

# Pillaton Village News

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## ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Pillaton Arts and Crafts' second exhibition was attended by well over 100 people on April 16th and 17th. There was a large variety of art and craft exhibited by some very talented Pillatonians. The Quilting Group displayed some beautiful pieces of patchwork and quilts. Local artists had a lovely display of paintings. The number of crafts represented was extensive from upholstery and furniture painting to jewellery, knitting, models, mosaics, clay work, stencilling and photography. Some families had a display of their own with grandparents, parents and children all taking part. One of the highlights was a Punch and Judy installation made by members from papier mâché. The group also had a photographic display of the workshops they had taken part in during the year. In addition, there were demonstrations by members of violin making, weaving, mosaics, beadwork and floral art. To complete the visit a group of local ladies provided refreshments with delicious homemade cakes.



*Josephine King*



*Images of the Pillaton Arts and Crafts' exhibition courtesy John Wheeley*



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More observant Village News readers may have noticed that in the last edition the editor got the details for the recycling dates completely and utterly wrong. When brown garden recycling bins should have been rolled out onto the pavement the Village News was busy instructing readers to leave their glass and plastics out for collection.

For nearly two months the editor has been having nightmares about the streets of Pillaton being overwhelmed with overflowing red and blue recycling bags being left un-emptied and old copies of the Western Morning News blowing past the Village Hall like tumbleweed.

There were other worrying thoughts. In most walks of public life such matters always end in resignation. Perhaps the editor should consider issuing a statement from the porch of 9 Barton Meadows with his wife and son stood behind him. Would there be a public inquiry? Could the computer be blamed for having some mysterious virus deep within its hard drive? Did the editor still retain the support of the Parish Council and in any case it's never usually a good sign when Chairmen declare they have complete confidence in someone. After careful reflection I have decided the best way ahead is to offer an unreserved apology for my cock-up and you will also be pleased to know my wife is still standing by me. Hopefully nobody was too inconvenienced.

The next copy date is 5 July 2016, but see note below - full details page 31.

*Robin Dwane, Editor*

### IMPORTANT NOTE

#### HARD COPY DATE FOR NEXT EDITION

Due to holiday plans the copy date for any hard copy for the Village News to be delivered to 9 Barton Meadows is:

**Close of Play 30 June**

For all other material that can be sent by e-mail, the copy date is 5 July.

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## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 APRIL 2016**

**ATTENDANCE** Cllrs. Dolley, Martin, Warne, D. Floyd and S. Floyd.

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs. Harris, Heap and County Councillor D. Pugh.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM** There was one member of the public present.

**MINUTES** The minutes of 1 March 2016 meeting were accepted unanimously.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Heap was thanked by the Council for preparing a defects list for items in the Village requiring repair. Cllr Warne kindly volunteered to examine the damaged seats reported by Cllr Heap. The Council agreed that wooden slats for seat repair would be preferable to plastic slats. It was anticipated that the work could be carried out by volunteers.

The Chairman reported that he had enquired into the replacement of the broken road sign and that the work was imminent.

### **PLANNING PERMISSION**

Cllr Martin distributed copies of planning applications which he had downloaded and generously printed. The Council supported a) the change of use from holiday lets to a single dwelling house at Lower Trewashford and b) minor amendments to Howton solar farm.

### **COMMEMORATION OF QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

In the light of various activities being carried out in the Parish to celebrate the Queen's birthday the Council resolved to pause before deciding upon any additional commemoration activity. Mrs Mabin said that the Horticultural Society and WI were preparing planters with red, white and blue flowers.

### **FINANCE**

The Council approved the appointment of Mr. King as the internal auditor.

The Council approved the accounts and Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council undertook to enquire into the condition of the stiles on the public footpath.

*Chairman D Dolley*

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3 MAY 2016**

**ATTENDANCE** Cllrs. Dolley, Martin, Warne, D. Floyd, S. Floyd, Harris, Heap and County Councillor D. Pugh.

**APOLOGIES** None.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Dolley was elected as Chair and Cllr Harris as vice Chair.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM** There were no members of the public present.

**MINUTES** The minutes of 5 April 2016 meeting were accepted unanimously.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Heap kindly volunteered to publish the defects list for items in the Village requiring repair in the Village News and to ask for volunteers. Cllr Warne reported he had examined the damaged seats and enquired into suitable bolts. Thanks were given to the Walters family for the work in renovating the telephone box and its surrounds.

In the light of various activities being carried out in the Parish to celebrate the Queen's birthday the Council decided that no further actions were necessary.

