

Pillaton Village News

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Parish of St Mellion-with-Pillaton HARVEST 2025

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Harvest Praise Family Service**

**St Odulph's Church at 10.00 am**

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Monday 6th October

Harvest Supper and Auction

in the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30 pm

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**Glass of wine & supper of pasty and pudding**

**£5 (on the door) (Feel free to bring own drink)**

*Donations of puddings & sweets for the supper and contributions of good quality bric-a-brac for the auction, together with cakes, vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants, jams and pickles would be gratefully received.*

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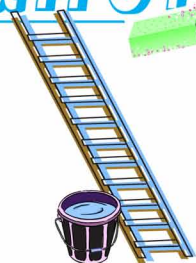
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Away from Pillaton its hard to be optimistic about things, Gaza, Ukraine, immigration, protests, the economy and now a run of Government resignations and sackings over assorted misdemeanours.

Politicians getting into "difficulty" is not a new phenomenon, usually down to such things as expenses fiddles, tax avoidance and sexual impropriety. Sadly, it is something the public has almost come to expect. You only have to look back to the 1960s and the Profumo scandal. The one thing that has changed is the frequency, probably due to greater scrutiny through social media comment and 24 hour news reporting. No political party seems to have a monopoly over such indiscretions. I seem to remember the Lib Dems having an issue with one of the Cheeky Girls. The Tories have had their fair share of scandals over the years, John Major's affair with Edwina Curry, Neil Hamilton's 'cash for questions' libel case, various honourable members exposing themselves online in moments of madness, and of course Boris Johnson's choices over wallpaper and Partygate. Now the Labour party is coming up hard on the rails, with Peter Mandelson scoring a hat trick of career resignations/sackings and the loss of the deputy prime minister, amongst others.

But, returning to a hopefully scandal free and more peaceful Pillaton, there are a number of events planned for this autumn. The Harvest Festival is on 6<sup>th</sup> October, followed by the annual Pumpkin Festival entering its twelfth year, at the end of the month. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November a Village Fireworks Night is planned for the Village Hall, and a Christmas Tree Festival in early December.

Finally in February, another Murder Mystery will take place in the Village Hall. Perhaps we should be worried, that Pillaton is becoming another Midsomer.

The next copy date is Monday 10 November - full details on page 23.

*Robin Dwane, Editor*

**Another Murder Mystery.....  
on Valentines Day**

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**Pillaton Village Hall**

***Saturday 14 February 2026 from 7:00 pm***

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or 07972 817086 for tickets**



Tamar Arts and Drama Association

## PROCEEDINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

PRESENT Councillor Dolley (Chairman) Councillors: Floyd, Johnson, Bunkum, Bridgman, Moore & Warne (Vice Chair) Also in attendance: Christopher Cook - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO and Cornwall County Councillor Jim Gale.

### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Cllr Dolley (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were also present.

Mention was made that the Clapper Bridge coping stones had not been replaced. The Chairman advised that Cormac Highways were not responsible and that repairs may not take place until early 2026. Cornwall Cllr Gale advised that it is the 'Bridges' section of Cornwall Highways who are specifically tasked with carrying out the repairs in question.

APOLOGIES None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

### MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 1 July 2025 were approved.

### MATTERS ARISING

One minor amendment – date of next Village Hall Committee meeting amended to read 22 October 2025.

### REPORT BY CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JAMES GALE

Cllr Gale gave a further update as follows:

Launceston minor injuries unit now open 4 days a week

Solar Farm consultation 126 hectares – consultation in progress.

Cornwall Independence – suggest that the matter goes to residents' Referendum.

Blunts social/assisted housing scheme – under review but not suitable for the area.

Highways safety issues A390 – safety notices to be placed between Callington and Liskeard.

### FINANCE

Payments The Council approved the following payments: Clerk's salary (Jul/Aug) £300, Chairman expenses £14.90, Code of conduct training £195, Bank charges £8.50.

### PLANNING

One application awaiting decision,

PA25/05087 Smeaton Farm - construction of agricultural building.

Validated 30 July 2025. Pending decision by Cornwall Council.

## CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Recreation Field Maintenance The Chairman) & Cllr Bridgman had attended to the repair and maintenance of the swing bolts and nuts. The play train will be decommissioned and removed. The slide is due for refurbishment. These action points will meet the requirements of the annual ROSPA report.

## COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Defibrillator The Bleed kit used for demonstration purposes to be returned to Duchy Defibrillators.

Fly Tipping No further incidents.

