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CLAPPER BRIDGE DAMAGED

At some time on Monday 6 July a large lorry caused serious damage to Clapper Bridge, resulting in the complete closure of the road between Amy Tree and Blunts until further notice. The driver completely ignored the 7 ft width restriction signs and hit the first small bridge, known as Clapper Baypark Bridge, knocking the parapet and railings down. He persisted in driving on and the most serious damage was sustained on the main Clapper Bridge with almost half the bridge parapet on the upstream side being destroyed. There is also much evidence of cracking on one of the bridge supports and part of the roadway.

The driver failed to report the accident and is now being





sought by the police. The smaller of the bridges is a Grade II listed structure, built in the 18^{th} or 19^{th} century whilst Clapper Bridge is an ancient monument built around the 16^{th} century. Repairs to the bridges are expected to be around £45,000 and it is hoped the driver's insurance will cover this if he can be apprehended. There were reports of a damaged lorry being sighted later that day, parked up at St Ive. If you have any information please contact the police by calling the non-emergency number 101 and quoting log 249 06/07/15.



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Not that much space this month for an editorial as I've been inundated with lots of copy.



I'm not normally a regular Radio Cornwall listener, but had switched it on last Tuesday to check for any traffic problems around Carkeel. Imagine my surprise to hear that villagers in Pillaton were cut off from the rest of Cornwall due to damage caused to Clapper Bridge. I suspect this might be a slight overstatement of the facts on the part of an over-enthusiastic journalist. The next voice I heard was that of our very own Dave Dolley explaining how a lorry had ploughed across the bridge destroying parts of the parapet completely disregarding the 7ft width limit.

The presumption is that the lorry driver was blindly following his Satnav, with blind probably being the operative word. How any lorry driver could think there was space to get across beggars belief. The approach to Clapper Bridge looks narrow, and is very narrow; I get nervous driving across in my little Nissan Note, let alone trying to negotiate it an articulated lorry. Hopefully the driver can be found and his insurance will pay for the damage.

The next copy date is 7 September 2015 - full details page 31.

Robin Dwane, Editor



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PILLATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20 MAY 2015

<u>ATTENDANCE</u> Cllrs. Dolley, Heap, Martin, Harris, Warne, D. Floyd and S. Floyd. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Council unanimously elected Mr Dolley as Chair and Mr Harris as vice Chair.

APOLOGIES County Councillor D. Pugh.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The Minutes of 15th April 2015 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that Cornwall Council Streetworks held a bond regarding completion of repairs regarding the damage caused by the solar farm contractors. Cllr Harris had reported the damage as criminal damage to the Police who were assisting in getting the broken sign repaired.

PLANNING PERMISSION None.

FINANCE

The Council approved payments of £40 as audit fee and £265 insurance.

The Bank position of current account £568 and deposit £2,115 was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to:

- a. Remind the occupiers of the field bordering the road at the top of the Village to complete the trimming of the hedges.
- b. Point out the poor state of repair of the sign posts at Amy Tree to St Mellion Council and suggest painting them.
- c. Remind Highways that the potholes at Tiddlers Well had not been filled
- d. Complain regarding the non-attendance of County Councillor D. Pugh at meetings.

Chairman D Dolley

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17 JUNE 2015

<u>ATTENDANCE</u> Cllrs. Dolley, Heap, Martin, Harris, Warne, D. Floyd and S. Floyd. APOLOGIES County Councillor D. Pugh.

<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

The Minutes of 20th May 2015 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that Cornwall Council appeared to be making progress in getting the sign broken by the solar farm contractors repaired.

County Councillor D. Pugh explained by email that his non-attendance had been because his wife had started a course held on Wednesday evenings.

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Council approved the following applications:

Replacement of garage roof, The Smithy.

Conversion of and extension to existing agricultural building to form dwelling at Lower Trewashford farm.

FINANCE

The Council approved payment of £108 as playground inspection fee.

The Bank position of current account £303 and deposit £1,833 was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported that an individual had refused to remove a dog from the play park. Cllr Martin kindly volunteered to procure additional "no dogs" signs.

The Council agreed to review the requirements necessary to achieve a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Harris undertook to report on the requirements.

Chairman D Dolley

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in Pillaton Village Hall Wednesday 20 May 2015

Present: Councillors: Dolley, Martin, S Floyd, D Floyd, Harris, Heap and Warne.

- 1. Apologies: None.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 21st May 2014 were confirmed.
- 3. Chairman's Report: The Chairman presented his report noting the actions taken regarding the damage caused by the solar farm construction.. The Chairman believed that the Council had acted properly on all planning applications. The Chairman thanked all the Councillors and Clerk for their active assistance and for their hard work and gave special thanks to Cllr Martin for cutting the grass at the playing field. The Chairman noted the good work undertaken by the Council and observed that all problems had been overcome except that the Council had been unsuccessful in obtaining repair of Mushton Lane.