**PLANNING PERMISSION** None.

### **STYLES ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH**

The Chair informed the Council that the land owner of the fields crossed by the public footpath had said he would be willing to install bigger styles but only if he was reimbursed. The Council decided to pass on this information to the parishioners who wanted bigger styles.

### **PLAY PARK INSPECTION**

Cllr Martin reported that he had acted on the safety report and had already rectified the faults for which he was thanked.

### **FINANCE**

The Council approved the following payments; rent of Hall £220, Safety Inspection £100.80 and Insurance £ 276.49.

Mr. King had generously charged no fee as the internal auditor.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

County Councillor D. Pugh said that pot holes should be reported to Cornwall Council by individuals and that he would also seek support from Highways.

*Chairman D Dolley*

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 3 MAY 2016**

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

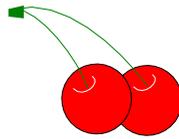
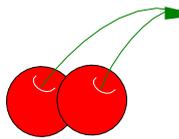
1. Apologies: None.
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 30th May 2015 were confirmed.
3. Chairman's Report: The Chairman presented his report noting that finally the finger post damaged by the solar farm work had been replaced. The Chairman believed that the Council had acted properly on all planning applications. The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their active assistance and for their hard work. The Chairman noted the good work undertaken by the Council and observed that all problems had been overcome.

*D. Dolley, Chairman*

**ST. MELLION-WITH-PILLATON**  
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 LUCKY DIP

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 WHITE ELEPHANTS, PRETTY THINGS, BOTTLE STORE,  
 ICE CREAMS, BARBECUE, SOFT DRINKS,  
 TEA TENT



THE QUEEN'S  
 90TH BIRTHDAY  
 CELEBRATION

**Sunday 12 June, 3pm to  
 5.30pm, Pillaton Village Hall  
 Cream teas £4.**

**Treasure hunts for grown ups and  
 children; entertainment by the  
 hand bell ringers at 3.30pm.**

**Please come along and join in the  
 celebrations!**



# 90 Years in Bloom



## Flowers for the Queen St. Odulph's Church, Pillaton

Saturday 11 June - Sunday 12 June  
11.00 am-5 pm daily

Visit our beautiful medieval church which will be decorated with over 90 floral tributes to the Queen on her birthday.

*For more details, please contact Alison Downing Tel. 01579 351241*

## '90 YEARS IN BLOOM - FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN'

### A Floral Tribute at St Odulph's Church, Pillaton

There has been a very enthusiastic response to the idea of filling the Village Church with flowers to celebrate the Queen's official Birthday over the weekend of Saturday 11 June and Sunday 12 June 2016 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm daily.

Sunday 12 June is also St Odulph's Day when there will be a Father's Day Family Service in the church at 10.00 am.

We have 58 items pledged so far, this includes pot plants, formal arrangements, single blooms and cut flowers from gardens, posies and children's flower paintings. This is a great start but we still need many more households to join in if we are to meet the target of at least 90 floral tributes fit for the Queen.

The plan is to decorate the churchyard outside, down to the gate with pot plants in Red White and Blue in troughs and pots, with flags and bunting if available.

The inside will be a glorious mixture of ALL Colours, like an English summer garden, with photographs illustrating all stages of the Queen's life, from her as a baby by the font, through childhood, the war years, her wedding, coronation and other aspects of her long reign.

Pillaton is only a small village, but we can put on a display to be proud of if a lot of people can each do a little! If you would like to take part we need not only more FLOWERS, but help with the following tasks:

- 1 Lifting and shifting/setting up on Thu/Fri/Sat (times to be arranged).
- 2 Publicity/Advertising
- 3 Administration
- 4 Stewarding in church on Saturday and Sunday - two people per 2 hour shift.

Please contact Alison Downing, 6 Barton Meadows (Tel: 01579 351241) or Sue Archer (Tel: 01579 350326)

## PILLATON SKITTLES LEAGUE

The 2015/16 Season has drawn to a close again with an evening of celebration and prizes on Saturday 9 April in the village hall with a fantastic meal supplied by Shirley Floyd. The event saw the Dare Devils again receiving the winners plaque with the Knackered Monks taking second place and the Wild Indians in last place receiving the wooden spoon. This year saw two women share the award for the highest score in a match, Linda from Wild Indians and Sue from the Knackered Monks with Paul from the Knackered Monks attaining the male high score.

Plans are afoot for the next season starting in October. There is always space for a new team and the existing teams are always willing to accept new players. If you are interested in putting forward a team or joining an existing team please contact me for further information.

*John Stannard*



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## VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday? Well, you could buy a ticket for the street party in Pall Mall on 12 June at the very reasonable cost of £150 (!), or alternatively, join all your friends in the village hall for an afternoon tea from 3pm to 5.30pm on the same date for just £4 per head. Sue and I have a relaxing afternoon planned, with treasure hunts for both grown ups and children plus entertainment by the hand bell ringers. See the poster on page 7 for more details.



