

News and Events Archive - 2020

Handbell Ringing Champions



Maire posted a message on Facebook this morning about a great success for the Pillaton and St. Mellion Handbell Ringers. For anyone who hasn't heard about this or seen the video of the event, see below. A marvellous performance, ladies!

The Pillaton and St Mellion Handbell Ringers can now officially call themselves Champion of Champions! Not bad for a group of elderly ladies who meet (or used to) once a week for a ring, a chat and a cuppa.

Can't believe we beat over a hundred entries in six different categories and received congratulatory comments from all over the world. Nice to have some good news amongst all the doom and gloom.

If you haven't seen the video it is on the cccbr.org.uk website or on YouTube (search for Plain Bob Triples on Handbells).

Maire Warwick

22/12/20

Village Hall Christmas Draw



The Village Hall Christmas Draw has now taken place and a list of the winner's names for the many fine prizes can be seen on Village Hall 2020 Christmas Draw Winners.

It sounds as though the raffle was a big success so many thanks to all the organisers, prize donators, ticket sellers and ticket buyers. The Village Hall funds have received a considerable boost as a result.

19/12/20

Christmas Lights Switch On



The Christmas Lights are now on all over Pillaton. Well done and many thanks to all who helped organise and all who put up a splendid and very varied array of lighting.

Oh wow - have just finished walking around the Village and it looks fabulous. Thank you everyone - it's a real lift and a feel of Christmas spirit - and no, I don't mean the mulled wine but that was very welcome Cathy and Lorraine. Thank you also to Father Christmas for starting the proceedings and bringing everyone onto the streets. And Richard and Maire ringing Good King Wenceslas on the church bells was inspired.

Merry Christmas Everyone,
Jenny Wheelley

Photographs of a selection of the many displays can be seen on the Christmas Lights Switch On gallery page.

12/12/20

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

100 Club

The second "100 Club" draw has taken place and Giles Greenough was the lucky person this time round. Village Hall 100 Club December Draw.

09/12/20

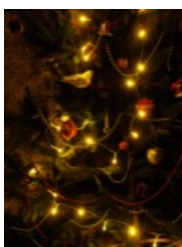
Pillaton Mayflower Quilt



If you were unable to get to the Mayflower 400 Quilting Exhibition back in September to see the quilt made by the Pillaton Quilting Group that was on show there, you have an opportunity to view it in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 15th December 2020 between 2.00 pm. and 4.00 pm.

09/12/20

The Big Christmas Lights Switch On



A co-ordinated switching on of Christmas lights is planned for 6.00 pm. on 12th December. Father Christmas should also be coming around the village. See Christmas Lights Switch On for more details.

06/12/20

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes for December's Parish Council Meeting are now available.

Links to minutes for previous meetings can be found on the Council page.

03/12/20

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The November edition of the Pillaton Village News has just been issued. Find out what has been going on in these parts over the past couple of months and also see what we have in store for the next couple.

If you have always been content to read the Pillaton Village News that is delivered to your door, you may have never realised that it is actually produced in full colour. So dip into some of the older copies listed on the Pillaton Village News page and see

things differently!

23/11/20

Village Hall Christmas Draw



Tickets are now on sale for the Village Hall Christmas Draw. There are many fine prizes to be won so make sure you get your tickets soon. See the latest Village News for full details.

23/11/20

Village Hall 100 Club - First Draw



All "100 Club" tickets have been sold and the first draw has taken place. To find out who won and for further information see Village Hall 100 Club November Draw.

09/11/20

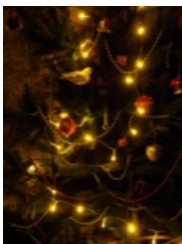
Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes for November's Parish Council Meeting have been released.

Links to minutes for previous meetings can be found on the Council page.

05/11/20

Christmas Lights



As we head into winter, Coronavirus restrictions look as though they could curtail our usual Christmas activities and celebrations but villagers are trying to find ways to help bring us all some Yuletide cheer as can be seen from the Christmas Lights message posted on the Village Facebook page today.

27/10/20

Pumpkin Festival



In spite of the ongoing restrictions, the Pillaton Gardening Club was able to put on another Pumpkin Festival on 25th October. Linda sent us the following summary.

Pumpkin Celebration

Thanks to the dry weather, families were able to carve their pumpkins on spaced tables in the playing park. 34 pumpkins were used and thanks go to Ian Edwards for growing them, to the Gardening Club committee for preparing them and to all those who took part. See you next year.