D. Dolley Chairman

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NEWS FROM THE PILLATON WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION GROUP

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Following initial and provisional plans, the Group can now confirm two fund raising events in 2015. The dates, if not full details, have now been finalised as:

Saturday 26 September 2015 Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush Wood

Friday 30 October 2015 Trafalgar Night Mess Dinner (black tie), Weary Friar

Full details will be published at a later date in the Village News, on the website, and on noticeboards. In the meantime do please mark you diaries and support these fund raising events.

If you have any ideas or would like to assist or contribute to the above events, please contact either the Group's Chairman, Peter Johnson (01579 351409) or Secretary, Chris Ley (01579 351033).

Thank you.

PASTY & PUD LUNCH

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER PILLATON VILLAGE HALL 12.00 – 2.00 P.M.

Proceeds from this event will be split between the Children's Hospice South West and Pillaton Village Hall.

Further details will be available in the next Pillaton News.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

"Pillaton and the Great War"

An evening of words and music.

Saturday 17 October, 7.30 pm Pillaton Village Hall

The small group working on this evening is putting together a programme that promises to be really different. It will include words and music, projected images, archive film footage and sound effects and will take you back in time to the years between 1914 and 1918. It tells the story of a rural village and its young men enduring the war years.

"Last year Tom Pearce told me that Arthur Chubb had also worked for my father before he enlisted. He had put his age forward in order to get accepted."

We have already taken some bookings for this evening and places will be limited, so please think about reserving your tickets well in advance for what will be a truly special and unique event.

Ticket price will be £6 per head, to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

Profits will be shared between the Village Hall (where some of our Village Heroes spent their school days) and Help for Heroes.

Please contact Ann (351289) or Sue (350065) to reserve your seat.

Normally we are lucky with the Cherry Feast, and the weather holds off, leaving us with at best,

a rain free afternoon. This year it tried very hard, and just about managed it, but unfortunately we were also in competition with the Kelliwik Festival in Callington, and a tennis match in London, so numbers were down by two thirds. This makes the result of £4,040 raised even more remarkable, as that is down by only a third from last year. This has only been possible because of the dedicated work of a large number of volunteers, without whom the Cherry Feast would not happen. I cannot name you all, but you know who you are, I and the committee extend our thanks to you. I do though need to mention in particular Stevie Gordon, who's work over the last fortnight (especially) in organising the field, repairing breakages (a lot!) and generally ensuring that all requests were listened too, and where humanly possible, satisfied – Thank you Stevie. The day itself was in the end, very enjoyable, we again were entertained by the Laira Youth Band, who always perform with gusto, Emmazdad kept the kids, of every age, laughing for an hour, and we were entertained by a new dancing troupe of Morris Men – the Old Town Twelves from Plymouth, who brought a new dimension to the event. The new marquee worked well also, and this is part of an ongoing process to update the resources available to ensure that the afternoon remains a permanent fixture, as well as continues to be a fun day out, against stiff competition. Thank you all once again.

Hugh Bailey



ST. MELLION WITH PILLATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL CHERRY FEAST - PROVISIONAL RESULT - SUNDAY 12 JULY 2015

<u>2014</u>			<u>2015</u>
600	Donation - St. Mellion Car Boot Sales		
935	Entrance		320
162	White Elephant	125	
283	Plant Stall		
279	Cherries 10		
280	Cake Stall 245		
433	Cream Teas 300		
370	Church Displays 330		
216	Wine Wheel 207		
128	Bottle Stall 7		
210	BBQ		
55	55 Bookstall		46
171	Ice Cream		
280	Pretty Things		233
310	Childrens Games		157
400	Sponsorship (as per programme)		200
150	St. Joseph's School Choir Concert (50%)		-
£5,262	SUB TOTAL		£2,740
	<u>Less Costs</u>		
200	Laira Youth Band	180	
162	Sundries	150	
135	St. John's Ambulance Brigade	-	
175	Wreckers/Old Town Twelves	100	
<u>170</u>	Emazdad	170	<u>600</u>
£4,420	SUB TOTAL		£2,140
	Add Prize Draw Ticket Sales	2,720	
1830 (net)	Less net cost of Printing and Prizes	820	<u>1900</u>
£6250	NET RESULT		

The History Of Rodda's Creamery

PILLATON WI

Our speaker in May was Philip Rodda, a member of the Rodda's clotted cream family business.

Philip told us lots about his family and how their clotted cream making business has changed and grown over the years. What a family they are. They hale from Scorrier and have been making cream for over 110 years.