## SOUPER VILLAGE SHOWCASE DAY!

It's a tradition in France for communities to host a "Fête des Associations" each autumn to enable all the town or village groups to show themselves off to the local inhabitants and also hopefully to help them attract new members. Sue and I thought it would be a nice idea to do this here, so please save the date for our Souper Village Showcase Day on 12 November, 11.30 am to 2.30 pm, when you can enjoy a soup and roll lunch and meet the people behind some of our village organizations. You'll have a chance to try out some of the activities during taster sessions and chat to the people who run the groups, so if you haven't yet joined in a group, or if you want to fill more of your spare time, come along and see what's on offer. We've also invited Children's Hospice South West to come along and bring their Christmas cards to sell, and we'll be sharing any profits from the lunches with that charity. Watch out for more details nearer the date or contact Ann Henderson (01579 351289) or Sue White (01579 350065).

*Ann Henderson and Sue White*



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## PILLATON WI

Chris Ley came to talk to us, at our April meeting, about his role as a Civil Funeral Celebrant for non-religious funerals.

His opening statement was “this seems a bit morbid” after that is, expressing his nervousness at talking to a load of women! What us! However he went on and very quickly dispelled that notion and hopefully lost his nervousness of all of us. He explained that for some years now it has been possible for funerals to be conducted by other than Priests, Vicars or other religious personnel. This meant that Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages were and are able to be trained to carry out civil funerals. Chris described these as ceremonies that totally focus on the life of the person who has died. However, although they are totally non-religious it is permissible to include hymns or prayers. It is very much up to the wishes of the family of the deceased as to what is or is not included.

Having described to us what the ceremony is, Chris then went on to describe how he sets about putting the service together as each occasion is very personal to the deceased person and their family. Having been contacted by the undertaker, Chris then starts to talk to the family. He said that he never ceases to be surprised by the welcome given to him. He also, though, talked about some surprises such as seeing a sitting room covered in bedding with a naked man lying there. Isn't this normal? No don't answer please! On another occasion a man was very proud of the fact that he had not done any housework for the twenty years that he had been living in the house! Hmm, wonder what that was like!

Chris' task with the family is to find out as much as he can about the deceased in order to be able to write a very personal script for the ceremony. This however is not always as easy as it may sound. He has to use all his skills of questioning, listening and being a detective in order to write an apt script. Now this script is very important as each funeral has an allotted amount of time. If this time is over-run then the Crematorium makes an additional charge! So, when one gentleman said that he wished to talk about his mother, rather than Chris doing so, Chris was concerned that he might go over time. So he asked to see a copy of the script and this request was flatly refused. When the day came Chris was a little nervous. However the man stood up and said “My mum was a wonderful woman. Thankyou!” I think that might have been a “phew” moment!

As well as describing the seriousness of the role, Chris also described some of the more funny moments. Such as when the remote control for the curtains got lost for about two weeks resulting in the curtains randomly opening and closing! The remote was eventually found in the bowels of the organ and when certain notes were played it was activated. Interesting!

Overall it seemed to me that for Chris to do his job well he needs a long list of skills. Just some of these are listening, detecting, thoughtfulness, being organised, being broad shouldered, professionalism, tact, caring and a huge sense of humour. I think he demonstrated all of these and many more during his talk so thank you Chris.

*Pam Lowther*

## SPRING SHOW

The Pillaton Gardening Club Spring Show, held on Easter Saturday, 26 March, heralded the start of another gardening year accompanied by the heady smell of the narcissi family. The daffodils looked beautiful and were judged by Richard Hosking, with outright winner Christine Dunn who was able to show in most of the categories. Christine won the Horticultural Society Trophy for most points in the Show and also the Dan du Plessis Trophy for most points in Daffodils. Dan was a great supporter of the Show and his memorial Trophy (to go to the Pillaton Parishioner with the most points in the daffodil section) was won by Ian Edwards.

The Dunloe Shield for Shrubs was awarded to Jan Simms who also entered a stunning display of snake's head fritillary.

The adult floral art was won by Nan Doughty who with her daughter Rose, produced some beautiful work.

Best in the Show was awarded to Carole Hoskin for her large trumpet daffodil.

The doors opened in the afternoon for visitors and after the Trophy presentation and raffle, our

Chairman, Ian Edwards, thanked all for coming and reminded those gathered that the next event is the Summer Show on Saturday 3 September. For any information concerning the Club, please contact Carole 350063 or Linda 350956. Images courtesy of Ian Edwards.



