

Harvest Supper and Charity Auction

Monday 5 October

The Annual Charity event of the Harvest Supper followed by the sometimes hilarious auction of produce in aid of the St Petroc's Charity for the homeless in Cornwall took place on Monday 5th October.

Some 28 Pillaton parishioners attended the function, with a Baker's Cornish Bakehouse pasty and a glass of wine for starters and homemade puddings for dessert.

It doesn't seem that long ago when the Vilklage Hall would be packed with 50 to 60 parishioners attending, remembering the auctioneers' trials and tribulations of trying to get a good price for the famous runner bean chutney or the umpteenth large bag of apples, type unknown, so guessing if cookers or eaters.

Is it a sign of the times, lack of publicity, or a reflection of how the Village has changed?

Many thanks to Carole Hoskin for supporting me in the auction, particularly with the pot plants, kindly donated by Kernock Park Plants, I would have been talking gibberish in trying to pronounce the plant names.

Also, many thanks to all the contributors of veg, preserves, flowers and flower displays that all went to make a varied and successful auction raising some £500 for St Petroc's, Cornwall's homeless charity.

The highlight of the auction was the bidding for Shirley's Dundee cake, with keen rivalry renewed between two parishioners, the final bid of £60 secured the cake.

I would also like to thank Jim and Dylan for helping me to set up for the evening, Jim for arranging the pasties and controlling the money income amid various tabs being run for serious bidders, all to be paid at the end by card machine, well done Jim.

Finally, I will thank my family for their support in helping on the evening, serving the pasties, washing up after and putting away all the bits and pieces used during the evening.

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