It all started as more than just making cream for the family, on the family farm , in 1898 after the railway had reached Cornwall, consequently bringing visitors to the area. Fanny then aged 18, made scones with jam topped with cream for some of these visitors. This obviously went down very well and the visitors would like to have been able to take some cream home with them. This however was impossible as it quickly went off. So Fanny decided to see if she could sterilise it to enable it to last longer. She successfully did this by putting containers of cream into tanks filled with hot water. But this was hard work as there was no running water so the tanks had to be filled by hand using collected rain water which was then heated using primus stoves - all very labour intensive. This meant that more family members became involved and the business was sprung!

This continued to flourish with periods of ups and downs particularly during times of austerity. One of these was during WW2, when as part of rationing, cream was considered a luxury and not allowed to be sold. Milk and butter could be sold so the family returned completely to dairy farming until after 1953 when rationing ended when they could recommence the business.

Making lots of clotted cream meant using gallons of milk every day. This inevitably resulted in a surfeit of leftover skimmed milk. So this enterprising family asked themselves what they could do with this as some years ago skimmed milk was not drunk as it is now. They discovered that turkeys thrive very well on it so into the turkey rearing business they went. This was fine and both parts of the business flourished. However and this seems obvious when you think about it, what is the time of year when most turkeys are eaten? Christmas of course and what is the time of year when people often buy more cream? Again, Christmas which meant that all their resources were stretched to the limit at this time. So in the 90s after Britain had joined the Common Market and new regulations came into force, they discontinued turkey rearing.

Again what to do with the excess milk? The time seemed right to sell it for dried milk which they did to a factory in Torrington. All went well until the factory closed. However the tide was also turning in the way we all buy and use milk with skimmed milk becoming very popular so they switched to bottling and selling it themselves. The Rodda family are all very understandably proud of their family business. Their view is that it is better to react to the market rather than planning ahead which means that we can now buy Rodda's creme fraiche, butter , custard , fudge and shortbread all made from Cornish Clotted Cream made in Cornwall from Cornish milk. However if you happen to find yourself in either Japan or Hong Kong look out for Rodda's products as they are sold in these countries. Also if you are on the North Cornwall Coast and see ice creams for sale called the "iced hedgehog" these will have been made using Rodda's clotted cream made in their factory of

approximately 150 workers.

This was a very interesting and lively talk giving us the chance to see how a small family business has flourished and grown by reacting to what has gone on around them and by taking good care of the workers.

Before Philip left our meeting he gave us all samples of their wares so you may have been lucky enough to have tasted something new to you. If so I hope you enjoyed it. Richard is now converted to Rodda's butter!

The Thrill of Mountaineering

The topic for our June meeting was the Thrill of Mountaineering but not about climbing any old mountain. The talk was about the efforts of Ed Buckingham to become the first Cornishman to climb Mount Everest. Did he succeed? Well you will see if you read on.

So what made Ed want to do this? He had developed an interest, well more than that, perhaps a determination to climb Everest after his first climbing trip to Mount Kilimanjaro some years before when he discovered that this type of challenge suited him. However in 2005 after having climbed Cho Oyu, also in the Himalayas and the sixth highest mountain in the world he was heard to mutter, "if you see me on another b**** mountain shoot me!" But things change and a few years later he decided to give Everest a go.

To undertake a trip such as this he described various elements that are necessary before even starting. He said he needed a good employer as the whole trip required about three months away from work, the best equipment that money can buy, special socks to wick away moisture (important for avoiding frostbite), warm clothing including down mittens to keep fingers warm, an ice-axe and last, but no means least to be very fit.

Having sorted all that out, Ed left England for Nepal in March 11 with the intention of climbing the North side of Everest. His route to get there was the UK to Katmandu where he met up with others, Katmandu to Tibet across the Friendship Bridge and then to Everest base camp at 5200 m (17,000 ft in old money). Even at this relatively low level the air was beginning to thin and his heart beat increased to about 96 bpm. It was the beginning of spring then however the temperature was still way below freezing and they were camping. Brrrr!

Arrival at base camp heralded the start of the acclimatisation period which was extremely important for survival. This consisted of leaving the camp to go to advanced base for a few days and then returning to base camp where they recovered for six to seven days before repeating this process. The next stage was advanced base camp to base camp 1 at 7000 m (23,000 ft) and back again. Then camp 1 to camp 2, 7500 m and, you've guessed it, back again to camp 1. Finally then back to camp 2 before going on up to Camp 3 at 8,300 m (27,000 ft) to prepare for the North side ascent. All of this took several weeks so no wonder he needed so much time away from work!

I had quite a romantic picture in my mind, before hearing Ed talk, of this wonderful mountain having a few hardy, but hopefully not foolhardy climbers with their Nepalese Sherpas taking their time to scale the mountain face and reach the top of the world. But no, delete that picture. Apparently there are at any one time loads of

climbers from many different countries attempting the climb. At camp 3 , which by the way is called the start of the "death zone," there were lots of groups all jostling for a spot to camp.