*Floral display*



*Winning daffodil entries*

## PILLATON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 1st April, 2016 in the Village Hall. The following is a brief summary a number of points raised and happening over the past year with our involvement.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their continued support, with again, particular thanks to Sue White; Anne Henderson and Shirley Floyd. They had worked tirelessly in all the social functions that they had organized.

Within the Chairman's report he stated that a number of chairs would be replaced due to wear, and that in the future the main hall floor will have to be replaced. He welcomed the success of the Skittles League. It has proved to be a very social occasion. The Art & Crafts Group, under Mr & Mrs Don King for the Art section, and Mrs Brenda Bonner, who runs a very active quilting group. They are holding their second Exhibition in early April. There is a lot of talent in our Village to be proud of. Hire Charges for the hall were discussed, no change at the moment.

### **Election of Officers for 2016/2017:**

Chairman	Mr D Dolley
Vice Chairperson	Mrs S White
Treasurer	Mr C Ley
Secretary	Mrs R Long
Social Secretary	Mrs S White
Ass Soc Secy	Mrs A Henderson

### **Representing:**

Pillaton Parish Council	Mr G Martin
Pillaton Gardening Club	Mrs C Hoskin
Pillaton Gymkhana	Mr S Renfree
Pillaton PCC	Mr B Henderson
Pillaton WI	Mrs L Allibone
Parishioners	D Dolley; Mrs S Floyd; Mrs R Long
Pillaton Arts & Crafts	Mrs J King

*Rosemary G Long, Hon Sec*

## **St Dominic and St Mellion C of E VA Federated Schools**

The St Dominic and St Mellion School Federation is currently undertaking a search for new Governors to join our governing body and we would like to ask for your help in finding volunteers.

Our schools are very much at the heart of our local communities and we need the support of these communities to ensure our governance remains strong. We are therefore looking for individuals who are prepared to give their time and expertise to support our federation, and we are hoping you will help us by sharing news of our search through your networks and contacts.

You'll find further information about these volunteer positions in the attached advertisement. We would be grateful if you, your colleagues or your contacts can help spread the word about this opportunity. Of course, if you'd like to get involved yourself, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or to contact the schools directly. In the meantime thank you in advance for your help and support.

*Rev Chris Painter, Chair of Governors*

## **OPENING A GARDEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A good friend of mine died early this year. We were planning a canoeing expedition together in Scotland this summer. He survived less than three months after first starting to feel unwell over Christmas, living at home with the help of family and palliative care from Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan are a nursing charity providing day and hospice care to so many, and is one of the major beneficiaries of funds raised by the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) – about £500,000 last year. The same amount was donated to Marie Curie, and a further £2 million was distributed to charities with similar aims. Opening our garden to raise funds for the NGS is our way of contributing to this vital service. Plus, of course, we like gardening and like to see the results ourselves. This year we are opening twice – once was in early May and the next will be on 26th June (1-5pm). It is rather daunting having a deadline when you feel everything should be at its best. Unfortunately Mother Nature doesn't always have the same priorities. The warm early winter was playing havoc with many plants 'normal' seasonal routines, further complicated by the wet March and an ever-so cold April. By the end of April we were getting quite stressed by the pending early May opening, our first at this time of year. Lots of April/May bulbs, especially planted last autumn, never materialized, and, as always at this time of year, you wonder if any of your favourite perennials are ever going to pop their tender shoots above ground, especially when the earth is covered in frost and hail at the end of April! As I write this, we do not know what the weather at the beginning of May will be like, but being forever optimistic Viv is busy baking for the teas we offer. For to sit in the sun and relax in someone else's garden, with tea and a piece of homemade cake, is one of the attractions of a garden visit. Of course she spends the rest of the time in the greenhouse pricking out the bedding plant seedlings, hundreds of them, just waiting for the frosts to end. So even if May was not as busy as we would have wished, I am sure the garden will be a picture by the end of June. Please come and be nosy. We, along with Macmillan and the other supported charities, would really appreciate your support.

*Tony Laurillard, "South Lea"*

### ***Thank you from Barbara and Steve Gordon***

To our dearest friends one and all, from our village, our family and beyond. I on behalf of Steve and our family would sincerely like to thank you all, each and every one of you, for sending us your kind greetings and words, your 'Get Well' cards, visits to the house and the hospital, telephone calls and text messages, of which we have been completely overwhelmed by, and for all the offers of help and gifts and flowers given during Steve's hospitalisation. All of which were so gratefully received knowing of your support through this troubled time.

