

Pillaton Village News

Issue 242 March 2026

Village website at www.pillaton.org

Village Facebook Group - search for 'Pillaton In Cornwall Facebook Group'

CHURCHYARD BEECH TREE FELLED



The beech tree that had stood for 150 years at the edge of the churchyard, overhanging the road and Village Hall was felled during the second week of March, having become a safety risk due to root disease. This recent view of the church shows the stump is all that's left now. More on pages 12 and 13.

Pillaton Gardening Club

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 21st March 2026

2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

at

Pillaton Village Hall

Including a plant and seed swap

Admission for adults: £1.00

Children free

Refreshments provided

Information and entry forms from Carole Hoskin

01579 350063

(Completed entry forms returned to Carole by Thursday 19th
March 7.00 p.m.)

REMEMBER to put your clocks forward.
British Summer Time this year begins at
01:00 on Sunday 29th March.



Pillaton Village News

No. 242 March 2026



We have just experienced Cornwall's wettest winter on record. Now I know if it rains on St Swithin's Day on 15 July folklore has it that it will rain for the next 40 days, so perhaps Davina McCall has found a long lost sister Swithia, with even more watery intentions. Certainly, the months of January and February have been particularly dark and grey. If we think it's bad here, it's much worse in Tromsø in the far north of Norway, where they experience around 60 days of twilight/darkness with the sun never rising from late November to mid-January. Not surprisingly when the sun does finally appear on 21 January to rise just above the horizon for a few hours, there is a big celebration, known as Soldagen (the Sun Day).

Fortunately, in the last week or so, we seem to have experienced something of our own Soldagen, with the sky once again returning to that nearly forgotten blue colour with the big yellow disc occasionally visible. Also, I'm not sure whether its down to all that moisture in the ground, the daffodils in the lanes seem much brighter and stronger, or perhaps it's just the contrast to all the dullness that's gone before. Spring must be on the way.

Away from Pillaton, everything is not quite so rosy with the conflict in the Middle East causing rising energy prices, higher interest rates and inflation, not to mention Epstein, the war in Ukraine and problems with the NHS. It's a wonder the government doesn't reissue the "Keep Calm and Carry On" poster. Having said that, on doing a little bit of investigation I was very surprised to discover the 'Keep Calm' poster was never officially issued during the war. It was one of a series of three motivational posters produced in 1939 by the government's Ministry of Information to try and reassure the public in the event of air raids. The other two posters, '*Your Courage, Your Cheerfulness, Your Resolution; Will Bring Us Victory*' and '*Freedom is in Peril; Defend it with all Your Might*,' were both widely distributed in the early months of the war. However, the 'Keep Calm' poster was being kept back in reserve for use if things got really bad, but in April 1940, virtually all the 2.45 million copies printed had to be pulped and recycled due to a serious paper shortage. The poster's fame was only established in 2000 when a long forgotten copy was re-discovered in a bookshop in Alnwick, Northumberland and copies started to be widely printed and marketed.



The next copy date is Monday 4 May - full details on page 23.

Robin Dwane, Editor

PROCEEDINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3 FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENT

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

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Cllr Dolley (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public were also present.

Cllr Johnson offered apologies for Kirsty Mims who intended to provide the Safeguarding training but was incapacitated.

Cllr Johnson, having previously received the necessary training, provided safeguarding training to the Parish Clerk & Councillors, highlighting 5 main aspects.

- What is abuse and neglect?
- Trustees' duties and Safeguarding reporting (See Village Hall Policy)
- Creating a safe culture
- Range of further information
- Conclusion

Cllr Johnson concluded that the Parish Council risk involving safeguarding Council activities was not high and only a medium risk in comparison to the Village Hall Committee and their activities. The Council agreed to add Safeguarding as a standing agenda item for future Parish Council Meetings and thanked Cllr Johnson for his efforts.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Bridgman and Bunkum.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6 January 2026 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

REPORT BY CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JAMES GALE

Cornwall Cllr Gale reported.

- Clapper Bridge fallen trees blocking road following storm Goretta – Cwll Highways informed to request clearance. Also flooding in the area. Marker post to be introduced.