From here is where the serious last push to the summit started and would take something like eight hours or so to achieve. Ed by then had a Tibetan guide called Tenzing, whose job it was to take him to the summit. The aim was to arrive there at around 6 -8 am so meant leaving the camp at about 10 pm and climbing through the night. The reason for the night climb was purely because at this time less people would be negotiating the A38 of Everest ie the summit route. Apparently at one particular place where an aluminium ladder was secured to help cross some rocks, during the day there could be lots of people trying to go both up and down this at the same time resulting a bottleneck. This could be dangerous as standing around waiting for a turn in very low temperatures meant the risk of the body shutting down due to excess cold.

So back to our intrepid climber. He and his guide set off in the dark climbing by moonlight and using head torches. After nine hours climbing, during which his head torch was flickering due to the cold, at 7.30 am they arrived at the summit and he achieved his dream of being the first Cornishman to climb the North side of Everest. What an achievement indeed.

After twenty minutes at the Top of The World at 8848 m or 29,000 ft and after planting a St Piran's flag the descent started. This apparently is when most accidents happen. The body is tired leading to a lack of concentration whilst at the same time being elated at having achieved the goal. Ed thankfully descended successfully. He did say though that on the way down he saw several dead bodies including one of someone he met at base camp. After six hours he safely reached Camp three -a fifteen hour round trip! Amazing!

So what next for him after having achieved this momentous goal? Apparently serious climbers have a "7 summits challenge" which means climbing the highest point on each Continent. Before achieving his Everest challenge, Ed had climbed four of the seven making Everest the fifth. This left two - in Australasia and Antarctica. He achieved the last of these in Jan 14.

So are there any challenges still left to him? He said he isn't sure and now spends some of his time giving talks such as this to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. What a guy indeed!

A voice in my ear has been heard to mutter -giving talks to WI ladies is a challenge itself! Can't believe that, can you?

Pam Lowther

WI FLORAL DISPLAY

The WI have put up a floral display at the bottom of Briars Ryn. This is to celebrate the 100 years of the WI this year.

The display is mainly in pink and white which are the main colours for the Centenary. We will also be planting a pink WI Centenary Rose in the Village Hall garden to celebrate the 100 years.

Carole Hoskin, WI Secretary

PILLATON GARDENING CLUB

This year's Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday 5 September.

We have sections for Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Pot Plants, Handicraft, Needlecraft, Art, Floral Art, Cookery, Preserves, Wine and Photography. Schedules will be ready for the end of July. Anyone wanting more information please contact me on 01579-350063.

Many thanks, *Carole Hoskin, Show Sec*

PILLATON PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

The group usually meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the village hall, with each member paying a sub of £3.00 per meeting. Having finished for the Summer, we will meet again on Tuesday 1st September 2.00 until 4.00pm. If you would like to join us please either come along on 1st September or ring Brenda Bonner on 01579 351407. Beginners and experienced people are welcome to join us in what is a very friendly and welcoming group. It is advisable to check before coming for your first week in case the dates have changed.

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ST MELLION SCHOOL NEWS

The term ends on the 23rd July, as with every other year, has flown by!

At the start of July we had another successful Sports Day with our federated partner school, St Dominic. The sun shone and children and parents cheered as the children all wore themselves out gaining points for their team. Red team won. I wonder who will win the swimming cup to the summing cup to the swimming cup to the summing cup to the swimming cup to the swimm

for their team. Red team won. I wonder who will win the swimming cup this week!

The children took their school reports home on Friday. All children will be able to read about their great attainment and progress over the year, the highs and the celebrations. The SATs results were out this week, and I am pleased to announce that St Mellion School will be flying high in the tables once more. Of course it takes more than good SATs results to make a good learner, or indeed a good school, and our Y6 children have been reflecting on what a great journey through primary education they have had.

Our 9 Y6 pupils will be leaving, to go to Callington College, Saltash.net and Devonport High, but we have some staff leaving too. Mrs Caudle who has been our SENCo for about ten years is retiring, she has been a tower of strength to staff, pupils and families fighting the corner for children with additional needs. We wish her every happiness in her new more leisurely life! We also say thanks and goodbye to Mr Brian Gould who has been working with us this year.

Because Miss Welch, who has taught Class 3 very successfully for over ten years, will be coming out of the classroom to be Head of Schools, there has been an adjustment of teaching staff in both St Mellion and St Dominic Schools. At St Mellion School we have appointed Mr David Penman who joins us in September and will be teaching our Y3 and Y4 pupils in Class 2. Mrs Christopher will be moving up to Class 3 to teach our Y5/6. Miss Morfey will continue in Class 1. Mrs Deacon will continue part time teaching her specialism across the school.

And me, what will I be doing? I don't know yet. I have absolutely loved being the headteacher at St Mellion School. I have had so many lovely times; fulfilling, exciting, joyous, funny, adventurous, comical. I know that this is the right time to go, before I run out of enthusiasm, energy for change, belief in the system.