Linda Mavin

Photos taken by Linda can be seen on the 2020 Pumpkin Festival page.

25/10/20

Pillaton Council Meeting Minutes

After several months of virtual meetings necessitated by the Covid-19 restrictions, the parish council were able to meet in the Village Hall for the October council meeting. The minutes can be seen in Parish Council Minutes for October 2020.

Links to minutes for previous meetings can be found on the Council page.

12/10/20

Pillaton Village Hall 100 Club



To help raise funds for the Village Hall upkeep, a "100 Club" has been launched. Details about the club and how to join in can be found in Village Hall 100 Club.

08/10/20

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The September edition of the Village News is now out. In it you can read about the Handbell Ringers recent success, an update on the Playpark plans, a look back at local events 100 years ago and details about other recent or upcoming events.

For older editions, see Pillaton Village News.

22/09/20

Eustace Trehane Elliott, 1884-1917



Robert Smith very kindly made contact through the website in September 2020 with information about Eustace Trehane Elliott who was one of the seven service men from Pillaton who were killed in WW1. See Eustace Trehane Elliott, 1884-1917.

21/09/20

Peafowl Latest

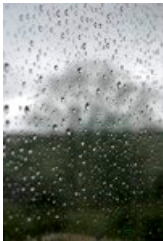
Have just received the following brief message from Chris Ley regarding the peafowl:

Cornwall Council Community Protection confirmed on 2 September that the peafowl have been rehomed.

No other information has been provided nor are any further updates anticipated.

03/09/20

August Rainfall



August proved to be a wet month with 212mm (8.35") of rain. Still quite a way short of February's 290mm (11.42") but definitely the second wettest month this year so far.

See Rainfall Figures for full details over the years.

01/09/20

Pillaton Quilting Group and Mayflower 400



A quilt made by the Pillaton Quilting Group during the year and depicting the voyage of the Pilgrims to America in the Mayflower back in 1620 is one of over 20 that will be on display at the Mayflower 400 Quilting Exhibition from 10th - 19th September at St. Andrews in Plymouth.

For a photograph of the quilt and details about the exhibition, see Quilt in Mayflower 400 Exhibition.

27/08/20

Website Update



September 8th marks the tenth anniversary of the village website's launch. As can be seen by looking at some of the items posted here, a lot has happened over those years, even in this quiet corner of Cornwall. Whilst many pages have been added in that time, the appearance of the site has not changed very much until now.

See website update 2020 for more about the background to this and how the changes could affect you.

24/08/20

Peafowl Update

The following update from Chris Ley was posted on Pillaton Facebook page on 21 August:

“A survey of the Village was undertaken in late June and early July because the Parish Council stated that they had no powers to intervene in this potentially contentious issue.

For a number of reasons, there has been a pause in activity following the survey. However, in view of the concern from residents that peafowl should be rehomed (overwhelmingly so in Barton Meadow), a letter has now been sent to Cornwall Council Environmental Protection requesting them to formally investigate the issue. I will provide updates on progress.

As many of you may be aware, on Tuesday the peahen was discovered outside a garage in Barton Meadow with 3 chicks. After moving among 3 other properties, the chicks were captured by concerned residents and together with peahen moved to shelter in Briars Ryn.”

21/08/20

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Information Updated



The web page giving information for those in Pillaton and the surrounding area regarding the current pandemic has been revised. The changes include Chris Ley taking over from Ruth Woodley as a contact and the removal of the prescription collection service. Changes are also afoot to close the second Pillaton Facebook page. See Coronavirus (Covid-19) Information (v2) for this revised page.

22/07/20

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The July edition of the Village News has now been published. Naturally the Coronavirus pandemic is still having an impact but there is also good news. There are details on the re-opening of the church for private prayer, a progress report on the Village Hall floor replacement and part of an article on Pillaton in 1941 written for BBC's WW2 People's War.

Although the planned celebration of Chinese Valentine's Day has had to be cancelled, Ann Henderson has provided some background to this event and also some associated recipes for us to try out.

For older editions, see Pillaton Village News.

20/07/20

Summer Show Cancelled



Another annual event to fall victim to the Coronavirus restrictions is the Gardening Club's Summer Show. This was to have been held on 5th September but has now regrettably been cancelled.