Playground Equipment Cllr Johnson advised that a Quiz Night was planned for 6 September 2025 with funds raised going towards play equipment improvements. The Village Hall CIO Committee were willing to inject 50% match funding for the new goalposts costed at £400, with the other 50% to come from the Parish Council. Councillors agreed that the funds raised at the quiz night would be used to offset the goalposts costs.

Mention was made of a replacement play activity centre which would cost between £7,000 and £10,000. Cllr Johnson volunteered to look at funding streams in due course, following regenerating the joint Parish Council / Village Hall, but independent Playing Field Support Group (PFSG). The Village Hall CIO Committee appears mindful of contributing to the funding project with a view to a down payment being made to the (PFSG). All agreed with this action in principle.

CyberCrime Awareness A Cybercrime presentation by Devon & Cornwall Police to be held in the Village Hall is planned for 24 September.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) Cllr Johnson advised that whilst the Parish Council may have no wish to further the Neighbourhood Development Plan, further consideration of the new policy may be necessary, and volunteered to attend the online presentation on the 30 September. The presentation would include an update on latest Planning changes, and Neighbourhood Planning generally which would include the latest on the (NPS) pilot scheme and how to get started.

## CLERK'S ITEMS

Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) Membership Councillors discussed the merits of the annual membership subscription and agreed to consider subscribing from 1 April 2026, when the membership fee would have been budgeted for in the 2026/27 budget process. Councillors would also consider making a S.137 payment. The Parish Clerk to advise Cornwall ALC Limited.

Website The Parish Council agreed to renew Domain name.

Draft Budget/Precept 2026/2027 (Review 7 October 2025) Councillors noted.

*Editor's Note - These are abbreviated notes on the proceedings of Pillaton Parish Council meetings; full versions of the draft minutes from each meetings can be found on the village website.*

# PILLATON GARDENING CLUB SUMMER SHOW



On the 6<sup>th</sup> September Pillaton Gardening Club held another very successful Summer Show, showcasing the flowers, fruit, vegetables and arts and crafts for which this village can be proud of.

As a veg grower I know this year has been particularly difficult with the very wet start to the year, to the prolonged dry spells and mini heat waves during the summer and early Autumn. The Vegetable section entries though, were almost as good as previous years though a little down on entry numbers. However, it was a glorious year for fruit, as shown at the event with wonderful, multiple entries for cooking and eating apples, pears and plums.





The new Photography judge we had this year was very complimentary of the standard of photographs and thought that had gone into the photographs to emphasise the category requirements chosen for the photos.

Likewise, the needlecraft and Floral displays were excellent, I particularly liked the crocheted figurines and the vibrant colours in the floral displays.

It was pleasing to have 10 different children this year showing their skills with cooking, writing and art exhibits.

Thank you all for your support to the Show. In all there were 34 adults and 10 children with a total of around 550 entries into the show. Kathryn Bunkum, one of the Show's founder members gave out the Trophies to the winners as listed overleaf.

Finally, I have to thank all the Garden Club Committee members for their hard work and commitment to the show and in particular Carole Hoskin as the major driving force and Maire Warwick for sorting out all the points scored over all the classes to determine the trophy winners. Also, I wish to thank all our judges who gave up their time to judge our exhibits.

Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the Shows creation, so we will be looking at special classes to celebrate this event.

*Ian Edwards, Chairman Gardening Club*



*Images courtesy Tracy Kennedy & Ian Edwards*



## SUMMER SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

Kernock Park Nurseries Shield  
Rose Peter's Cup for Cut Flowers  
Horticultural Cup for Pot Plants  
Kathryn Bunkum Cp for Vegetables  
J. Hubbard Cup for Leeks  
W.E. Lucas Cup for Herbs  
Clare Druitt Cup for Fruit  
Ken Beal Shield for Handicraft  
The Howarth Trophy for Needlecraft  
Peter Hicks Plate for Art  
Gymkhana Association Cup for Floral Art  
Davina Beal Cup for Cookery  
WI Rose Bowl for Preserves  
WI Silver Vase for Best Jam Sponge  
VNA Symons Trophy for Wine  
Pillaton Wives Group Cup for Junior Photography  
Greta Jope Cup for Photography  
Headmasters Cup for Juniors Sections  
Rose Peter's Shield for Children's Cookery  
The Newton Ferrers Cup for Best Pot Plant  
J & T Dolley for Family gaining most points  
Rose and John Memorial Trophy for Best Veg Collection

Clare Page  
Clare Page  
Clare Page  
Ian Edwards  
John Archer  
Shirley Floyd  
Ian Edwards  
Helen Edwards  
Helen Edwards  
Alison Downing  
Kirsy Mims  
Shirley Floyd  
Ian Edwards  
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# Save the Date

## **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**



- 5.30pm Start
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- Licensed Bar

Pillaton Village Hall Presents

## **Village Fireworks Night**

Any profits made will go  
towards improvements in  
the playground equipment



# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

A date for your diary!