The school is in good hands. The staff (too many to name individually) are wonderful; so skilful, so committed, so much a team. The governors know the school inside out, and work hard to make sure wise decisions are made. In the 13 years of my headship I have worked with three chairs of governors, Peter Lee in the early days, Vivienne Malsom and Pam Lowther for the last ten years. As volunteers they have given a huge amount of time to support me in my role as Headteacher. I could never thank them enough for their wise thoughts and words.

There is going to be our usual Leavers' Service at St Mellion Church on Thursday 23rd July, starting at 1.15pm. I suspect this will be to say goodbye to me, as well as our Y6 pupils. After church there will be tea and cakes back at school, while the children are entertained. If any ex pupils and/or parents would like to attend the church service or the tea I'd love to see you.

Angela Palin, Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE REV CHRIS PAINTER

It's over two months since Andrea and I arrived in Cornwall, for me to be Priest-in-charge (same as a Rector/Vicar) on four parishes. We're often asked how we're settling in and the answer is very well. We're both surprised how quickly we adapted, especially as there's a slight contrast with Manchester! There is lot of travelling around but it's a joy meeting people in so many different communities, all of which have their own personality and culture. As I hope I've made clear, I'm not here only for members of the congregation; as 'parish priest' I'm here for everyone who lives in the parish, of any faith or none. I'd like to get to meet as many people as possible and so I'm always glad of an invite to events (especially with food and drink!).

I've even had families asking why we don't have family services in our local church. The answer is, very soon we will. I can't say how often but I'd hope that every few weeks we can hold a service (in addition to the ones already held) especially for families with children, though as always everyone will be welcome. They'll be fairly short, informal and involve all-ages of the church family. They don't need to always be a Sunday either - there's a thought. When do YOU want them?

Once a church building closes, it's very difficult to re-open it again, and a church community only works when people come and join it. So to see something as lively and bold as the Cherry Feast was amazing. I was amazed at how much work, effort and planning had gone in. I'm so grateful too to the many people who (for whatever reason) are not members of the regular congregation but understand that the building and its people is a cornerstone in the life of the local community. I hope the community enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did, and at the same time helped preserve our fabulous building for a while longer. Best of all for me was the chance to meet so many talented and welcoming people. I hope to meet you all again soon.

St Mellion and Pillaton churches define the local area (in the case of St Mellion, quite literally!), and their future is in your hands!

Every blessing for a safe summer,

Chris Painter

IN REMEMBRANCE

Of Leslie Dunn (Les)

My mother Christine and members of the family would like to thank everyone for their cards and words of sympathy. We had over 80 cards and many with your memories of Dad, from picking daffodils and market gardening, working for Cornwall Highways, playing cricket for St Mellion and Landulph Cricket Clubs. The church was a great part of dad's life. It was lovely reading everyone's different memories of Dad.

Thank you all very much. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

All our love.

Carole Hoskin and family

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL SUMMER SOLSTICE SOIRÉE, 20 JUNE

The sun did put his hat on and the evening was worthy of a Summer Solstice – apparently if you were lucky, you may even have caught sight of the northern lights over Cornwall!

Just over 40 of us enjoyed a summer buffet prepared by Shirley Floyd with those fleeting tastes of summer such as salmon and strawberries.

The jazz and easy listening music by David and Paul of "Anything Goes" complemented a relaxed summer evening. Apologies to those who found it too loud for their taste – it must be a sign that I am getting deaf in my old age as I found the sound OK!

Thanks to all who supported us by coming, buying raffle tickets and especially to those who donated the prizes. We made a profit of £240, which will help to maintain our Village Hall as a social venue for us all to enjoy.

Looking forward to seeing you next time!

Ann Henderson and Sue White

GRANTS FROM SOLAR FARM FUND

Everyone in Pillaton must be aware of the Howton Farm solar farm that has been built on the south facing slopes of Kernock Hill and which consists of 17,856 solar panels, generating 5 megawatts of electricity. However what you may be unaware of is that associated with this project is the Howton Solar Farm Fund which supports community projects in the areas of Pillaton, Landrake & St Erney, St Mellion, St Dominick and Saltash. The fund is administered through the Cornwall Community Foundation, with grants being made twice a year and range from £250 to £5000.

To be eligible for a grant from the fund:

Applicants must be a not for profit, voluntary or community group or social enterprise (you don't need to be a registered charity but your activities must be considered charitable).

You must spend your grant on improving the sustainability and/or carbon footprint of your organisation or the community.

Projects including an educational element or awareness of reducing their carbon footprint will be looked upon favourably.

Your project must normally be completed within one year of the grant offer.

The next deadline for submitting applications is 27 July 2015. A panel then meets on 24 August 2015 to determine the successful applicants and size of grants.

