



# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Spring Edition



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## Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Regular Parish Council meetings have been held on the third Wednesdays of December, January and February. All meetings are open to the public but no parishioners have attended during the last quarter.

Highway matters have been prominent since the snow and ice. The lanes are not on the salting network and it is only thanks to individuals who took it upon themselves to spread the salt from the bins when necessary that helped to keep the roads accessible. The bins are placed at hazardous points by Devon County Council highways, to be available for use on the public highway only. Unauthorised removal of the salt from the bins had devastating effects on local people during the recent winter snow and ice. Due to limited resources the bins were not refilled as quickly as they might have been. Some resurfacing work has been carried out in the parish and ditching work done to help keep the road surfaces clear of water. There have also been complaints about excessive mud on the roads. Warning signs should be set up if such problems are likely to arise until clearing up is complete. It is also important that all vehicles avoid running onto the verges when passing other vehicles, this may result in having to reverse to a suitable passing place but will help to maintain the highways in a cleaner, safer condition and also preserve the road edges and ditching works recently done.

Holsworthy Beacon bus stop for the bus to Holsworthy has now been officially moved to the bus shelter for the comfort of waiting passengers and all nearby residents have been advised. A 'Bus Stop' sign has been promised in due course.

Local Elections will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and the seven seats on Milton Damerel Parish Council will be up for re-election. To help parishioners interested in the Parish Council Elections, Milton Damerel Parish Council will hold an **Election Awareness drop-in** session on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** between 7.00pm and 8.00pm when further information on the roles and responsibilities of being a Parish Councillor can be obtained, along with information on the electoral process. Members of the public would be welcome to stay for the regular parish council meeting which, on this occasion, will commence at 8.00pm. Electors should ensure that their names are on the Electoral Register so that they can support their community and vote. Copies of the Electoral Register are kept at TDC Manor Offices in Holsworthy and by the Parish Clerk. It is your right to vote so don't miss out. With your vote you choose who will take decisions on your behalf. Torridge District Council is also holding an event for prospective District and Parish candidates on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Memorial Hall. For more details of this see the parish notice boards and the notice elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

The Localism Bill according to the guide aims to; Lift the burden of bureaucracy: Empower communities to do things their way: Increase local control of public finance: Diversify the supply of public services: Open up government to public scrutiny and Strengthen accountability to local people. This could have a significant impact on the activities of qualifying Parish Councils should they wish to take up the challenge.

The Milton Damerel Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm at Milton Damerel Parish Hall, although organised by the Parish Council, this is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting for parishioners when the Chairman will give an update of parish plan actions, the parish emergency plan will be launched and local organisations will be invited to present their reports to the community. The Guest speaker will be Cllr James Morris, leader of Torridge District Council who will report on the good progress of TDC over the last 4 years' following the short listing of Torridge in the Local Government Chronicle annual awards for 'The Most Improved Council of the Year' and there will be opportunity for public comments. Light refreshments will be served before a regular Parish Council meeting commences. All residents are invited to attend.

The Census collects information every 10 years. Every household in England and Wales will have to complete the census questionnaire as if it were 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011. 25 million questionnaires will be posted out to all households in England and Wales in a purple census envelope in early March and it must be complete either online or on paper to be posted back in the prepaid envelope provided. More information can be found at: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

Planning Matters were on the agenda in February for the first time since June 2010 when members were asked to consider two applications. Firstly the retrospective application for use of studio as annex, retention of external staircase and re-sited garage door at White Owl Cottage and secondly the construction of a replacement conservatory at the rear of Gratton Cottage.

Venn Green Bus Shelter. **Would parishioners be prepared to see an increase of 100% or more in the Parish Precept to raise the £2000-£3000 required to finance the construction of a bus shelter (subject to planning approval) on the opposite side of the road to the existing shelter, for the comfort of passengers travelling to Holsworthy? Please let your councillors know your views or bring them to the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Freedom of Information In line with the publication scheme adopted by the Council in January 2009, requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some information can be made available by email free of charge but paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side.

Roberta Jackson  
Parish Clerk  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

**To Heather Poole** of The Willows, Venn Green & **David Williams** on their engagement in December.  
**To Lilian Luxton** of Venn Farm, who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 16<sup>th</sup> March.  
**To Les Yelland** of 9 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon, who celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in February.  
**To Sabine Sharp** of Lower Grawley, on her success in gaining 4 potential university placements for September 2011.



### GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

#### Welcome to:

**Nathan & Denise Bradley** who have moved into **Woodland Villa, Whitebear Cross**  
**Lizzie Daniel & Ed Matthews** who have moved into **Arden, Venn Green.**  
**Kim Herbert, James, Shaun, Tom, Chris & Kelly** who have moved into **Milton Town**  
**Lee & Fiona Elliott** who have moved into **Meadowside**



### OUR SYMPATHIES

#### For those who been bereaved recently including:

**Joan Vanstone** of High View, Whitebear Cross, on the loss of **Roger Wickett**, and also the members of their families.

