The Merry Bell-Ringers for a snapshot of life in 1819.

18/3/14

Letters from EnZed

Another installment from our correspondent in New Zealand.

Unfortunately, because of a mix up with emails, this did not reach Robin in time for inclusion in the recent Pillaton Village News so can be seen in the link below.

Letters from EnZed

Handbell Ringers' Success



Our local Handbell ringers were awarded a first place at the Cornwall Music Festival in Truro at the weekend. You can see a photograph of the winning team and read about their success in Handbell News.

15/3/14

Vosper Family History Request

Can you help? We have had a request from the USA for family history information about the Vospers who lived in and around Pillaton from the 1700s to early 1900s. See Searching for the Past for some background and contact details.

12/3/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The March Policing Bulletin covering this area has been published.

4/3/14

World War 1 Commemoration Committee

A local committee has recently been established with the objective of providing a lasting commemoration of World War 1 and its fundamental social consequences for our community. For details of intentions and contacts, see World War 1 Commemorations.

2/3/14

February Rainfall

Strong winds and plenty of rain in February. See the latest rainfall figures for details.

1/3/14

Tamar Valley Health Patient Participation Group

Don King has passed on details of our local Patient Participation Group. The Group meets on a regular basis to discuss the services on offer at Callington and Gunnislake Health Centres and how improvements can be made for the benefit of patients and the Practice. More details and dates of the next two meetings can be found in Tamar Valley Health Patient Participation Group.

25/2/14

Peal Attempt on Pillaton Bells

We have received notice as follows from Richard about bell ringing on Saturday at St Odulphus.

On Saturday the 8th of February a visiting band of ringers will be attempting a full peal of Belfast Surprise Major on Pillaton bells. This will commence at 10 am. and, if successful, will last for about three hours. Belfast is one of the most difficult methods, requiring uninterrupted concentration, and so please do not disturb the ringers.

Richard Warwick (who will not be ringing himself - much too difficult for me!)

6/2/14

January Rainfall



As if December wasn't wet enough, we had even more rain in January with over 11" recorded. As a result, January quickly supplanted December as the wettest single month we have had in the past three years or so, with 283mm (11.14") of rain. Fortunately, in the main, we have not had local flooding as has been seen in Somerset and other parts of the UK. See the latest rainfall figures for more detail.

2/2/14

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The January edition of the Pillaton Village News is now available, packed full with articles and information:

'A Pillaton Family' is about the Pearce Family and covers a period from the mid 1800s. There are second installments of Nigel Beal's 'Letter from En Zed' and Luke Taylor's 'Youth Point of View', a report on the 'Living Churchyard Project', regulars such as 'Fruit Case' and much more.

It is recommended reading for anyone interested in what is going on in and around Pillaton. Items that appear in the Village News do not always feature as separate web pages on this site so make sure you download your copy today.

Previous issues of the magazine can be accessed from the Village News page.

21/1/14

Cycle Way Linking Callington with Carkeel

We have received the following item of interest from the St Mellion Parish Council.

Over the last few months, St Mellion PC has been discussing a formal cycle route to link Callington (and Gunnislake beyond) with Carkeel (and/or the proposed development at Broadmoor Farm). Cllr. Steve Crook has produced a draft proposal which the PC intends to send to Sustrans at Cornwall Council for their views. Before we do this, however, we'd appreciate the input of adjacent areas.

The plans can be viewed at the following link but be warned it is a largish file (ca 4.5Mb). Cycle way linking Callington with Carkeel

If you have any comments about the plans, please contact the St. Mellion Parish Council

16/1/14

Police Community Support Officer Messgages

Two messages of interest have been received recently from Andrew Halls, a local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) based in Saltash Police Station. Click on the links below for more.

Door-to-Door Sales Warning

Local Crime Report

15/1/14

Solar Farm Community Funds

The Solar Farm Community Fund supports community projects within a six mile radius of Howton Solar Farm. A report on the significant grants that have been allocated from this fund during 2013 can be seen in the Solar Farm Community Funds -

2013 Grants Report.

15/1/14

Saltash Policing Team Monthly Bulletin

The latest Saltash January Policing Bulletin for this area is now out. There is an item on the possible link between cyberstalking and domestic abuse. The information people put on the internet can be used by partners or ex-partners when trying to victimise them. Also a plea to keep a look out for suspicious activity. Someone in the Liskeard and Callington area has been stealing large items such as propane gas bottles and field gates.

15/1/14

December Rainfall



December turned out to be the wettest for the last three years (ie. since rainfall records have been kept by Brian Hutfield). Fortunately it was not enough to make 2013 wetter than 2012 although at times it seemed to be trying hard. It ended up by being the wettest single month we have had over that three year span with 261mm (over 10.25") of rain. See the latest rainfall figures for more detail.

12/1/14 News Archives

Contact Us

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