To find out more follow the link on the village website or go to www.cornwallfoundation.com/howton-solar-farm-fund.html

PILLATON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday, 8 April, 2015 and the following is a summary of some of the points raised within that meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for the continued support over the past year, with particular thanks to Sue White, Shirley Floyd and Ann Henderson for their hard work and effort in fund raising during social events organized by them.

Mr & Mrs D King attended the meeting to show the Mosaic made by the Pillaton Arts & Crafts Club with a view to having a permanent display somewhere within the Hall. It had been the idea of Mr R Warwick that the Mosaic should be World War One orientated, and after viewing it was laid out in the Main Hall. All members agreed that it was beautifully done, and should be mounted and hung in the Entrance Foyer on the right hand side.

The Chairman also reported:

The replacement floor was proving a success.

The Bell Tower still has a small leak in very heavy rain and steps will be taken to rectify same.

The flat roof over the Entrance Foyer is showing signs of wear and tear and may need replacing in the near future. There may be a possible grant available from the Solar Panels Project.

The Floor in the Main Hall was showing signs of springing at the old entrance end due to age and would have to be rectified in the future.

Election of Officers followed:

Chairman: Mr D Dolley

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Pillaton Women's Institute: Mrs Lesley Allibone

Pillaton Arts & Crafts Club: Mrs Jo King

Pillaton Parishioners: Mr D Dolley, Mrs Shirley Floyd & Mrs Rosemary Long

Rosemary Long Hon Sec

WORLD WAR I -THE FIRST YEAR

Pillaton commemorated the start of the Great War on the centenary of the declaration of hostilities on August 4th last year. On this day in 1914, German troops were still advancing through Belgium while Britain had only 50,000 men under arms and none of them were in France. On August 7th, General Kitchener called for 100,000 volunteers and by the end of the month this target had already been exceeded. Two local men were already signed up when war was declared. Gerald Collins had joined the Royal Navy as a midshipman in 1908 and had already seen service in dreadnoughts and destroyers. In May 1915 he was completing specialist training as a gunnery officer. William Higman had joined the Royal Navy in 1903 and was working his way up through the ranks. He had married into the Stephens family at Rick Park farm in 1913 and his only son was born there in April 1914. In the summer of 1915 William was serving in HMS Berwick on the West Indies Station as a Petty Officer Stoker.

Although the volunteering rate was generally lower in Cornwall than in the rest of the country, there were some very early volunteers in Pillaton. Percival Collins had just completed his studies at Oxford University when war was declared and he immediately volunteered. By November he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the DCLI. His battalion was sent to France in May 1915 and by July would already have had experience of trench warfare. A local farmer's son, Eustace Elliott, joined the DCLI in September 1914 and was soon on his way to India. On July 24th 1915 Eustace, by now promoted to company quartermaster sergeant, applied for a temporary commission. Two other local farmers' sons, Courtney Lucas and Arthur Ball enlisted together in the Royal Field Artillery in December 1914 and were almost immediately sent to India where they were to spend most of the war. By the summer of 1915, they had already travelled long distances with their battery in South India.

After this initial rush to enlist recruitment slowed down, and by July 1915 the government was preparing for conscription so as to meet the constant demand for fresh troops. However, before this happened William Crago and James Westington enlisted together in Callington in May 1915. William Crago was a steam-engine driver and this skill ensured him a place in the Royal Engineers and by July 1915 he was already serving in France. James on the other hand, joined the DCLI and was to spend the summer training in England.

If this was the situation for some of the Pillaton volunteers, what had been happening in the war at large since its outbreak? Here are a few key events:

1914

By end August 120,000 men of the BEF had crossed into Northern France.
August 22 First real fighting involving British troops 3 miles N.E. of Mons.
BEF forced to retreat.

September 3 to 9 German forces only 25 miles from Paris; Battle of the Marne; German advance halted.

September 12 479,000 men had enlisted in the UK in only six weeks.

October 3 to 21 Germans enter Ypres, Antwerp and Ostend.

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BEF races to the coast to protect vital channel ports.

October 3 to 21 British and French army begins to dig a continuous line of trenches

from the coast to Verdun. First battle of Ypres.

November 7 British and Indian troops land in Mesopotamia.

November 11 Battle of Ypres grinds to a halt; heavy casualties; troops on both sides

exhausted; ammunition shortages.

December A "winter of mud, slime, vermin and trench foot".

Constant shelling and trench warfare.

December 16 German battle cruisers shell east coast towns of England.

Christmas Spontaneous truces in the trenches.

1915

January 19 First Zeppelin bombing raid on Britain.

April 25 Anglo-Australian-French landings on Gallipoli peninsula; soon

bogged down into more trench warfare.

May 7 Lusitania torpedoed off Irish Coast.

May 24 Second battle of Ypres.

June 1 First women employed in munitions factories in Britain.