**The family of the late Mrs Betty Goodman**, who lived at 5, Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon.

**Mrs Jean Hirst**, of The Spinney, Holsworthy Beacon, on the recent loss of her husband, **Trevor**

Milton Damerel Parish Council is holding an  
**ELECTION AWARENESS DROP-IN**  
**On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00pm to 8.00pm**

Electors are invited to come to the Parish Hall to find out-  
What is a Parish Council and what does a Councillor do?

The importance of a Parish Council

How to apply to become a Councillor

Further information from the Parish Clerk 261196 or [miltondamerelpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:miltondamerelpc@hotmail.co.uk)

## Chapel News – March 2011

We extend a very warm welcome and invitation to any-one wishing to come along to our regular services/meetings/clubs. Just come along to any events/clubs you see advertised, or if you would want to know more or have an introduction, please contact any of the contact shown at the foot of the page.

### A message from Rev Meg Slingo.

Hello Everyone,

So here we are, well into 2011. I am guessing by the time you read this the season of Springtime will be upon us. New beginnings. Isn't it wonderful to see new life, new growth, the cycle of life in nature all around us. Green buds, suddenly bursting through the ground pointing us towards the Summer saying this is only the beginning the best is yet to come ... Summer followed by the glorious colours of Autumn.

Christians in the Spring time celebrate the festival of Easter. New life can be found in Jesus Christ. In him and because of his death and Resurrection we can begin again with God. Each one of us can have a new start, a fresh beginning.

Forgiveness is found in the Cross of Jesus.

Here in Milton Damerel we have also been experiencing new ways of being Church. We call the services "Fresh" these services are for you. Please feel free to come along and join us. It will be lovely to meet you the dates are, 3rd of April, 22nd of May and the 24th of July.

God Bless, Rev Meg.

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS** - Regrettably many of our planned events had to be cancelled due to the very cold weather and snow. **The Appledore Singers** have now offered to come along on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm** to present a concert. Please look out for posters nearer the time. As none of our carol services were able to go ahead, we advertised that we would donate our collection on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January for Action for Children (NCH) and £143 was received and sent as our Christmas contribution. Thank you everyone for your support.

**“TEA & CAKE” AFTERNOONS** – Our first afternoon for 2011 will be held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in the Schoolroom. The afternoon will be our usual format, with Fairtrade stall and Bric-a-brac (including bring and buy). On this occasion we will support the Radio Devon Air Ambulance Appeal. *Look forward to seeing you there!!*

**SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES** – The Sunday Club continue to meet each Sunday morning, joining in with the morning service until about 11.20am, when we then go to our class. We do a wide variety of activities, including crafts, drama, cooking, songs, watch DVDs and have a good time together. Sunday Club is free and open to any children / young people who would like to come along. There is no Sunday Club on the last Sunday of the month, when we all join together for Family Service, as detailed below. Contact Sheila (Tel: 261466) for any further details.

Family Services:

**27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mr Chris Andrew**

**24<sup>th</sup> April (Easter)**

**Pastor Andy Hunter**

**29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sunday Club Anniversary**

Please also see Junior News for details of other activities for children / young people.

**BIBLE STUDY** – We are 'self-led', very informal, enjoy a joke together, and appreciate the contribution each person brings along to increasing our understanding of the Bible and our faith. We are currently studying the Gospel of St John, and on 14<sup>th</sup> March will start a Lent course. We have obtained copies of the York Course **“Rich Inheritance – Jesus’ legacy of love”** and we would be delighted to welcome any-one wishing to join with us, for the 5 weeks for this study, or at any time for our regular study evenings. Contact Sheila, Tel: 261466.

## CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH TO MAY 2011

MARC		APRIL		MAY	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lilian Luxton	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	1 <sup>st</sup>	Circuit Service @ Lake
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sally Piper	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Gwyneth Johns	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Tracy Dunmore
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Grace Millman	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Phyllis Piper	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sarah Weal
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Valerie Carter	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sheila Daniel	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Anita Southey
				29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Valerie Harris

**CHURCH COUNCIL** - We have not had a meeting since November. However, the quinquennial property survey has recently been completed, and hopefully we will have the reports for the next meeting.

The next **Church Council meeting** is planned for **Friday, 18th March 2011 at 7.30pm** in the Schoolroom.

**FUTURE OF THE SHEBBEAR CIRCUIT** – Since the Autumn there has been ongoing discussions between the Bideford and Shebbear Circuits, concluding with a proposal that the 2 Circuits should join together from September 2011. The proposal has been the subject of recent information meetings in both Circuits and on 24<sup>th</sup> February, representatives from all churches in each Circuit will meet at Torrington to vote on the resolution to bring about the joining together of the 2 Circuits. If there is support for this to go ahead, the proposal will be referred 'up the line' in our Methodist hierarchy with the final approval resting with the Methodist Conference in the first week of July.