It is hoped though that the Pumpkin Celebration scheduled for 25th October can still go ahead with appropriate social distancing measures in place.

18/07/20

Peafowl Survey



The peacock and peahen that could be found wandering around the village for a number of months now seem to have become an increasing source of debate. Consequently a survey has been carried out to see how villagers view their presence here. See Peafowl Survey for more about this.

14/07/20

Play Park Announcement



As you will no doubt be aware, the local Play Park has been closed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, in spite of the easing of the associated lockdown, it will have to remain closed a while longer pending work to make it safe. See the Play Park Announcement notice for more details.

07/07/20

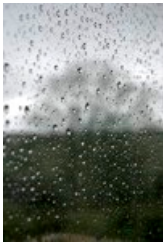
Cherry Feast Cancelled



Unfortunately, but unsurprisingly with the continuing Coronavirus restrictions, this year's Cherry Feast has been cancelled. Because this is one of the main sources of income to help keep the churches of Pillaton and St. Mellion in good repair, the organisers are hoping that donations will be made as an alternative. For more information, see the Cherry Feast Flyer.

18/06/20

May Rainfall

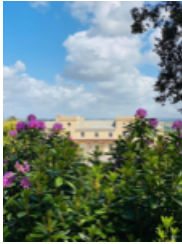


May was a very sunny month and almost dry with just 8mm (0.31") of rain. However, September 2014 remains the driest month on record over the past ten years with just 6mm (0.26") recorded.

See Rainfall Figures for full details over the years.

01/06/20

Pentillie Castle Gardens Open



Rather short notice, but hopefully a sign of optimism with lockdown restrictions easing slightly, Pentillie has announced its gardens will be open on Saturday 30th May. Details can be found in Pentillie Garden Open.

30/05/20

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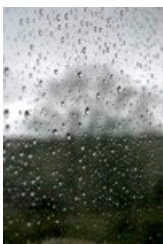


Just issued is May's edition of the Village News. The current Coronavirus pandemic is naturally still covered, including a report about the Pillaton Facebook page. Articles by Peter Johnson and Robin Dwane look back 75 years ago to the times around VE Day and, looking forward, there are details of events planned for later this year although these are inevitably still tentative and will depend on some relaxing of the current social restrictions.

For older editions, see Pillaton Village News.

17/05/20

April Rainfall



After all the rain of the past few months, April saw a welcome spell of sunshine for most of the month which helped to make the Coronavirus lockdown more bearable. At least we could get out into our gardens or take exercise by walking the various local lanes. The small amount of rain we did have towards the end of the month was in fact probably welcomed by most gardeners and farmers as things were becoming dry.

See Rainfall Figures for full details over the years.

01/05/20

Neighbourhood Watch Warning



A message from the Action Fraud section of the Police warns about current Covid-19 related scams. Please take note.

28/03/20

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Information



A web page giving important information for those in Pillaton and the surrounding area regarding the current pandemic can be found at [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Information](#).

If you live in or near Pillaton, please familiarise yourself with this as it contains information on assistance that is available to all, particularly if you are self-isolating.

27/03/20

A Message from Linda Harris

Linda Harris of Briars Ryn would like to thank all those residents of Pillaton who sent messages of sympathy and support following the death of her husband, Andrew, on 1st March. It was, and is, greatly appreciated. Thank you!

26/03/20

Pillaton Village News Magazine



The March issue of the Village News has just been published. Unsurprisingly, Coronavirus is a major theme in this issue. Many local meetings, events and church services have been affected as a result. Useful links are provided and suggestions for community self help are given, including information on the new Facebook page that has been set up by Ruth Woodley for villagers. Don King has also put together some thoughts on the creation of a number of support groups across the village and parish that could help coordinate activities such as shopping, transport, collecting prescriptions, etc., especially for those who are unable to get out. Please take time to read about these initiatives.

For older editions, see [Pillaton Village News](#).

21/03/20

Local Events Cancelled

In recognition of the Government's advice regarding the coronavirus outbreak, we have been notified of cancellation of the following local events:

- o The Spring Show on 28th March

- o The Parish Council Meeting on 7th April
- o The WI Meeting (Games Evening) on 13th April
- o The PAAC Art Exhibition on 18/19th April
- o The Skittles Presentation evening on 25th April
- o The VE Day 75 Celebration on 8th May

It is hoped the PAAC Art Exhibition and Skittles Presentation can be rescheduled for sometime in the Autumn but will be dependent on the situation then.