This year the Friends of St Odulph will be organising the Christmas Tree Festival to raise money for our village church.

The Grand Opening will be on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** between 3.30 and 5.30pm and will include mulled wine, mince pies and cake.

Soft refreshments will also be available. Our very own 'Pillatones' will be singing Carols.

To be eco-friendly and imaginative the theme for this year will be:

Make do, Mend, Manufacture

Any group, family or individual can enter a Christmas Tree.

Trees can be made of anything reflecting the theme but should be in a recognisable tree shape, either two or three dimensional, hanging or free standing.

Maximum size 6' tall and 2.6' wide (1.8m x 0.7m). There is no minimum size and little trees are welcome.

Any lights used must be battery operated as there are few power points in the church. Timers would be useful.

Please do not include decorations of monetary or sentimental value as the church is open during daylight hours and the display will not be stewarded.

The entry fee for each tree is £5 for clubs and organisations and £3 for families. Children's entries are free.

Setting up will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and before 2.00pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Please register your entry by 30 November with Francesca at: [cfj.woodman@btinternet.com](mailto:cfj.woodman@btinternet.com)



# PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Pillaton Village Hall



Watch out for more details

## SKITTLES LEAGUE

The new 2025/26 Skittles League gets under way on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October and the full fixture list is given below. Prior to that we will be holding a Skittles Social on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 7.00 pm in the village hall. Snacks will be provided but bring your own drinks. Cost for the evening is £2.50 per person. Teams are always looking for new members so please come along and if you enjoy the evening, we can put you in touch with team captains.

*Maggie Bruton*

### PILLATON SKITTLES LEAGUE FIXTURES 2025/26

#### 2025

|                      |                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 16 October  | Knackered Monks -v- Wild Indians<br>The Mavericks -v- Wild Indians<br>Knackered Monks -v- Hillbillies |
| Thursday 13 November | Hillbillies -v- Knackered Monks<br>The Mavericks -v- Wild Indians<br>Hillbillies -v- The Mavericks    |
| Thursday 4 December  | The Mavericks -v- Knackered Monks<br>Hillbillies -v- Wild Indians<br>Knackered Monks -v- Wild Indians |

#### 2026

|                      |                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 15 January  | Knackered Monks -v- The Mavericks<br>Hillbillies -v- Wild Indians<br>The Mavericks -v- Hillbillies     |
| Thursday 12 February | Hillbillies -v- Wild Indians<br>The Mavericks -v- Hillbillies<br>Knackered Monks -v- Wild Indians      |
| Saturday 12 March    | The Mavericks -v- Wild Indians<br>Knackered Monks -v- Hillbillies<br>Knackered Monks -v- The Mavericks |

# HOWTON SOLAR FARM FUND

## 12 YEARS OF GIVING

Since 2013, the Howton Solar Farm Fund has distributed over £395,000 to 105 community projects in Pillaton, Landrake & St Erney, St Mellion, St Dominick and Saltash. These projects have reached 29,658 people over this period.

The fund balances immediate community needs with long-term sustainability, creating lasting infrastructure improvements whilst addressing social isolation, youth development, and environmental consciousness. Strong community engagement, volunteer involvement, and local fundraising contributions ensured sustainable impact across diverse demographic groups throughout the region.

- **Community facilities** were improved with 67 awards. Multiple village halls received critical support for roof replacements, accessibility improvements, and energy-efficient upgrades including solar panels and battery storage systems.
- **Youth projects** were supported through improved outdoor learning spaces, recording studios, wildlife monitoring systems, and skills development programmes.
- **Health and wellbeing** projects addressed rural isolation challenges through telephone befriending services, dementia-friendly nature hubs, and community counselling provision.
- **Heritage and culture** projects preserved local history through various commemorative projects engaging thousands of participants. Cultural events, including VE Day celebrations and community arts programmes, strengthened social cohesion.
- **Environmental conservation** featured prominently with biodiversity projects, community gardens, and habitat monitoring programmes engaging young people in conservation activities.