#### CONTACTS –

For further information or help please contact:

Rev Meg Slingo, The Manse, Shebbear, Beaworthy, EX21 5SH (Tel: 01409-281262 or 07814 725944)

E mail: [megslingo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:megslingo@hotmail.co.uk)

Our Stewards: Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355) Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466)

### **Holy Trinity Parish Church, Milton Damerel**

Rector: Father Michael Reynolds

Tel: 01409 253435

#### **Services:**

**Holy Communion taken by Father Reynolds  
on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month at 11.30am**

### ***St. James Parish Church***

#### ***Abbots Bickington***

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington

Tel: 01409 241411

#### ALPHA

ALPHA begins on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Union Inn, Stibb Cross. (The pub will of course be closed at this time.) Starting at 9.45 until 12 noon all are welcome, particularly families.

ALPHA is a chance to explore the Christian faith, whether you believe or not, it is a chance to ask all those questions you always wanted to and never were able to! Why not come along and try?

If you would like to talk to someone about ALPHA before coming along, please contact Martin Warran on 281424, or Sheila Mears on 01805 601140.

#### 400<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

Many of you will be aware that this year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible and may well have heard some of the readings on Radio 4 back in January. The Monday night Bible Study Group (ecumenical) have decided to mark this historic anniversary with an event of their own. In June we are going to have our own reading of some (not all!) of this version of the Bible. So watch out for notices and articles announcing further details about this and please come along, and either read or listen to some of the glorious words.

#### Holy Trinity News

It was a great disappointment that the carol service had to be cancelled in December but it was not worth the risk of people venturing out on the ice. The choir had offered to attend again and John and I were looking forward to decorating the church.

The long awaited surveyors report is apparently now with our treasurer Janet Elliott. I have not had sight of it yet but I am eager to know what he says about the extent of the decay. What is apparent is that some of the large slates are loose and need quite urgent attention.

I have recently been warned to be aware of thefts of lead from church roofs as this sort of crime has been on the increase recently due to the cost of scrap metal. I ask you all to be vigilant and take the time to check if there is anything untoward when you are passing the church.

Anne Binns

Church Warden

## JUNIOR NEWS

### Monster Club

The New Year's Party was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, with approximately 20 children coming along and a few Mums. A great time was enjoyed by all, with Kelvin Isaacs providing entertainment and games, with a bring and share tea. Thank you to the Parish Councillors for donating the Father Christmas sweets for prizes.

On Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February we are going to The Plough in Torrington to see 'Robin and the Big Freeze', with fantastic puppets, live music and bird-watching for all !

Reminders about the dates of Club meetings will be sent out ..... In March, we will be starting work in the Garden and also we will making pancakes.

### Youth Services

Devon County Council are proposing major, dramatic cuts in the funding for their Youth Services during 2011. If you have concerns about this and would wish to add your name to petitions about the impact on youth provision, you can register with <http://freepetition.co.uk/devoncc/LivePetition.aspx> or on Facebook go to Causes and select Save Devon Youth Service.

### EMPTY SALT BINS ....

What can be more annoying than to find on a cold frozen, snow fallen day that the salt bin, you should be able to access to spread salt on the public highway by your property or on your way to work or to go for essential shopping, is empty, and bags of salt left by the roadside at other locations had been removed . Highways had filled all the salt bins a few days previously, preparing for the second 'dose' of hard winter weather. Yet, some bins in the parish had been totally emptied within just a few days, and this left our minor roads in a very dangerous state, totally inaccessible for essential emergency services, and left several parishioners losing pay and earnings, as they were unable to make it to the main A388 road, which had been salted and cleared. A salt bin, or indeed a bag of salt, holds sufficient salt to cover significant stretches of road for several days, and is placed there primarily for use on the public highway in its vicinity.

As salt had not been spread on the parish roads what could be the reason for our salt bins being completely empty and bags removed? For what purpose was the salt removed that was more important than to keep our roads useable for ambulances to respond to the emergency needs of our parishioners? This was not just an annoyance for some – it caused extreme distress and personal hardship for some of our parishioners.

Please be community-spirited – please make it your responsibility to telephone highways if you find a salt bin empty – the phone number is shown inside the bin.

Please do not empty a salt bin for private purposes – yes, you may feel you have paid for it in your council tax – we all have and the whole community deserves to benefit from it for travel and access needs and to expect it is there when needed for the public roads.

### PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



### Regrettably .....

... no further updates this time .....