You might like to know that Steve came through his operation well and though the recovery time is a slow one, each day that dawns brings a little more improvement. Once again thank you to one and all,

*Sincerely, Barbara*

# PILLATON WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION GROUP LATEST NEWS

Efforts to raise sufficient funds for the purchase of Pillaton Playing Field into village ownership, the Group's project to provide a lasting commemoration of the centenary of the Great War, received an enormous boost recently with a substantial pledge of several thousand pounds from the Howton Solar Farm Community Fund. This, together with money raised so far from fund raising events and the local appeal launched in March, means we are getting close to our target. I am afraid I have to be evasive about exact sums as confidentiality on the sale price and associated negotiations is a condition of the agreed sale with the landowners. But we still have a way to go, so raising more money from later planned events this year, and the crucial contributions in response to the local appeal, is essential. Please do give generously – the appeal notice (with tear off reply slip) is repeated opposite in this edition of the Village News.

Of recent events, the Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush on 17 April was an outstanding success, both with its popularity with participants and in raising over £500 for our fund. In fact, the event proved to be so popular a further shoot is planned for the autumn. By the time this edition is published, the choral concert in St Odulph's by St Joseph's School Choir will also have taken place. My thanks to all involved in bringing both events to fruition, and especially Hugh Bailey, and Rupert and Tanya Taylor, not forgetting all the other helpers who contributed to these successes.

Our next confirmed events, for which full details will be provided later, are:

**Saturday 10 September 2016** – Family Fun Day at the Playing Field and in the Village Hall, featuring games, activities, food and drink, live music and good fun for all ages, in the afternoon and evening.

**Sunday 2 October 2015** – Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush

**Friday 28 October 2016** – Halloween Supper in the Weary Friar.

If you have any ideas or would like to assist, or contribute to the above events, please contact either me, the Chairman, (01579 351409) or our Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Ley (01579 351033).

Thank you.

*Peter R Johnson*

## FUND RAISING APPEAL- PURCHASE OF PLAYING FIELD

The World War One Commemoration Group was set up in 2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War and its fundamental impact on the village and community of Pillaton – both from the significant casualties suffered and the enormous long term changes to society and the way of life here.

To ensure this commemoration has lasting value, the Group plans a permanent legacy for the benefit of the Parish and wider local community. Currently the Pillaton Playing Field – the only local public park/outdoor amenity in the parish – is not owned by the Parish (unlike the adjacent Village Hall). It is leased from local land-owners on a fixed term. Thus, there is no security or guarantee of perpetual availability of this facility for the local community. Thus we would like to buy the field and place it into parish ownership (like the Village Hall), and have agreement in principle from the landowners for this purchase.

We now need to call on the generosity of the local community to raise more funds for this crucial, much used and loved local public amenity. Consequently, we are launching this appeal for contributions towards achieving the target of purchasing the field for the Parish.

The Group has already been raising funds from events organised locally, and has also submitted applications for grants from local community funds, but as most of these organisations do not permit submissions for land purchase, our scope for obtaining a grant from such sources are limited. Nevertheless we continue with new fund raising events.

So please do give generously. Any donations, in cash or cheque (made payable to the Pillaton World War One Commemoration Group), and whether large or small, will be very welcome indeed, and every little bit helps! Please send donations, with the slip below, to the addresses shown. Alternatively there is a Donations Tin in the Weary Friar. Thank you very much in anticipation of your generosity.

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### PILLATON WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION GROUP FUND RAISING APPEAL - PLAYING FIELD PURCHASE

**From:** ..... **Amount:**.....

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**Send to: Peter Johnson (Group Chairman), "Fairway, off Barton Meadows, Pillaton, or Chris Ley (Secretary/Treasurer), 19 Barton Meadows, Pillaton**

## WORLD WAR I DIARY : APRIL TO JUNE 1916

April 1916 was one of the blackest months of the war for Pillaton. Although some local men had been involved in the fighting for over a year there had been no fatal casualties until this month. The trench war in France still continued, but it was members of the Royal Navy that were the first to die. WILLIAM HOCKING, the second son of the rector of St.Odulph's, after embarking on a successful career in the merchant navy had joined the Royal Naval Air Service in November 1915 gaining his wings in December 1915. By April 1916 William was based at the RNAS station at Killingholme on the Humber estuary and was training on seaplanes. Flight training at that time was still rudimentary and there were frequent accidents during training. On Good Friday, 21st of April, William was flying a seaplane version of the Sopwith Baby biplane on an exercise from the air station to the seaplane carrier HMS Killingholme when he crashed into the Humber and was drowned. The Cornish Times of the 19th May carried a long report of the memorial service held at Pillaton when there was a large turnout of the local population. William Hocking was 23 years old when he died.