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) draft Policy issued for consultation. The draft excludes Crown properties development. Draft appears slanted towards housing development.
- Solar Farm local developments under review by the Cornwall Council. Generally solar farms will mean a loss of farmland(s).
- Tamar Bridge consultation regarding the increase to admin. Charges under review.
- Cornwall Council Finance budget. Funding reveals a deficit in the budget spread over 3 years.
- Cornwall Councillors voted to retain the ‘Trial by Jury,’ opposing the central Government views.
- Introduction of Car parking charges at Kit Hill under review.

FINANCE

The Council approved the following payments: Clerk’s salary £150, Bank charges £4.25. Total £764.25. In addition, the RFO will settle the contested local elections fee of £2,290.94 with immediate effect under delegated authority.

PLANNING

No new applications.

CHAIRMAN’S ITEMS

Recreation Field maintenance Cllr Dolley (Chairman) reported that minor repairs had been completed to equipment where previously identified. Some equipment needs to be treated with anti-rust solution. The Chairman has purchased two tins of solution at £16 in total. The Activity centre climbing frame is to be dismantled.

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Defibrillator No further report.

Fly Tipping No significant fly-tipping to report.

Playground equipment Cllr Johnson advised that the Pillaton Playing Field support Group were submitting an Expressions of Interest Form (EOI) to apply for grant funding to finance the replacement play centre equipment. The estimated replacement cost of a new Activity Centre is £17,500, of which £3,000 has been raised to date. A Solar Farm grant is currently being prepared. Cllr Gale (Cornwall Cllr) advised that a (CIL) EOI request could be made directly through him as part of the funding available under the Community Improvement Programme 2026/29.

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.

VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE VACANCY

Love living in Pillaton? Would you like to help keep our special community alive? Energy, enthusiasm and ideas? You are just the person we need to join our small team of trustees responsible for maintaining Pillaton Village Hall, managing hall bookings and organising social events.

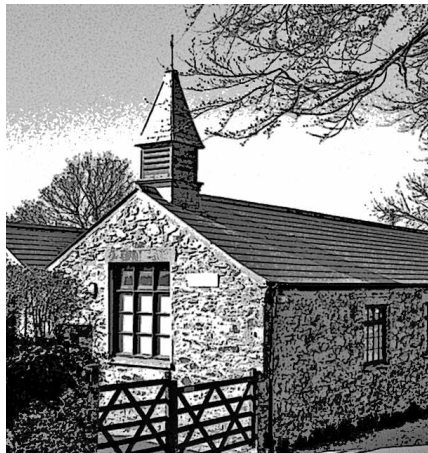
The Village Hall was built as the village school and saved for the village to use as a community centre when the school closed in the 1950s. It is managed by a Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) set up in 2017, which means the Trustees can feel safe knowing they bear no personal financial liability.

If you join our team, you'll be one of 12 trustees who try to keep the hall well maintained and financially viable. If you are interested in this vacancy and need further information, please contact:

Matt Roser at email: matt.rosier@plymouth.ac.uk

Or mobile: 07942 086798

Please submit applications to Matt Roser by letter to ('Kenberley', off Barton Meadow) or email as above by Friday 10 April.



*Registered Charity in England and Wales
No. 1171103*

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL CIO - REGISTERED CHARITY

If you want find out more about the Pillaton Village Hall CIO (*Charitable Incorporated Organization*), full details, including annual reports, accounts and names of trustees are published online by the the Charity Commission of England and Wales go to:

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/5089715>

or simply enter "Pillaton Village Hall CIO" into Google.

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 16th March

Friday 24th April

Monday 18th May

Friday 19th June

Monday 13th July

Friday 21st August

Monday 21st September

Friday 23rd October

Monday 23rd November

Friday 11th December

Jen Stroud
PHYSIOTHERAPY

PERSONAL AND HOLISTIC CARE **PHYSIOTHERAPY**
FOR PAIN AND WELLBEING **ADULT REHAB**
WOMEN'S HEALTH

Jen Stroud - Specialist Musculoskeletal and Women's Health Physiotherapist

Musculoskeletal physiotherapy for all injuries & pain — back, neck, shoulder, hip, knee & more

Acupuncture for pain and tension

Manual therapy for movement and pain

Lymphatouch for swelling & scars

Shockwave therapy for soft tissue pains

Women's Health: Mummy MOT,

Pelvic Health Physiotherapy

Pessary Fitting

Scar therapy

Holly Cummings - Specialist Adult Rehabilitation Physiotherapist Home Visit Service

Rehab after illness, surgery, falls, long hospital stay - get your confidence and your life back!