Examples of the grants awarded include the Tamar Canoe Association (3 awards totalling £12,150 since 2017), St Dominic Community Shop (3 awards totalling £13,300 since 2020), The Core Youth and Community Centre in Saltash (5 awards totalling £15,790 since 2016) and the Livewire Youth Project (5 awards totalling £26,349 since 2013). Closer to home the Pillaton and St Mellion Handbell Ringers, Pillaton Arts and Crafts Society, Pillaton Playing Field Support Group, Pillaton Village Hall Committee, Pillaton World War One, Commemoration Group. St Mellion C of E Primary School, St. Mellion with Pillaton Parochial Church Council have all received grants over the last 12 years.

**Background of the fund:** The Howton Solar Farm Fund was initiated in July 2011 under the kind direction of John and Jacqueline Moss of Howton Farm. The Fund was set up when creating a solar farm on the land at Howton Farm, which is currently run in partnership with Lightsource BP. The fund supports projects within a 6-mile radius of the farm and was created to benefit the local community.

Cornwall Community Foundation accepts applications for the fund which are then reviewed by a local decision making panel. The panel is made up of five locals, Dave Dolley Chairman, Roger Warne, Paul Holt, Graham Moore, Raymond Mingo, three of whom have sat on the panel since the very beginning. They are keen to see the local community thrive and understand the importance of creating a positive environment for all living in the area. John Moss has said, "We are very proud and have a sense of satisfaction of this fund's achievements."

**Fund criteria:** Supporting community projects in the areas of Pillaton, Landrake & St Erney, St Mellion, St Dominick and Saltash. Projects with an educational element or awareness of reducing their carbon footprint may be given priority.

You must spend your grant on improving the sustainability and/or carbon footprint of your organisation or the community. Projects including an educational element will be looked upon favourably. Your project must be completed within one year of the grant offer unless agreed otherwise. This fund will not fund restoration works to any Churches or wages. The average grant is £1,000 - £5,000 although on occasion more may be granted.

**Timeline:** Applications open in January 2026, with awards made in April 2026.

For more information, please see: [www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com](http://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com)

Please contact Grants Officer, Lucy de Glanville, for more information:

[Lucy.deglanville@cornwallfoundation.com](mailto:Lucy.deglanville@cornwallfoundation.com)

## WEARY FRIAR COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us for tea, coffee, cake and chat.

A fabulous opportunity for village locals of all ages, to get together in a warm, friendly environment with no strings attached, though donations of cake are most welcome!

See below for list of future coffee mornings.

All dates 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October*

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December*





## FREE CYBERCRIME AWARENESS PRESENTATION BY DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE

**PILLATON VILLAGE HALL**

**1800 WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Devon and Cornwall Police offer free Cybercrime awareness presentations to businesses, charities, public sector organisations and local community groups. These face-to-face presentations are designed to raise general awareness concerning on-line crime and promote the many preventative measures that are available for individuals and organisations to take, and so help protect them from becoming a Cybercrime victim.

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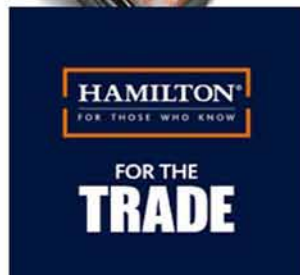
### **Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Winners**

| Date       | Amount | Number | Winner      |
|------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| 5 May 2025 | £105   | 18     | Jim Bennet  |
| 2 Jun 2025 | £105   | 61     | Jan Simms   |
| 7 Jul 2025 | £106   | 41     | Neil Bonner |
| 4 Aug 2025 | £106   | 9      | Nikki Beal  |
| 1 Sep 2025 | £106   | 109    | Kirsty Mims |