WILLIAM HIGMAN was from a Landrake family and he married Alberta Stevens of Rick Park Farm in 1913. In April 1914 they had a son also named William. William Higman had joined the Royal Navy in 1903 and trained as a stoker. He served in a number of ships rising to the rank of Petty Officer, including spending two years on a river gunboat on the upper Yangtze River in China. By April 1916 he was serving in a recently build minesweeper, HMS Nasturtium, based in the Mediterranean. On 27th of April HMS Nasturtium was ordered to search for mines believed to have been laid by a German submarine just outside the naval base at Valletta in Malta. At around 8.00pm the ship struck one of these mines and was badly holed below the waterline. The boiler rooms flooded and William Higman died at his action station, aged 33 years. In spite of attempts to rescue the ship she eventually sank with the loss of seven, mostly stokers, of her crew.

The third naval casualty was GERALD THURSTON COLLINS, the eldest son of Thurston Collins who had just inherited the Newton Ferrers estate. Gerald had joined the navy in 1908 and was building a promising career serving in both big ships as well as destroyers. On April 28th 1916 he was sent to join the destroyer HMS Tipperary as her gunnery officer. The Tipperary was the lead ship of the British 4th Destroyer Flotilla and was on constant standby to protect Britain's capital ships in the event of a long expected major sea battle with the German High Seas Fleet. May 31st saw the German fleet at sea in an attempt to trap and destroy elements of the British Grand Fleet so that the British blockade of Germany would become ineffective. After some initial success off the coast of Jutland but still facing the bulk of the British Dreadnoughts, the German Fleet turned for home. In the dark of that night the two fleets lost contact with each other but at about 11.30pm the 4th Destroyer Flotilla found itself in the middle of the German Fleet's battleships. A confused engagement followed during which the bridge area of HMS Tipperary was completely destroyed by the German big guns killing her Captain

and Lt. Gerald Collins, aged 25 years. The ship later sank with the loss of all but a dozen or so of her 197 crew.

Here are some of the other significant developments taking place at this time:

- Mesopotamia, April 29th: Over 9,000 men of the British and Indian army surrender to the Turks after the siege of Kut. Nearly half of these prisoners die as a result of a forced "death" march to, and of the dreadful conditions at, the Turkish prisoner of war camps in Anatolia.
- June 2nd: Russian General Brusilov launches massive attack on Austrian troops capturing one third of the opposing army and penetrating the Austrian border.
- June 5th: Start of Arab Revolt against Turkey—within days Mecca falls to the Arabs.
- June 5th, off Scapa Flow: Lord Kitchener drowns when British cruiser HMS Hampshire taking him on a mission to Russia is sunk by a German mine.
- All through April, May and June: Constant violent attacks by the Germans on Verdun forts, often using poison gas shells, gain some ground but fail to capture Verdun itself. The loss of Fort Vaux however, makes the French desperate for the British to bring forward their plans for the summer Somme offensive.

*Don King*

### PILLATON AND THE GREAT WAR



The video of the popular "Pillaton and the Great War" event held in the Village Hall on 17 October is now available on DVD. Copies at £5 per DVD may

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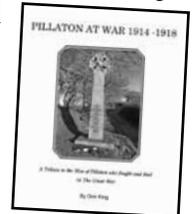
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### PILLATON AT WAR 1914-1918

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Copies of the booklet are for sale (price £6) and can be ordered by emailing Don at [donald.king@btinternet.com](mailto:donald.king@btinternet.com) or call 01579 350890. All net proceeds will be donated to the Pillaton Memorial Playground Fund.



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Foods like grapefruits, cranberries, broccoli etc., can affect your medication. It's important to take your medication at certain times, maybe on an empty stomach, or with food, not all together, etc. Make sure you know how to take your medication correctly so it works in the right way for you.

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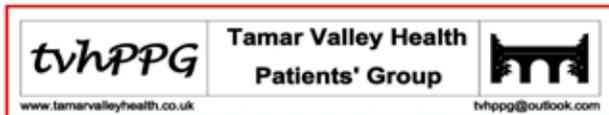
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## FRUIT CASE