Covering East Cornwall, Plymouth and West Devon. Travel charges may apply.

**Get in touch, we'd love to help you...
07889952759**

**hello@jenstroudphysiotherapy.co.uk
www.jenstroudphysiotherapy.co.uk**

THE CHERRY FEAST 2026

**Sunday 5th July | 12 noon – 4pm,
Bush Farm, near Pillaton**

The Cherry Feast Committee have started the planning of the 2026 Cherry Feast! Please put the date in your diaries now and if anyone is available to help in advance and/or on the day then please get in touch.




The Cherry Feast is a traditional village fete with stalls, teas & cake, BBQ, entertainment, vintage tractors and a Dog Show – all in support of the Fabric Fund for St Mellion & Pillaton's Grade I listed churches.

WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

If anyone can help sell **RAFFLE TICKETS** at the Tamar View Garden Centre at weekends from the end of May through June then please do get in touch – even if it's only for an hour. Every little bit of help is gratefully received!






TWO OF THE PRIZE WINNING TICKETS LAST YEAR WERE BOUGHT AT THE GARDEN CENTRE!

MORE HELP IS NEEDED FOR:

-  **Setup:** Friday evening, 3rd July – marquees & tents
-  **On the Day:** Run stalls, serve teas, help with parking
-  **Afterwards:** Help clear up

AND

WE WOULD LOVE DONATIONS FOR:

-  Cake Stall |  Book Stall |  Plant Stall
-  Pretty Things |  Wine Wheel |  Tea Tent

 **To get involved and for more information,**
please contact Kirsty Mims:

**07796 315861/01579350024 | or
email kirsteen.agutter@outlook.com**

WHAT DOES THE CHERRY FEAST SUPPORT?

Money raised through the Cherry Feast goes to the St Mellion with Pillaton PCC Fabric Fund, which pays for work that's required on our two Grade 1 Listed church buildings in St Mellion and Pillaton.

In a typical year we spend the following on the Fabric fund:

- £1,000 - £2,500 on minor roof repairs
- £500 - £1,500 on electrical work
- £350 to service bells
- £250 to service the organ
- £250 - £500 to maintain lightening conductors
- £250 to maintain fire extinguishers

In 2026/7 we will need to pay for a Quinquennial report on both churches, which is a requirement. The fee for this will be in the region of £5,000 - £6,000. 2025/2026 saw us having to replace a rotten floor in the vestry in St Mellion, which was dangerous, at a cost of £2534.

2026 will see us receive costings for the proposed works to install water and a loo in Pillaton church to make the church a more useable space. We will need a balance in our accounts to enable us to apply for, and hopefully secure, funding for these works.

Other annual costs the PCC has to pay for, just to keep the church open, include:

- £5,500 Insurance
- £2,000 heating costs
- £2,500 music costs
- £1,000 general admin
- £12,000 clergy and diocesan costs

Kirsty Mimms



RCL Services

Garden Maintenance and Carpentry

Trustworthy, Reliable & Hardworking

- Grass cutting
- Hedge Trimming
- Strimming
- Pruning
- Clearance
- Recently qualified carpenter
- General repairs

Also happy to help out as a labourer, extra pair of hands, farm work
Call Ross on **07483 827009** for more information



Your say - for your church!



The Annual Meeting for our churches at St Mellion and Pillaton – St. Melanus and St. Odulph – will take place on

Sunday 3 May 2026 at 11.15am

The meeting will follow the service at St. Odulph church, Pillaton, and is open to everyone to attend.

The church has been part of our community since 1259, and we hope that you will take this chance to show *your* support for *your* church. We look forward to seeing you.



What is the Annual meeting all about?

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) consists of two meetings:

1. **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners** is open to all residents in the ecclesiastical parish of the church and is for the purpose of electing the Churchwardens of the parish. All residents of the parish whose names are entered on the civil Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

2. **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** is open to all residents in the ecclesiastical parish and those on its electoral roll. Only those whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll of the parish church may speak or vote.

If you are not yet on the church electoral roll but would like to be included, please contact Francesca Woodman, our Electoral Roll officer,
email: cfj.woodman@btinternet.com

The APCM hears reports on the church's maintenance and work over the past year, receives the examined or audited accounts, and elects an Electoral Roll member(s) to serve as the parish representative(s) on the Deanery Synod, and other members to the Parochial Church Council.