Other meetings and events are likely to be cancelled or postponed so you are advised to check with the organisers if in doubt.

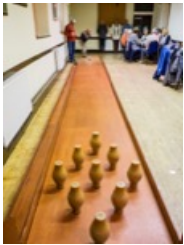
Linda Mavin has sent the following message advising of the cancellation of this year's Spring Show.

In line with local and national recommendations regarding the CoVid19 virus, Pillaton Gardening Club are cancelling their annual Spring Show on 28th March. We are very sorry to do this as its a fantastic display of colour and scent which is just what we all need to lift our spirits. Those keen to immerse themselves in colour and scent are welcome to visit my garden at North Sillaton where a cuppa and piece of cake will follow a short tour.

Linda Mavin (07969966917)

21/03/20

Skittles League Matches



The final rounds of the Pillaton Skittles League took place on 14th March with the Mavericks confirming their class to finish top of the table. Details can be found in Skittles League 2019-20.

NB. The presentation night planned for 25th April has been postponed (see News item above).

16/03/20

Pillaton Facebook Group



A new Facebook page has been set up called "Pillaton in Cornwall Facebook Group" to help with communications and support for parish residents. Whilst it can be used for any appropriate form of communication, it has been set up at this time with coronavirus in mind. See Pillaton in Cornwall Facebook Group on the Parish Council page for details.

07/03/20

Andrew Harris

It is with great sadness we learn of the passing on Sunday 1 March 2020 of Andrew Harris of Briars Ryn, Pillaton.

Andrew was a former Justice of the Peace, Parish Councillor, School Governor and Author of "Local Walks around the Parish of Pillaton".

FUNERAL: 11.30a.m. Wednesday 18 March 2020 at Glyn Valley Crematorium, followed by Light Refreshments at Pillaton Village Hall.

01/03/20

February Rainfall



And still it rains! The storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge all contributed to making last month the wettest February we have had in the past decade with 290mm (11.4") of rain. This was not enough to beat November 2018's 295mm (11.6") but certainly caused high river levels in the area, like much of Britain. Some related images can be seen in [River Lynher Flooding](#).

Update 9th March: Many thanks to Robin Dwane who sent in two photographs which show the higher levels reached by the River Lynher on 16th February, just after Storm Dennis. These can be seen at the above link.

See Rainfall Figures for full details over the years.

01/03/20

Skittles League Matches



The third round of matches in the Pillaton Skittles League took place on 20th February. The Mavericks were again on top form and now comfortably head the table. Details can be found in [Skittles League 2019-20](#).

20/02/20

Council Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on the parish council. See [Council Vacancy notice](#) for more details.

18/02/20

Reception for Rosemary Long



The Village Hall Committee held a reception for Rosemary Long to mark her retirement as Secretary. See [Rosemary Long reception](#) for details and photographs.

01/02/20

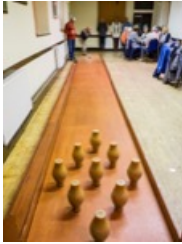
Neighbourhood Watch Warning



A crime alert message has been received from the police regarding an incident of Arson in Blunts.

31/01/20

Skittles League Matches



The second round of matches in the Pillaton Skittles League took place on 23rd January. The Mavericks were on top form getting maximum points and now head the table. Details can be found in Skittles League 2019-20.

23/01/20

Pillaton Village News Magazine



A new year and a new edition of the Village News. In it you will find reports of happenings over the Christmas period and news about events to look forward to in the coming months.

For older editions, see Pillaton Village News.

19/01/20

Play Park Fund Donation

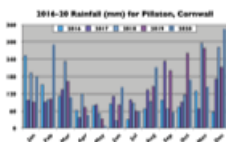


A generous donation to the Pillaton Play Park Fund has come through a Weary Friar initiative. See Weary Friar Donation for details.

See the Play Park Appeal notice for more details on how you can help.

07/01/20

2019 Rainfall



The wet weather continued through December with 213mm (8.39") of rain. This was sufficient to ensure that 2019 beat the previous wettest year total of 2012 by about 8mm (0.33"). Although the roads through the village at times were streaming with run-off water, we did not experience the more widespread inundation across the River Lynher floodplain as happened in December 2012.

See Rainfall Figures for full details over the years.

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