The hesitant Spring is hiccupping its way through days confusing man and beast with an assortment of weather. Delay in sunshine has left the ground too cold to make seedlings roar into growth as they usually do, but at least the ground has dried out a little and lawns are no longer mossy quagmires. I have had to patch the centre of my lawn (a hopeful term, when in fact it is grass with liberal supply of moss and weeds). It now has the dubious distinction of having a larger caterpillar of cloches down the middle to protect the re-seeded bald path, worn with constant trips to visit my guinea pigs in the summerhouse during the winter monsoon. The cloche looks strange and confuses poor Mabel, who is practically blind. I have caught her lamb jumping over it, despite her visual impairment she sniffs and hops over, I just love terriers, so full of IT! My garden has been delicious this Spring, wave upon wave of camellia blooms, then a dozen varieties of magnolia, the latest to bloom are the yellows, and I still have the grandiflora teacup blooms to look forward to. All of these magnolias have been planted by me in the last twelve years and most from small specimens, the tallest being more than 3m. in height. Some of the camellias are older reaching even higher, some have been cut to the ground and replanted in better positioned but returned more vigorous than ever. I always give mine a cut back after they have flowered. The evergreen foliage makes them excellent cover for nesting birds and it is better to follow the RSPB recommendation to not cut trees and hedges between March and August the main breeding season for nesting birds. It is also an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside to take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. Please be careful when joyfully going berserk with the latest garden gadget and look before you hack down sugarcane with your machete!

I suppose it is a little sun that raises the hormone levels of full blooded males coupled with Spring sales at the nearest DIY superstores, that propels all the village males from their armchairs to intense machinery or bee gardening. No snoozing on sun beds is possible as the whole village becomes an industrial estate of sound, mowers, hedge cutters, strimmers, sounds of walls being knocked down and posts being banged in, vehicles reversing to deliver. I am suffering from sciatica, which is painful, and I am full of self-pity, and all these sounds just registered on my conscious whilst I was snoozing on the sofa in the conservatory on one afternoon! Hells bells! The sound of the bumble bees attracted into the conservatory by the orchids, was definitely drowned out by the human buzzing.

We have a classic example of creative arboricultural butchery in the Ryn. The verge trees at the top of the Ryn have needed some TLC for a while...and usually trees are pruned, crown thinned, lolly-popped, toilet brushed or removed according to cost and available skills or instructions. I appreciate one of the trees had a spot of rot, and one was slowly dying through being poorly positioned, but to leave them reduced as ironic parody of 'The Angel of the North' is nothing short of a tragedy, especially for Ryn residents who have to see them daily.

Granted not all are saddened by these stumped trees, as there were plenty of log burning residents to remove the wood and it has to be said that the initial planting of

the trees 40+ years ago had not been with any appreciation of their habit, eventual size and inclinations. In hindsight (a wonderful thing) it would have been better to have used a professional to select and plant appropriate street trees/shrubs. The birds in my garden have had a hard time this Spring, with the increasing number of cats there has been an expected rise in the death rate of nesting birds. Thrushes and blackbirds who nest in hedges are particularly vulnerable. I find it distressing to find myself standing on the remnants of a male blackbird, and Mabel is not as able to catch the culprits. A good scrap with a dog, can make a cat think twice about a return trip, I just wish they would stay in their own gardens, leaving corpses and poo for the delight of their owners.

My bargain cherry is losing its canopy in the rain and breeze, its blossom confetting, drifting around the drive, but the apple trees have the promise of later blossom as the swelling buds are clearly visible. The irises are beginning to show buds emerging like fat secrets from their hiding places amongst the heart of leaves, and lace edged soft leaves show the damaging presence of slugs, reminding me to order more nematodes to kill them. The gardening Press has warned us of a tsunami of slugs this year, because of mild, wet winter weather, so be warned. No slug pellets as they kill hedgehogs, so it is Nemaslug, or a torch and old bbq. tongs and a bucket of salty water. If you are quiet, on a damp evening, you can almost hear the munching sounds slugs and snails make as they plough through your new seedlings. It is very satisfying to pick up big fat ones and drop them in the bucket, the little ones do more damage on the seedlings, and you may have to use rubber gloves to grab the little blighters, Ugh!

I moan about the nasty habits of cats but also have to mention the increasing amount of visible dog poo on the verges, this is not the dogs' fault but the dogs' owners, it is unsightly, and unhealthy, and a nightmare when trodden into carpets, so please clean up after your dogs, as there 3 BINS FOR DOG POO in the village.

*Jan Simms*

## WE NEED MORE

Pillaton Village Library has recently been given a kids' section. This is great in the fact that our younger ones can read as well as us!

Since the library has had this section all the books have been going fast! So we need more kids' books! If you have any books that your kids have now grown out of, or read so many times that they need something new, then would you mind donating them?

If you do have any books suitable for ages 12 and under then please drop them in to Briars Mede (opposite the library)

The front door leads into the porch. Inside the porch there is a wooden shelf stand where you can put your old books.

All books will be much appreciated! Thanks for the support in our village library!  
Happy Reading!

## ST MELLION WITH PILLATON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for our two churches took place at Pillaton on 13 March, following the Sunday service.