If you think you are eligible to serve on the Parochial Church Council, or the Deanery Synod, please consider putting your name forward. We meet about 6-8 times per year, in the evening, so the work isn't too onerous.

We are also looking for a Churchwarden for St. Odulph, Again, please consider putting your name forward – we need you!

Please contact Ann Henderson for further information on any of the above, at:
Telephone: 01579 351289, or email: annatpillaton@yahoo.co.uk

Window Cleaner

Est: 1990

ALSO: Conservatory Roofs,
UPVC Fascias, Guttering etc,
Gutter Cleaning & Unblocking

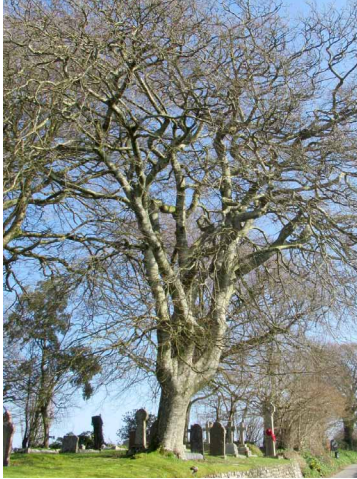
For free quote call Rob on 07990 996886
or 01579 384435



SAD LOSS OF BEECH TREE

During the second week of March, the majestic 150-year old beech tree in the churchyard that overhung the road and Village Hall had to be felled for reasons of safety.

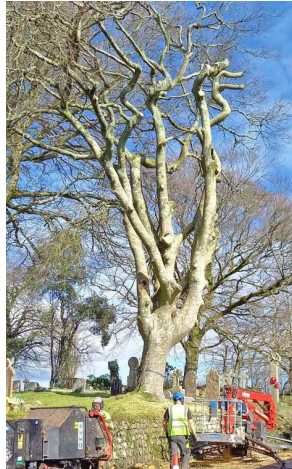
The tree had been closely monitored for a number of years by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) due to concerns about cracking to the trunk and the angle at which it was leaning. A report in 2023 by Keith Rushforth - a leading arboriculturist and



A last view of the the beech tree



The tree was felled over the course of two days.



The honey fungus at the tree's base

tree specialist indicated no immediate action was required, but following further inspection by the PCC in October last year, a substantial fruiting body was noticed at the base of the tree. This was believed to be honey fungus, a destructive root disease of trees known to cause plant death. Keith Rushforth was called in again and in consultation with a mycologist/fungi expert, confirmed the presence of honey fungus. The tree canopy was also showing signs of stress and a marked decline in the crown since the previous visit, indicating spread of the disease. Although the tree “might” last a few more years, given its

position overhanging the Village Hall and the road, its removal was recommended on safety grounds. Therefore, although a magnificent tree was going to be lost, the PCC had little choice but to follow the expert advice due to the danger of the tree falling and causing damage and possible loss of life.

The work to fell the tree was carried out by Tamar Tree Care on

Monday and Tuesday 9th/10th March and cost in the region of £6,000. As this has been unplanned expenditure and cannot be found from routine church income the PCC are looking for financial support through their Beech Tree Appeal. Appeal Forms have been distributed around the village setting out details of how Gift Aided Donations can be made (see below). All donations to the appeal would be most greatly appreciated. The experts have also recommended the monitoring of the other large beech in the churchyard. This tree will have almost certainly become infected too, due to the root systems of the two trees being intertwined. It could be removed now, or left in place with close monitoring, which is the route the PCC have decided to take, but, at some point in the future, it is also likely to need felling.

Beth Bailey

FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND

*A century and a half you stood,
 Shading the graves,
 Marking time and the boundary,
 What changes you have seen,
 A hamlet grow to a village,
 A Royal Oak become a Weary Friar,
 A school transform to a village hall,
 Motor vehicles replace horses,
 Two world wars, Nine lost boys,
 The arrival of electricity,
 A Best Kept Village Award,
 Seven monarchs,
 A myriad of baptisms, weddings,
 and funerals,
 Too young to be Ancient,
 But Notable, on the cusp of Veteran,
 Cut down in your prime,
 By a sweet-sounding killer,
 We mourn your passing,*

Beth Bailey

**ST. MELLION WITH PILLATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
 PILLATON CHURCHYARD BEECH TREE REMOVAL APPEAL**

Cheques payable to "St Mellion with Pillaton PCC."