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## **CHURCH DIARY**

### **ST. MELLION-with-PILLATON and ST DOMINIC**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>DAY</b>  | <b>SERVICE/EVENT</b> |                                                    | <b>CHURCH</b>   |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 21 Sep      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | Pillaton        |
| 23 Sep      | Tuesday     | 0930                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Dominic      |
| 28 Sep      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Contemporary Celtic Worship                        | St Dominic      |
|             |             | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Mellion      |
| 05 Oct      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Harvest Praise Family Service                      | Pillaton        |
|             |             | 1800                 | Cornish Evening Prayer                             | Halton Quay     |
| 06 Oct      | Monday      | 1930                 | Harvest Supper                                     | Pillaton        |
| 07 Oct      | Tuesday     | 0930                 | Holy Communion                                     | Pillaton        |
| 12 Oct      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Morning Praise                                     | St Mellion      |
|             |             | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Dominic      |
| 19 Oct      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | Pillaton        |
| 21 Oct      | Tuesday     | 0930                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Mellion      |
| 26 Oct      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Mellion      |
|             |             | 1000                 | Contemporary Celtic Worship                        | St Dominic      |
| 28 Oct      | Tuesday     | 0930                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Dominic      |
| 02 Nov      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Morning Praise                                     | Pillaton        |
|             |             | 1500                 | Cornish Evening Prayer                             | Halton Quay     |
| 04 Nov      | Tuesday     | 1030                 | Holy Communion                                     | Pillaton        |
| 09 Nov      | Remembrance | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Dominic      |
|             | Sunday      | 1050                 | Act of Remembrance                                 | St Dominic      |
|             |             | 1015                 | Morning Praise                                     | Pillaton        |
|             |             | 1050                 | Act of Remembrance                                 | Pillaton        |
|             |             | 1030                 | Morning Praise                                     | St Mellion      |
|             |             | 1050                 | Act of Remembrance                                 | St Mellion      |
| 16 Nov      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | Pillaton        |
| 18 Nov      | Tuesday     | 0930                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Mellion      |
| 23 Nov      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Mellion      |
|             |             | 1000                 | Contemporary Celtic Worship                        | St Dominic      |
| 25 Nov      | Tuesday     | 0930                 | Holy Communion                                     | St Dominic      |
| 30 Nov      | Sunday      | 1000                 | Joint Benefice Service<br><i>(to be confirmed)</i> | Stoke Climsland |

## **BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS**

Oversight Minister - Revd. Andy Atkins

Email address: kithillvicar@gmail.com      Tel: 01822 762335

For all matters concerning the church, timings of services, and enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, and funerals, visit the Benefice website at:

***[www.sites.google.com/tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice](http://www.sites.google.com/tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice)***

## WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

|            |                |            |                |
|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Wed 17 Sep | Food/Rubbish   | Tue 28 Oct | Garden Waste   |
| Wed 24 Sep | Food/Recycling | Wed 29 Oct | Food/Rubbish   |
| Tue 30 Sep | Garden Waste   | Wed 5 Nov  | Food/Recycling |
| Wed 1 Oct  | Food/ Rubbish  | Tue 11 Nov | Garden Waste   |
| Wed 8 Oct  | Food/Recycling | Wed 12 Nov | Food/Rubbish   |
| Tue 14 Oct | Garden Waste   | Wed 19 Nov | Food/Recycling |
| Wed 15 Oct | Food/Rubbish   | Tue 25 Nov | Garden Waste   |
| Wed 22 Oct | Food/Recycling | Wed 26 Nov | Food/Rubbish   |

## Pillaton Village Diary

|            |                                                                      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 20 Sep | Skittles Social, Pillaton Village Hall                               |
| Mon 22 Sep | Coffee Morning, Weary Friar                                          |
| Wed 24 Sep | Cybercrime Awareness Presentation, D&C Police, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Mon 6 Oct  | Harvest Supper, Pillaton Village Hall                                |
| Mon 6 Oct  | Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw                                  |
| Tue 7 Oct  | Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall                        |
| Thu 16 Oct | Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall                               |
| Fri 24 Oct | Coffee Morning, Weary Friar                                          |
| Sun 26 Oct | Pumpkin Festival, Village Hall                                       |
| Sat 1 Nov  | Quiz, Weary Friar                                                    |
| Mon 3 Nov  | Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw                                  |
| Tue 4 Nov  | Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall                        |
| Fri 7 Nov  | Village Fireworks Night,                                             |
| Thu 13 Nov | Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall                               |
| Mon 24 Nov | Coffee Morning, Weary Friar                                          |
| Thu 4 Dec  | Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall                               |
| Sat 6 Dec  | Christmas Tree Festival, St Odulph's Church                          |
| Fri 12 Dec | Coffee Morning, Weary Friar                                          |
| Sat 14 Feb | Murder Mystery Evening, Pillaton Village Hall                        |

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## Upcoming Events

### Wedding Open Days

Save the dates & join us at our award-winning venue for our upcoming wedding open days!

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September | 5-8pm**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October | 11am-3pm**

### Charity Coffee Morning

Coffee, cake, and a great cause! Our annual Charity Coffee Morning returns in aid of The Mustard Tree Macmillan Cancer Support Centre on...

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30am-2pm.**

### Wreath Making Workshops

Create your own natural wreath ready to display on your doors this Christmas! Join us for a cosy afternoon or evening with friends filled with festive treats and joy!

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov | starts 6:30pm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov | starts 2pm**

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, from 6.30pm. Book now ~ Tickets £35pp (includes 2 course set meal & tribute act)

### **Festive Lunches/Dinner & Christmas Day Lunch!**

We know it's only just September however our Festive Dining dates and Christmas Day Lunch sold out so quickly last year!

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