For more information on the Parish Plan 2008 – please refer to the Plan delivered to every household. If you have recently moved into the Parish and have not seen a copy, please refer to the relevant section of the web-site: [www.miltondamerel.com](http://www.miltondamerel.com)

Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk (contact details are shown on Page 2) about any issues in the Plan, with offers of volunteering to take forward some of the tasks in the action plans, or to let us (or the Chairman or any member of the Parish Hall Committee) know any activities / clubs you are interested in. It is your Plan – the ambitions in it will only materialise with your help!

### Parish Emergency Plan

The current timetable is for the draft plan to be presented to the Parish Council on 16<sup>th</sup> March and for information on the plan to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.



## **RICH INHERITANCE**

**Jesus' legacy of love**

**A course in 5 sessions**

**for Lent**

**starting on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**@ 7.30pm in the Schoolroom**

Distinguished contributors from a wide range of churches and traditions have recorded their thoughts on CD, which is used during each session. Course booklets provided contain other stimulating background and topics for group discussion.

If you would like to join in with a Lent course, please come along on the first evening

this is an open invitation to anyone in our community

– there are no preconditions

– just our welcome if you decide to come along!!

## **NEWSLETTER GROUP**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May  
10am – 12 noon**

**At Bridge Cottage  
(Fore Street)**

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*At*

**Milton Damerel Methodist Church**

*On*

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> MAY @ 7.30pm**

*Refreshments to Follow*

*Proceeds for Chapel Funds*

## **St Peters Church Thornbury**

### **Coffee Morning**

**at the church**

**on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**from 10.30 til noon,**

cakes, produce, bric a brac, raffle, plus coffee and good company – please come and join us.

### **Family Indoor Sports Evening**

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**at Bradford Village Hall,**

**starting at 6.30 pm,**

**Adults £4, under 12's £2,**

lots of fun games for everyone to take part in, plus refreshments. Teams of 6, if you don't have enough for a full team, please come along and we'll see what we can do.

More info from Liz 01409 261312

## **Easter Bingo**

**On Thursday 7th April**

**At W & E Putford Primary School**

**Doors Open 7 pm ~ Eyes Down**

**7.30 pm**

**Admission £1.00**

**(which includes one Bingo Book)**

**Additional Bingo Books £1.00 each**

**Raffle & Refreshments will be available**

**\* Win Yummy Easter Eggs just in time for Easter!**

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**(ALL PROCEEDS TO THE SCHOOL & NURSERY)**

**Please call Ali (261639) or Kay (261214) for any further info.**

## **Beacon Methodist Church**

### **Coffee Mornings**

**Last Thursday of each month**

**10am – 12 noon**

**Chapel hall**

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## Information from Devon County Council.....

### Social Care for Adults

A new leaflet "Social care for Adults" has been recently issued by the Adult and Community Services directorate at Devon County Council. (Thus replaces all previous leaflets).

The introduction says... 'Adult & Community Services is part of Devon County Council and supports the social care needs of all adults in Devon. The support that we offer is all about helping you to help yourself, and enabling you to live independently in your own home for as long as possible. We work together with the NHS and a wide range of other partners, such as voluntary organisations and businesses, to provide social care services.'

The leaflet describes how to contact Care Direct (see below), new kinds of services, eligibility for funded help, assessing needs, charges for services, agreeing a support plan, direct payments and personal budgets, carers, and reference to several factsheets which can be obtained.

The leaflets are being widely distributed; if you have not seen the new leaflet, contact details are below:

Care Direct: 0845 1551 007 open weekdays 8am – 8pm, Saturdays 9am -1pm

Minicom: 0845 1551 020

Text message: 07773 333 231

Email: [csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk)

[www.devon.gov.uk/socialcare](http://www.devon.gov.uk/socialcare)

[www.devon.gov.uk/factsheets](http://www.devon.gov.uk/factsheets)

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PUTFORD W.I.

For our December meeting all our members went to Holsworthy Golf Club, where we enjoyed a first class Christmas lunch, after which we opened our 'Secret Santa' presents and exchanged cards. Our President, Mavis Lewis, presented a cup and gift to Marion Wooldridge, for gaining the most points in the competitions over the year. Mary Martin came second and Kath Stevens was third. The Flower of the Month cup winner was Lorna Dawes.

For our January meeting we went to the home of Mary Martin where we finalised out speakers and competitions for the coming year. The following week we took our husbands out for an evening meal at the Bradworthy Inn which was very much enjoyed by everyone. For our February meeting we will have Rosie Beat who will be speaking about life on her smallholding.

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**Do you use the internet?**

Most people are aware of viruses and spam / junk mail. But have you heard of Scareware?

Scareware is called this because its designed to trick you into buying something online, usually a fake anti virus or to speed up your internet etc. The fake virus is the most common scareware and its getting more common.