To: 16 Barton Meadow, Pillaton PL12 6SE

or

www.justgiving.com/stmellion-pillatonpcc (Ref. Beech Tree)

or

BACS payment to ST MELLION WITH PILLATON PCC (Ref. Beech Tree)

SORT CODE 30-96-68 A/C No. 010204709

| <i>Full Name</i> | <i>Address</i> | <i>Treat as Gift Aid (✓)</i> | <i>Amount (Paid)</i> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

1946

This is another in my series of occasional articles looking back over the years, this time going back 80 years to 1946.

WW2 had ended the previous year, a Labour government under the Clement Atlee had come to power, and Britain and the world were coming to terms with the consequences of six years of conflict. The death toll had been enormous, large parts of Europe and Asia lay in ruins, millions of people were displaced, and the perpetrators of the war were facing judgement for their actions at the Nuremberg trials. Politically Winston Churchill in a speech in Missouri prophesied the separation of the world into the Western and Soviet spheres of influence, when he said, "from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent."

In this country servicemen and women were returning to civilian life, many changed forever due to injury and trauma caused by the effects of war, and thousands were mourning the loss of loved ones.

In 1946 the British population still faced austerity with rationing remaining in force, with even bread having to be placed on the ration that June. However, daily life was slowly beginning to return to some semblance of normality after all the wartime restrictions. Professional league football returned after a seven year absence, London Heathrow airport opened to civilian traffic, cinema going in Britain reached an all-time peak of 1,635 million visits and BBC television broadcasting resumed with one downside, the television licence was introduced. Also, something older readers will remember, free milk (1/3 pt) was made available in schools for all pupils.

Many British cities had suffered extensively from German bombing, none more so than Plymouth with its city centre devastated and 1,174 killed during the raids of 1942. Rebuilding became a key priority to house those made homeless, and large numbers of prefabricated house began to be erected around Plymouth including Central Park. Bomb sites were also cleared, to pave the way for a complete remodelling of the city according to plans drawn up by Sir Patrick Abercrombie. Part of the redevelopment plans even included something of a land grab by Plymouth City Council to absorb some 20,581 acres of south east Cornwall into the city. The area extended from Rame Head in the south, all the way to Calstock in the north and included large sections of Pillaton and St Mellion parishes. Fortunately, this proposal to the Boundary Commission was seen off by local opposition and Cornwall County Council. The redevelopment of Plymouth was finally completed in 1962 to give us the city much as we recognise it today.

Back in Pillaton in 1946, concerts, dances and whist drives were regularly being held in the National Schoolroom, now the Village Hall, some on behalf of the local Unionist Association who also organised day trips to Newquay and Teignmouth. The East Cornwall Hunt also continued to meet in the local area. Meanwhile two of the Renfree children, Jimmie aged 13 and sister Mollie (15) from Bush Farm were sweeping all before them at local Gymkhanas. By the end of the season

Gymkhana held at St Mellion in September, Jimmie and Mollie had between them amassed a total of 125 awards (Jimmie 79 and Mollie 46), whilst their cousins from Hatt, Anne (13) and Ena Renfree (11) weren't that far behind with 74 awards.

That February the Pillaton bellringers held a social in honour of the Rev. Richard Hocking who was retiring aged 89, having become Rector of Pillaton back in 1894. he was presented with two silver ashtrays on behalf of grateful parishioners by Mr C O Lucas, the rector's warden.

To conclude on a tragic note, on 18 January there was a suicide at Howton Farm, when William Hawk aged 50, a well known farmer who lived alone at the farm, shot himself with a shotgun. George Cloke who worked for Mr Hawk found the body under some trees, near the pond. The inquest, which was widely reported in the local papers, was held at the Howton farmhouse where the Coroner heard evidence from Mr Cloke and the local doctor. Having dismissed the possibility of an accident and on hearing evidence that Mr Hawk had been feeling depressed the Coroner concluded that he had died due to a self inflicted gunshot wound whilst his mind was temporarily deranged.