Rev. Chris welcomed those attending to the APCM and opened the meeting with a brief prayer. Apologies were received from Jim Bennet, Roger and Cheryl Desborough, Helen and Ian Edwards and Sue Archer.

Graham Palmer stood down as Churchwarden for Pillaton after a long period of service. Rev. Chris thanked Graham and outlined the role of Churchwarden for those attending. The Churchwardens for the year 2016-2017 will be Cheryl Desborough at St Mellion and Richard Lowther at Pillaton.

The Annual Report for 2015 had been previously displayed on the website and copies had been displayed in each church. If you have missed seeing it, you can find the report online at <http://tinyurl.com/h2dg9d7>

Graham Palmer gave an additional report on behalf of the Churchwardens at Pillaton in which he and Richard thanked those many people who had supported the church during the year, especially the choir for leading our singing and raise the standard of our worship; the organists – we continue to seek a permanent organist and are most grateful to the variety of people who fill the role in the meantime; the bell ringers, for calling us to service and broadcasting our presence to the community; the flower arrangers, who add beauty to our church and reflect the seasons; the cleaners, who battle with the effects of leaves being blown in during the autumn and the determination of swallows to desecrate the porch in the spring; the lesson readers, who enhance our services with themes related to the services and those who provide refreshments so that we get to know each other better after services.

He also thanked the PCC, including Ann Henderson our Secretary who keeps our records and ensures that we are informed of any news or directives from the Diocese; Tony Rowe, who with great enthusiasm supervises the overall care and maintenance of our Grade 1 listed building with all the problems of its great age, together with our old and new churchyards; Jim Bennet, who ensures that we are financially able to continue with our ministry in this place, both by his

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professionalism and his personal contribution in raising much of our income. Finally, he thanked Ian Edwards for conscientiously opening and closing the church throughout the week to ensure a church that is always open for both parishioners and visitors alike.

Graham and Richard look forward to a growing and meaningful Church in the community led by Rev Chris with his new ideas, his enthusiasm and his pastoral care.

With the exception of David Reynolds, who is standing down from the PCC, all members were willing to serve for another year. Rev. Chris thanked David for his long service as a PCC member and as past Secretary. Representatives to the Deanery Synod are unchanged and Treasurer and Secretary remain the same. St Mellion with Pillaton PCC members are as follows:

Jim Bennet, Treasurer, Deanery Synod; Alison Downing, Deanery Synod; Ann Henderson, Secretary; Vivienne Malsom; Graham Palmer, Deanery Synod; Betty Reynolds; Tony Rowe

In conclusion Rev. Chris shared his vision for the future of our church. He mentioned the introduction of the quarterly rota and stressed his belief that our churches can and will grow. He stated that there is no magic formula but looks forward to exciting and inspired worship embracing fellowship, families and greater participation by the congregation. He hopes in particular to encourage more people to lead intercessions, join in home groups and will follow people through from their baptism or wedding days to strengthen their feeling of belonging to the church community.

He talked about the development of the 7 Link theme, considering the 7 congregations as part of a single church. He also stressed the need to make better use of our buildings and to serve the local community. He told the meeting about the work he was doing with the local schools and asked people to save the date for the Parish Away day scheduled for the 24 September 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12 noon.

## ST. DOMINIC, LANDULPH AND ST. MELLION-WITH-PILLATON

### ***CHURCH DIARY***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SERVICE/EVENT</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
15 May	Sunday - Pentecost	1000 1000	Family Service St Dominic St Mellion
17 May	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist St Mellion
18 May	Wednesday	1230	Methodist School Room Cargreen
22 May	Trinity Sunday	1000 1000	Eucharist Landulph Pillaton
24 May	Tuesday	0930	Morning Eucharist St Dominic
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Tue 7 Jun	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 12 Jun	Afternoon Tea celebrating Queen's 90th Birthday, Pillaton Village Hall
Sun 26 Jun	NGS Gardens open to Public, Pillaton
Tue 5 Jul	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 10 Jul	Cherry Feast, St Mellion
Sun 24 Jul	Barbecue, Rick Park Farm
Sat 3 Sep	Gardening Club Summer Show, Pillaton Village Hall
Tue 6 Sep	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 10 Sep	Family Fun Day, Pillaton Village Hall and Playing Field
Sun 2 Oct	Clay Pigeon Shoot at Bush
Tue 4 Oct	Pillaton Parish Council Meeting, Pillaton Village Hall
Fri 28 Oct	Halloween Supper, Weary Friar
Sun 30 Oct	Pumpkins and Halloween for all village children, Pillaton Village Hall
Sat 12 Nov	Village Showcase Day

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