A fake virus will usually appear on your screen after you have searched for something. You may be looking for something innocent but more interestingly the criminals have realised that people search for free things. Two recent searches from clients were 'free birdtable plans' and 'dairy parlour repairs'!! After looking though the results some of the pages took them to a site that then claimed their PC was infected with X amount of viruses etc.

First, your computer is not infected. It's a webpage designed to look as if your being scanned for free but then offers to remove everything its found for a payment, usually £29.99. But...

1. There's no infections on your PC, it's not even scanning your machine
2. By giving out your credit card details your giving your bank details to criminals
3. If you paid the money there is no means of preventing the scareware appearing again

You can usually get rid of the scareware by closing the web browser down immediately, however you should always use an Anti Virus program incase it's a type of scareware that installs a file onto your computer. You can use a free one such as Microsofts Security Essentials, or if you have a newer PC, then Avast, however a 'paid for' anti virus will provide better protection.

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## DECEMBER

Nicola Wrighton arrived at the meeting with a truck full of foliage taken from conifers, holly and various other evergreens which she used to demonstrate a straightforward method of wreath making using wire frames, artificial berries, stub wires and fine binding wire.

The finished article was very impressive whilst Nick had given several alternative ideas to decorate wreaths then at the request of one of the audience she made a cross to show the different technique required.

She carried out the demonstration very efficiently despite the presence of her father overseeing the work and even occasionally interjecting comments especially on the damage caused to household scissors when used to cut wire.

## FEBRUARY

With no meeting in January this was the first of the year and was well attended with an audience of nearly 20.

The publicised speaker Joanna Mitchell, the head gardener at Hartland Abbey, was very poorly but she arranged to send her colleague Nigel Alford who after minor teething problems got his projector working and gave us a talk accompanied with a slide show of the gardens and house, during his talk he gave us a humorous and fascinating insight into the slight eccentricities of the Abbey's owners.

## THE FUTURE

Our next meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> March when Bill Wrighton will give a talk and demonstrate pruning techniques including the general principles, tools required, timings etc, he will bring some bushes to prune but appears to be reluctant to cut down a fruit tree to demonstrate on.

April sees a visit from one of the 'Best Kept Village' judges who might let us in on some of the secrets employed to decide the winners.

May is a combined meeting with a 'Question and Answer' panel comprising Nick, Ed and Bill under the chairmanship of John Binns whilst Nick will bring in a selection of spring bedding plants and demonstrate the making of a hanging basket, do come armed with lots of question, if the panel cannot solve them on the night they will be sure to do so at the next meeting.

We still have no subject/speaker for our June and November meetings, any ideas would be appreciated please contact any of the committee members.

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### INGREDIENTS

1.225kg Seville oranges  
1.7 litres of water  
1.4kg granulated sugar  
1 heaped teaspoon black treacle



### METHOD

Wash all fruit. Place in large pan with water, cover, bring to the boil and simmer gently for 1.5 hours or until the fruit is very soft and easily pierced with a knife.

Transfer fruit to a bowl, leaving the cooking liquid in the pan. When oranges are cool, slice in half and scrape the pulp, pips and most of the pith into the pan, making sure that the pulp is mashed up. Return to the boil and reduce by half (takes about 20 minutes) before straining it into a jam pan.

Slice all the orange skins into thin or thick strips, according to taste. Add to the jam pan. Clip a jam thermometer to the side of the pan return to the boil before mixing in the sugar and black treacle. Stir until they're completely dissolved, then increase the heat and vigorously boil the marmalade for about 5 minutes, until it reaches setting point (106 degrees Centigrade). If you don't have a thermometer, test by dropping a spoon of marmalade onto a chilled saucer - as it cools a skin will form, if this wrinkles when gently pushed, the setting point has been reached.

Remove from the heat and leave to sit for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to distribute the peel evenly.

Pour into warm, dry, sterilised jars, cover with wax paper discs, seal and label.

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1. hooded serpent
  2. sport for princes
  3. harbour for pleasure boats
  4. Diana was one
  5. Ozzy Osbournes wife
  6. barrel maker
  7. London Paris Peckham
  8. Christopher Columbus made one
  9. Roundheads fought them
  10. insect with hard protective outer wings
  11. web spinner
  12. ours is the milky way
  13. ghost or sceptre
  14. mischievous child, little devil
  15. fiery tempered person
  16. adjust binoculars
  17. festival or holiday
  18. star constellation to hold up your trousers
  19. play a round
  20. famous Spanish painter
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**MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT 'OVER 60's' CLUB**

The first meeting of the year on 1<sup>st</sup> February was our 'New Year Party' and members enjoyed games and quizzes, before a 'bring & share tea'.

Plans for the coach trips for 2011 will be notified when the programme is finalised, hoping to have the first trip in April.