June 27 Vera Brittain began her first day's work nursing in a British Hospital

Don King

DOGS BARKING Please could residents of Pillaton be mindful of others when they let their dogs out after 9.00pm. There has been

a number of occasion (and barks) that sometimes start in the evening and go on throughout the night. Many children and those who get up early for work spend the day tired due to disturbed sleep.

Cornwall Council considers barking dogs to constiture a statutory nuisance that can be investigated by officers, so pleae think of others when you let your dog out at night to do their business by waiting for them to return.

Thank you for consideration.

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Life is a puzzle and the older you get the more question are raised, but not answered.

FRUIT CASE

I have enjoyed the fecundity of Spring, the rolling waves of blooming colour, the changing sounds of the birds as they progress from mating calls, to nestling nagging. I have been aware of the weeds coming in a repeated cycle dandelions fast growing and their bursting clocks dusting gardens, then rose bay willow herb shooting up overnight, their pretty blooms ready to forest the whole village. I do appreciate their beauty but deeply resent the time taken to remove them from my beds. I am always aware of dandelions as my guinea pigs love them, especially fresh and young. The old tired leaves, produced in drought are tough not so tasty. My guinea pigs are having to deal with change. Chip my copper coloured boar died of old age, and as his pal Micro (well he is enormous so he is now Mike) seemed a bit lonely' so I looked around for a pal for him. Piggies are gregarious and it seemed cruel to keep him on his own, so I found 2 sow sisters on the Woodside Animal Sanctuary site and enquired about having Mike neutered, so he could have 2 wives. A bit Mormonish I know but... 'boys just gotta have fun...' and he could do with the exercise.

I had explained the whole procedure to Mike, and the op went well. Convalescence consisted of dosing him with antibiotics and washing his worthless Crown Jewels I felt a real brute when his poor little bum swelled up like beach ball, almost levitating his back feet off the ground. I was told to bathe his bits with hispi scrub, then he

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E-mail: cornwallpetservices@gmail.com www.cornwallpetservices.wix.com got an abscess on the wound site, and I have to wash his bits in saline. He has recovered his spirits, lost his whoopee cushion bottom and has put back the weight he lost. He seems to enjoy being handled, (maybe he is just enjoying the exotic experience!) though he is wary of what I am going to inject into his mouth.

I think he has smelt the 2 girls now residing in their run in the fruit garden; they have been renamed Iris and Peony. Iris is the larger sister all grey with a white cardigan, Peony is several shades of brown with a white bolero and a white squashed rosette between her ears, she is neurotic and shifts to hyper drive when I try to pick her up, both girls will need to be handled a lot.

I am amused that one of my male blackbirds can imitate a guinea pig; I think he is high on all the strawberries and black currants he has pinched from my bushes. Another smile is my new nest box, at the back of the summerhouse; my sick son thought it funny to have the face of a cat on it, but the sparrows raised their brood regardless. I am glad it has rained as I was sick of watering, and lack of rain does make the strawberries so small, and the broad /runner beans need to fatten, the apple trees have dropped more small fruits than last year, the birds look tatty after nesting and search out the water bowls to rid themselves of mites. My empty greenhouse resembles a sci-fi filmset as there are so many webs in it, I am forced to go in with broom to clear them out and rescue tangled bees, who are remarkably patient at sitting on the end of the brush whilst I help remove the web from their bodies. I still wonder what happened to that male thrush that sang for 4 weeks at the top of my blue cedar, desperate for a mate, I hope he moved to the woods rather than join an online dating site. His first mate was taken from her nest in a large camellia bush. Two eggs like turquoise gems were beneath, but no sign of nest or hen. Who was to blame?

Where is Miss Marple when you need her?

Ian Simms

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Would you like to make a difference? Do you have an hour

a week/month spare? If yes, then great because we need you!

I recently started volunteering with the Tamar Valley Health Patients' Group and I'd like to share my experiences with you. I had never heard of this group before and I'm sure many of you haven't either but this is a group which everyone who visits their local GPs surgery should be a part of. Why I hear you ask? Because it gives you a voice and you can help make positive improvements within our GP surgeries!

I have attended meetings where problems were highlighted such as waiting times, parking issues, computer systems etc and as a group, we look to find solutions to improve our experience when we do have to visit a GP, Nurse, Pharmacist etc. I have been taking part in exit poll surveys outside Callington Surgery, which have resulted in some great feedback and interesting information, which will then be presented to the surgery with possible solutions.

I have met new people and learnt new information and gained an insight into how our local surgeries work but most of all I now feel confident that I have a voice that will be heard and can contribute to continuous improvement of our local health services.

If you are interested in becoming part of this forward thinking group, please email tvhppg@outlook.com and you'll receive a very warm welcome or visit tamarvalleyhealth.co.uk and you will be able to read the latest newsletter on the tvhPPG page. The next open meeting is at 7.00pm on 11 August at Callington Health Centre.