Robin Dwane

SKITTLES LEAGUE UPDATE

This season is almost over! That went very quickly. There is only one match left to play on Thursday 19th March and still all to play for; see current league positions.

Finally a note for your diaries, this

year's Skittles Presentation Lunch has been booked for Saturday 18th April.

Maggie Bruton

| PILLATON SKITTLES LEAGUE 2025/26 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|
| TEAM | PLAYED | TO PLAY | SKITTLES | POINTS |
| The Hillbillies | 8 | 1 | 1128 | 41 |
| The Mavericks | 7 | 2 | 992 | 30 |
| Knackered Monks | 7 | 2 | 971 | 28 |
| Wild Indians | 8 | 1 | 974 | 19 |

Registered Charity in England and Wales
no. 1171103



Registered with Cornwall Council in
accordance with Gambling Act 2005 under
number L115_003139

Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Winners

| Date | Amount | Number | Winner |
|------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 5 Jan 2026 | £101 | 58 | Geoff Savage |
| 2 Feb 2026 | £101 | 64 | Les Wyatt |
| 3 Mar 2026 | £101 | 53 | Carole Hoskin |

NEXT DRAW 6 APRIL 2026



PROPERTY CLEANING



- **DOMESTIC CLEANING WORK UNDERTAKEN**
- **WEEKLY HOUSE CLEANS**
- **BATHROOMS AND KITCHENS**
- **RENTAL PROPERTIES BETWEEN TENANTS**
- **BUILD CLEANS**
- **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN LETS**

07837330820

sian.jrproperty@hotmail.com

Nicola Greene

BSc(Hons) Podiatry McHs

HPC Registered Chiropodist/Podiatrist

Home Visit Practice treating all your foot care needs:

- Nail Cutting
- Corns and Calluses
- Thickened Nails
- Dry Cracked Skin
- Foot Pain
- Diabetic Foot Assessments



Contact details: Mobile: 07786164205

E-mail: nicki_greene@yahoo.com



BRUCE SWEEPCLEAN!



PROFESSIONALLY REGISTERED,
RELIABLE CHIMNEY SWEEP



- * Excellent Service
- * 'Mess free' work
- * Roof and Chimney Drone Inspection Service
- * Cowl & Bird Guard Fitting
- * Birds nest/blockages removal
- * Camera Surveys/Stove Installation
- * Chimney & twin wall liners
- * Supply of stoves & accessories

*Appliance and Chimney safety advice
HETAS Registered Sweep and Member of APICS*

Call us now

01579 351478 / 07768 750669

www.brucesweeps-clean.co.uk





OIL HEATING SPECIALISTS:

- Oil Boilers
- AGA & Rayburn
- Servicing
- Repairs
- Installation
- Advice



Reg # 104157



GFG OIL SERVICES

07787 410 987

GFG-OIL-SERVICES.CO.UK



Established in 2002. Callington based cleaning specialist offering carpet, upholstery as well as hard floor cleaning service.

I pride myself in being a friendly and experienced professional who endeavours to produce the best available results every time.

I offer both steam and dry cleaning of carpets and upholstery for both the domestic and commercial markets.

I also specialise in hard floor cleaning, including cleaning and sealing of tiles and grout, and natural stone such as slate, limestone, granite; also modern vinyl's and LVT, including Amtico and Karndean.

National Carpet Cleaners Association Trained & Qualified Member.

FREE QUOTES

Telephone: 07905 188459 or 0800 3893393

e-mail: nevil_fresh@msn.com





AG Accountancy Ltd

AG Accountancy Ltd
Coombe Mill Farm
Pillaton, Saltash
Cornwall PL12 5AN

t: 07554 244417
w: ag-accountancy.co.uk
e: angelo@ag-accountancy.co.uk



aat AAT Licensed Accountant

Licensed and regulated by AAT to provide services in accordance with licence number 1001019

AG Accountancy Ltd. Registered in England and Wales. Company number 12453338. Registered office address: Coombe Mill Farm, Pillaton, Saltash, England, PL12 5AN.


moorland fuels
part of your landscape

Now Delivering Throughout
the Pillaton Area
Call Today! 01837 55700

Great prices on:

- Heating Oil & Tractor Diesel
- Oil Tank Cleaning
- Lubricants
- Coal
- Oil Tank Replacement & Installation



We're a family-run, independent fuel company offering great prices and excellent customer service.