Our usual meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) in Milton Damerel Parish Hall at 2.30pm. New members welcome. Details from Mrs Iris Fry (tel 261322), Secretary, Mrs June Vanstone (tel 261285), Treasurer, or Mr Les Yelland, Chairman

**NEWSLETTER FINANCES**

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. The financial statements are set out below

	£.	£.
<b>Receipts during 2010:</b>		
Advertising	336.00	
Personal donations	25.00	
Grant – Parish Council	80.00	
Donation – Milton Damerel Fund-raising Group	103.12	
Fund-raising: Coffee Morning	80.80	
Farmers' Market - Stallholders' Fees	40.00	
- Refreshments	43.00	
- FCN Collection box	2.00	
Sale of recipe book	3.00	
Subscriptions for Newsletter	<u>16.00</u>	
		<b>728.92</b>
<b>Payments during 2010:</b>		
Printing	722.00	
Compilation of recipe book	50.00	
Farmers' Market:		
Parish Hall	17.50	
Donations: Farm Crisis Network	34.75	
SSAFA	<u>32.75</u>	
		<b>857.00</b>
<b><u>Net loss for the year</u></b>		<b><u>(128.08)</u></b>

Funds in hand at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010:

HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	610.63	
Cash & Cheques held .....	288.70	
Total		899.33
Less net loss for year		(128.08)

**Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010** **771.25**

Represented by: HSBC Treasurer's Account	697.75	
Cash & Cheques held	<u>73.50</u>	
		<u>771.25</u>

The Newsletter has continued to be favoured with the support of several local advertisers, grants from the Parish Council and the Milton Damerel Fund-raising Group, in addition to loyal supporters of our fund-raising activities and personal donations. The various forms of community support enable the continued delivery of approximately 230 copies, free of charge, to each household in the parish and in Abbots Bickington. We record our thanks to all our supporters and to those who deliver your newsletter to your doorstep, and to Nicola Wrighton for independently examining our records and accounts.



### Gravity Will Always Win

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a flying machine, once airborne, must come down to earth again. Normally, this will be under control of the pilot and it is termed "landing". There is only one alternative, and that is "crashing". Pilot training concentrates mainly on the former – given that this is usually the desired state of affairs. Nevertheless, the aspiring pilot also learns how to crash, or, at least, how to best cope with such an event – given that he or she will have little choice in the outcome of the matter.

From an early stage in flying training all sorts of emergency situations are practised. They range from simple loss of generator power or instrument failure to complete loss of engine power. (Action to deal with catastrophic failures such as wings or tailplanes falling off is not usually practised – the very limited time left before violent impact with the ground being best spent in prayer.) During training, once the basic principles of flying have been learned (how to get in and out, where to sit in the aircraft, which way to face, what not to touch etc), each flight will include several simulated emergencies. These are cunningly introduced by the instructor, just when the student is ill-prepared to react – when being airsick for instance – and are dealt with by going through drills to suit the relevant situation. Dealing with loss of engine power is probably the most important of these. Thus, at an early stage, the student pilot should be able (in theory) to get the machine down without too much damage to himself even if the engine has failed.

Anyway, one day, at the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop (yes – a real place), a student pilot who was flying solo (on his own) in a Chipmunk trainer transmitted a Mayday call – saying that he had engine failure. Shortly afterwards he sent another message saying that he was safely on the ground about ten miles from the airfield. Two instructors jumped into another Chipmunk and flew to the crash site in order to make sure that all was well and to assess the damage. Circling overhead they saw the student standing next to his undamaged machine – the nose of which was poking into a thick hedge at the edge of a very small field. The instructors marvelled at the ability of the student in being able to land in such a small space. They decided to land, and set themselves up for a very short landing in the same field. With full flaps (bits in the wings that slow you down) applied, and the machine flying almost to the point of stalling (falling out of the air), they lurched over the hedge at the far side of the field. Even with full flaps set the Chipmunk still needs 38 knots of airspeed to keep it in flight, so the instructors were doing over 40 mph as they touched down. This carried them past the student and his Chipmunk and they piled into the hedge with all of the panache and style of an Ealing Films Studio comedy. Fortunately, other than wounded pride, the instructors were not hurt – but both wings were torn from their machine before it somersaulted into the next field.

If the student pilot had been less than honest then, to this day, the two instructors would have continued to wonder how they had failed to be able to land in the same field alongside him. The truth was (the student admitted later) that he had lined up to land in the previous field, which was three times the size of the one in which he ended up. He made a complete mess of it and, similar to the instructors, would have ploughed into, not a hedge, but a very solid stone wall. As he realised this, hurtling across the ground, he let go of the controls, covered his eyes with his hands, and committed himself to his maker. Luckily, just before piling into the wall, the aircraft hit a mound, bounced back into the air, lurched over the wall and then rolled to a stop in the field beyond.