The world was shocked by the atrocities committed in Paris

TRAVEL TIPS AND TALES

earlier this year, but appalling events such as this shouldn't stop anyone putting this fine capital city on their visit wish-list! If you are fortunate to have been there already, on a future visit avoid the inevitable lengthy queues at tourist hot-spots and head for some less well-known but captivating places...

Gem No. 4 – Alternative sights in Paris, France

First — the Bassin de la Villette is the largest artificial lake in Paris linking two canals, one of which (the Canal St Martin) is 4.5km long, runs underground for the last 2km, underneath the Place de la Bastille, ending at the River Seine. Napoleon ordered the construction of canals to provide a shipping link between the Seine and the northeastern Parisian suburbs, and to provide the growing population of Paris with fresh drinking water. You can walk the length of this 19th-century picturesque waterway, cross via lovely little high-arched iron bridges, watch the 9 locks and 2 swing bridges in action, stop at cafés, bars or boutiques on the way, stroll through pretty gardens above the underground section — and then take a canal cruise back (or vice-versa!). The Bassin itself with its tranquil, wide, tree-lined banks is perfect for strolling, watching games of pétanque, watersports, having picnics etc., and there are lively bars, restaurants and patisseries to tempt you. For accommodation, there's a Holiday Inn Hotel at the northern end of the Bassin, and for transport several metro stations are not too far away.

Next... Behind the famous Sacré-Coeur basilica, away from Montmartre's famous artists' square, is one of Paris' best kept secrets — a working vineyard! The 'Clos Montmartre' vineyard, dating from 1932, is small, neat and on a steep slope like many of the best vineyards. It produces around 1500 bottles of wine a year which aren't sold to restaurants or shops but auctioned, with the proceeds going to charity. The wine harvest is celebrated at the second weekend in October, when visitors can join in the festivities — grape picking, tasting workshops, and fireworks.

Then... walk across the steep cobbled street from the vineyard and you'll see a salmon-pink cottage with a historical plaque – the legendary 'Lapin Agile' (translated, 'Nimble Rabbit'). This small night club, with its origins in the mid-19th century, became a favourite place for struggling writers and artists, immortalized by Pablo Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec. Here, dining or drinking at simple wooden tables, visitors can listen to authentic French songs dating as far back as the fifteenth century. Only open in the evenings from 9pm, booking is recommended.

(Note: Avoid climbing more than 300 steps to Montmartre's summit, by taking the funicular railway).

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l	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	SERVICE/EV	<u>ENT</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
ı	21 July	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St. Mellion
ı	28 July	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St. Dominic
ı	04 Aug	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
ı	11 Aug	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
ı	15 Aug	Saturday	1200-1700	Landulph Church Fete and BBQ	Landulph
ı	18 Aug	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St. Mellion
ı	19 Aug	Wednesday	1200	Pasty Lunch, The Rectory Room	Cargreen
ı	25 Aug	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St. Dominic
ı	01 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
ı	08 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Landulph
ı	15 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St. Mellion
ı	16 Sep	Wednesday	1200	Pasty Lunch, The Rectory Room	Cargreen
ı	22 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	St. Dominic
ı	29 Sep	Tuesday	0930	Holy Communion	Pillaton
ı	Details of Sunday Services are listed on pew sheets in Church (see also page 17)				

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Pillaton Village Diary

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Fri 23 Jul	St Mellion School Leavers' Service, St Mellion Church
Sun 26 Jul	Summer Barbeque, Rick Park Farm, Pillaton
Sat 15 Aug	Landulph Church Fete and BBQ, Landulph
	South Hill Show & Community Fun Day, Golberdon
Sat 5 Sep	Pillaton Gardening Club Annual Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 16 Sep	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 26 Sep	Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning, Pillaton Village Hall
	WW1 Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Rock Wood
Mon 14 Sep	Pillaton WI Craft Evening, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 12 Oct	Pillaton WI Harvest Supper, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 17 Oct	Pillaton and the Great War Evening, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 21 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 30 Oct	WW1 Trafalgar Night Dinner, Weary Friar
Mon 9 Nov	Pillaton WI, Hat Making, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 14 Nov	Pasty & Pud Lunch, Pillaton Village Hall
Wed 18 Nov	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Mon 14 Dec	Pillaton WI, Christmas Party, Pillaton Village Hall

RECYCLING DATES

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

as follows:		
Tue 21 Jul	Garden Waste	
Tue 28 Jul	Recycling	
Tue 4 Aug	Garden Waste	
Tue 11 Aug	Recycling	
Tue 18 Aug	Garden Waste	
Tue 25 Aug	Recycling	
Tue 1 Sep	Garden Waste	
Tue 8 Sep	Recycling	
Tue 15 Sep	Garden Waste	
Tue 22 Sep	Recycling	
Tue 29 Sep	Garden Waste	

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