Moorlands House, North Road, Okehampton, EX20 1BQ www.moorlandfuels.co.uk

CHURCH DIARY

ST. MELLION-with-PILLATON and ST DOMINIC

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>SERVICE/EVENT</u> | <u>CHURCH</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 22 Mar | Sunday | 1000 | Contemporary Celtic Worship | St Dominic |
| | | 1000 | Holy Communion | St Mellion |
| 24 Mar | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | St Dominic |
| 29 Mar | Palm Sunday | 1000 | Procession and Holy Communion | St Dominic |
| 03 Apr | Good Friday | 1200 | Stations of the Cross | St Dominic |
| 05 Apr | Easter Sunday | 0600 | Sunrise Service | Kit Hill Summit |
| | | 1000 | Holy Communion | Pillaton |
| 07 Apr | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | Pillaton |
| 12 Apr | Sunday | 1000 | Morning praise | St Mellion |
| | | 1000 | Holy Communion | St Dominic |
| 19 Apr | Sunday | 1000 | Morning Praise | Pillaton |
| 21 Apr | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | St Mellion |
| 26 Apr | Sunday | 1000 | Contemporary Celtic Worship | St Dominic |
| | | 1000 | Holy Communion | St Mellion |
| 28 Apr | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | St Dominic |
| 03 May | Sunday | 1000 | Morning Praise | Pillaton |
| | | 1800 | Celtic Evening Prayer | Halton Quay |
| 05 May | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | Pillaton |
| 10 May | Sunday | 1000 | Holy Communion | St Dominic |
| | | 1000 | Morning Praise | St Mellion |
| 17 May | Sunday | 1000 | Holy Communion | Pillaton |
| 19 May | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | St Mellion |
| 24 May | Sunday | 1000 | Contemporary Celtic Worship | St Dominic |
| | | 1000 | Holy Communion | St Mellion |
| 26 May | Tuesday | 0930 | Holy Communion | St Dominic |
| 31 May | Sunday | 1000 | Joint Service | St Andrew's, Calstock |

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

Strategic Rural Dean: Rev'd Michael Johnson

Email address: eastwivelshire@gmail.com Tel: 07703 0503110

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

WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

| | | | |
|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Tue 17 Mar | Garden Waste | Wed 22 Apr | Food/Recycling |
| Wed 18 Mar | Food/Rubbish | Tue 28 Apr | Garden Waste |
| Wed 25 Mar | Food/Recycling | Wed 29 Apr | Food/Rubbish |
| Tue 31 Mar | Garden Waste | Wed 6 May | Food/Recycling |
| Wed 1 Apr | Food/Rubbish | Tue 12 May | Garden Waste |
| Wed 8 Apr | Food/Recycling | Wed 13 May | Food/Rubbish |
| Tue 14 Apr | Garden Waste | Wed 20 May | Food/Recycling |
| Wed 15 Apr | Food/Rubbish | Tue 26 May | Garden Waste |

Pillaton Village Diary

| | |
|------------|--|
| Thu 19 Mar | Skittles League, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Sat 21 Mar | Pillaton Gardening Club Spring Show, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Sat 28 Mar | Easter Quiz in aid of Friends of St Odulph, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Mon 6 Apr | Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw |
| Tue 7 Apr | Annual Parish Meeting (6.00pm), Parish Council Meeting (7.00pm), PVH |
| Sat 18 Apr | Skittles Presentation Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Fri 24 Apr | Coffee Morning, Weary Friar |
| Mon 4 May | Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw |
| Tue 5 May | Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Mon 18 May | Coffee Morning, Weary Friar |
| Sat 30 May | Ceilidh Dance in aid of Friends of St Odulph, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Mon 1 Jun | Pillaton Village Hall 200 Club Draw |
| Tue 2 Jun | Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Sun 6 Jun | Quiz Night, Weary Friar |
| Sun 5 Jul | Cherry Feast, Bush Farm, Pillaton |
| Sat 5 Sep | Pillaton Gardening Club Spring Show, Pillaton Village Hall |
| Sun 25 Oct | Pumpkin Festival, Pillaton Village Hall |

Village News

COPY DATES 2026/27

| Issue No. | Copy Date | Dist. Date | Issue No. | Copy Date | Dist. Date |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 243 | 4 May | 23 May | 246 | 9 Nov | 27 Nov |
| 244 | 6 Jul | 24 Jul | 247 | 5 Jan | 23 Jan |
| 245 | 7 Sep | 25 Sep | 248 | 8 Mar | 26 Mar |

The distribution date is a guideline and the Village News will often be available earlier.