RJL

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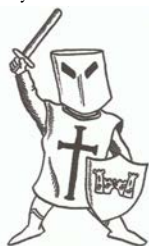
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## HOLSWORTHY VINTAGE CLUB NEW YEAR TRACTOR RUN

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011, HOLSWORTHY VINTAGE CLUB held their annual New Years Tractor Run. We have three or four 'runs' a year to raise money for charity. The monies raised at this 'run' was donated to THE DEVON AIR AMBULANCE. This is the Charity that we normally support and we always have a Devon Air Ambulance Charity Box at our functions.

The 'run' was mainly organised by member John Tribble, from Bradford and John and Pauline Ellis from Newton St Petrock. We all met just past Woodford Bridge Hotel at East Bridge Farm, Newton St Petrock, the home of John's son Andrew, his wife Sue, and family. Andrew offered to hold the Run from his home as The Air Ambulance was called out to his farm in the summer when he was involved in an accident.

The tractors, from in and around the Holsworthy area began to arrive at 9o'clock ready for the 10.30 start. Peter and I, not owning a tractor, sat in John's link box on garden chairs. In all 41 assorted classic tractors took part, with John at the start and club members Ken and Sylvia Hutchings, from Hatherleigh, being back markers, displaying a 'beware tractors ahead' sign and a flashing beacon on their car.

The route took us from the farm, turning right onto the A388. We went left at Fore street cross, past Walter and Grace Millmans home and on to Gidcott. We managed to hold up an elderly gentleman not too far from the start, on the narrow lane. Looking back, I think that the line of tractors could have been nearly a mile long. (see photo) We past Henscott up to Bason Cross and then on to Thornbury and the Church. We went down to Strawberry Bank and along towards Lizzy Larder into Butterfly Lane (not suitable for cars !!). Coming out of the lane we turned right towards Milton Mill, Wonford and Windy Cross, then right to Lashbrook and up to Cookbury through Allens Lane. Another off road track. Here we had to manoeuvre across a rather large pond that had developed in the lane. We went on to Bradford to Lana Cross and down through Priestacott and Dipper Mill. We then turned right to Libbear, on to Mucksy Lane coming out below Newinn. Somewhere near here a lady driver came face to face with us and was unable to reverse! A let down for us ladies, and John offered to reverse her car back for her. If we had known how far he was going, Peter said he would have done it as poor John had a fair walk back. We carried on to Hay Cross down through Shebbear to Pitt Hill and on to Shebbear Pottery. Passing Ladford Farm, we turned left to the bottom of Sanctuary Hill and on towards Slew Farm. From here it was homeward to Newton St Petrock past the Chapel and back to East Bridge Farm.

I could not believe the weather. It was dry and sunny, not bad for a January day. Especially after all the snow we had. In all we only met 3 cars and a family out with a horse and rider and a small horse in hand. They were a bit bemused at so many Tractors out on 'their' lane. The ride was a wee bit bumpy, but a lot of fun. Unfortunately Peter went through the seat of his chair and finished up sitting on the floor.

We arrived back a little later than expected, just after 1.30. Thank goodness for mobile phones. A large shed had been set out with tables and chairs and a well stocked Raffle table. Several prizes were given by local traders. Sue, with her helpers organised a lunch for nearly 100 people. The ladies did an excellent hot meal with a sweet, followed by tea or coffee. Waitress service was as good as any restaurant, the ladies coped really well. All the food for the lunch was donated by the family, some was given by Waitrose and Mole Valley. This was very gratefully received, which meant a bigger donation for The Devon Air Ambulance.

Photographer, Richard Tappin took several photographs, on leaving the farm, at no cost to himself. If any one would like to buy a photograph please contact John (01409 281 234) Monies received will also be donated to The Devon Air Ambulance.

Monies raised to date was an excellent sum of £1,225.

Lesley Self (Tor View)  
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## Cinderella

We are all children at heart really – that is what I thought when I looked round the Saturday matinee performance of Cinderella performed by HATS in Holsworthy last month. There were many adults without accompanying children! We were lucky enough to have front row seats for us and our grand-daughter and were so close to the action, we could even see the very long eyelashes of one of the ugly sisters!

The story of Cinderella needs no introduction and the production stuck closely to the traditional one. The Prince was played by a girl and the two ugly sisters were played by men, and very splendid they were too. There were lots of songs from various shows and the lady behind me knew all the words! There were no empty seats that I could see and this production merited all the applause they received at the end.

Cinderella was suitably fetching, the prince was very charming as was her sidekick, the fairy godmother, who also narrated was very glittery and had some good effects too, and the ugly sisters were for me the hits of the show. In their fantastical costumes and staggeringly high heels they acted for all they were worth and must have had a ball.

This was the first time we had been to a pantomime for many years, since our own children were small, but even if we had not had Katie with us, we would have enjoyed ourselves immensely. Roll on next year's production!

Janet Fisher.