The Weary Friar

12th Century Inn
Pillaton

Ryan and Trina welcome you
to The Weary Friar Inn



A Traditional Pub/Restaurant selling Pub Food & Chef's Specialities

OPEN ALL DAY CHILDREN WELCOME 13 BEDROOMS EN SUITE

Wedding Receptions/Conference Functions large and small catered for.

'Friar's Rest' holiday cottage available; convenient location for friends/relatives.

For information on all events see website www.wearyfriar.co.uk or follow us on Facebook.

For reservations tel: 01579-350238 or e-mail: info@wearyfriar.co.uk



St. Mellion

STORAGE



Established since 2001, we offer a secure, sheltered, hard standing compound for Caravans and Motor homes.

With very competitive rates and excellent access to the A38/A30, we go out of our way to make your caravanning needs our top priority.

We also have a Caravan and Motorhome Club Certificated Location site on our farm where you can enjoy the local countryside and discover the ponds and wildlife in the woods on our working farm.

For further details or to make an appointment please call:

Tim or Helen Lucas on 01579 350486 or 07967754159

or visit us at: www.stmellionstorage.co.uk

A donation or a legacy in your will

Could help to protect and preserve the future of our churches.

Since 1259, St Melanus and St Odulph churches have been at the heart of St Mellion and Pillaton villages.

Places of love, reflection, worship and thanksgiving.

Donate today on our Just Giving page:

www.justgiving.com/stmellion-pillatonpcc

or by cheque payable to "St Mellion with Pillaton PCC"

Gift Aid your donation to add 25%

For more information or to set up a regular donation contact

Jim Bennet

16, Barton Meadows, Pillaton, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 6SE

email: jimbennet16@gmail.com Tel: 01579 350067; 07979644990

Copy for Village News

Deadline for copy: Monday 4th May 2026

Publication date: Friday 23rd May 2026

Copy should preferably be sent to my office e-mail address at dwane.design@btinternet.com in the form of a Word document or simply text in an e-mail. If you do not have access to the internet, hard copy is perfectly acceptable (typed or handwritten) and should be delivered to me at 9 Barton Meadow. Images for the Village News can be in virtually any digital format or as hard copy for scanning.

Any queries please call Robin Dwane on 01579-351560.

VILLAGE NEWS ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page advert: £14 per issue; Discounted price for six issues: £72

Half page advert: £7 per issue; Discounted price for six issues: £36

Third page advert: £5 per issue; Discounted price for six issues: £25

Quarter page advert £4 per issue; Discounted price for six issues: £20

Small Classified Adverts: Free to village residents.

The views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor.

The Editor reserves the right to alter or omit any articles submitted.

© Copyright Pillaton Village News

PENTILLIE Castle & Estate

CORNWALL

Upcoming Events

Wedding Showcase | Sunday 15 March

Join us for wedding inspiration, meet talented local suppliers & explore Pentillie at your own pace picturing your day unfold.

Spring Garden Open Days

Wander our gardens this spring while supporting 4 wonderful charities:

Sat 14 Mar (Mind) | Sun 29 Mar (Veterans) | Sun 12 Apr (Cornwall Community Foundation) | Sun 17 May (Alzheimer's Society) – with the Castle Café open for light lunches, cakes and refreshments.

Pentillie Garden Membership

Considered becoming a Friend of Pentillie? Enjoy exclusive access to our woodland gardens & discounts year-round, annual membership is £35.

Host Your Own Event

From group lunches and christenings to workshops, wakes & corporate events, Pentillie offers a beautiful setting. Get in touch to plan your event with us.



Bespoke Weddings | Special Celebrations

Private Retreats | Memorable Stays



Pentillie Castle & Estate, St Mellion, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 6QD
01579 350044 | contact@pentillie.co.uk | www.pentillie.co.uk

Green Fees From £30pp*



7 Day Health Club Membership Trial ~ £30*

Contact the Membership Team on 01579 352022 / membership@st-mellion.co.uk
st-mellion.co.uk

*terms & conditions apply