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## FRESH



What is it about? 'FRESH Expressions' are happening all over the country to bring new and refreshing ways of worship into the lives of ordinary people. FRESH events can happen anywhere from cafes, schools, village halls and local pubs as well as church buildings. You will notice that the 'FRESH' held in Milton Damerel is mobile, not having a set venue, not a set pattern. We decided early on that we would move to different venues and sometimes different times, to try and meet the needs of people who had expressed an interest in a different form of worship to the traditional. The Christian community in Milton Damerel, supported by those from further afield, and led by Rev. Meg Slingo, started off in the parish hall in September last year for a Harvest meeting, There was a short 30 minute 'service' which contained contemporary songs, quizzes on the tables and video Bible story, followed of course by tea!

For the second one in October, we moved to Lizzie's Larder, with the general theme of Harvest. This was a very hands on service and people enjoyed among other things, writing down what they liked about living in Milton Damerel. Many thanks to Lizzie for using her space and the lovely food she provided.

For our Christmas meeting,, which in the end was the only carol service most of us could get to because of the weather, we met at Woodford Bridge Hotel, and were led by David Hull, the Chaplain to Shebbear College, with carols and a video. There was of course another splendid tea and about 40 people came to sing along. In February when we met at the Chapel schoolroom, the scene of the disciples on the water being rocked by a storm, was realistically played out with the help of a blue sheet and some sound effects! It did somewhat mirror the windy and wet weather outside! This meeting was especially aimed at families, and we broke into four teams and had some competitions with prizes. The theme was Thank You and we had some very funny letters on that theme.

FRESH is an attempt to reach out to our community, and we have been trying to find a format which works for everyone. This has led to each session being very different as we react to those people who come, who every time have included different people! So bear with us while we work out what is best – it may well be that we continue to react in this way!

Our next FRESH session will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Mothering Sunday, held in the Parish Hall which will also be looking forward to Easter. Then on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May we shall meet in the Holy Trinity Church, and in July, we shall hopefully meet outdoors at Roger and Sheila Daniels' home, Woodford Farm.

Do look out for posters and flyers and come and try FRESH!

Sheila Daniel and Janet Fisher.



### Eating out for that Special Occassion.

Special occasions deserve some where extra nice to go.

The following establishments provide delicious food at reasonable prices.

The first place to be recommended is “The Fox and Hounds” at Eggesford, recently voted the best place in Devon to hold a wedding reception. We went for lunch but I’m sure the evening meals would be just as delicious, for starters I had Butternut Squash soup my partner had a Blue Cheese and Roasted Shallot tarte tatan, both well presented and delicious, we both chose the Rump of Exmoor beef for our main course and it was very tender with a lovely flavour, vegetables were all fresh and in season and a good selection of desserts., prices were not too expensive.

Next, “The Peter Tavy Inn” we have been here several times over the past few years and the quality of the food has never fluctuated, always a good varied menu suitable for all tastes with friendly efficient service, prices once again very reasonable.

Finally “The Duke of York” a hostelry with a reputation, here you have a choice, don’t book and juggle for a place in the bar which has a huge blackboard with a terrific range of meals, or you can book a table in the very quaint dining room, might I recommend the sirloin steak, usually thick and very tender, the pork medallions are very tasty too, dessert try the Brown Sugar Meringue with raspberries, very nice. Cost is comparable with the two above restaurants.



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## EAGER ANTICIPATION

After this winter I should think everyone is looking forward to the Spring, I know I live in a particularly cold spot but I recorded temperatures down to -15c once and -10c on at least 6 nights this winter, if I thought the frosts were really killing pests and diseases I would appreciate it but all it usually does is kill my plants some of which had only just recovered from the effects of last winter.

My early potatoes are chitting nicely in a dry frost free room ready for planting out at the end of the month to hopefully produce tasty new potatoes in June, if you haven't got your seed yet it isn't too late, if you start them now you will still get a crop just a little later.

### SEED SOWING

March is one of the main seed sowing months be it vegetables, herbs, bedding plants or even more permanent plants like Lavender, Eucalyptus, Lupins etc a very economical way of producing lots of plants, often more than you can use so be ruthless about the number you prick out.

I sow seeds in pots varying the size dependant on how many plants I want, for most things a 3.5" (9cm.) pot is ideal filled with good quality compost lightly firmed to give a level surface onto which to sow seeds as thinly as possible, generally I then riddle some compost to just cover the seeds, check the packet as there are exceptions for instance Lobelia should not be covered.

A heated bench or propagator are ideal to aid germination but a warm windowsill will suffice, cover the pots/trays with glass and paper or as I do use polythene from compost bags black side down, all you need to do then is check on a daily basis until you see the first green shoots then uncover them.

Allow the seedlings to develop a pair of leaves then move them into individual pots or trays in a good potting compost being very gentle only handling the plants by their leaves to avoid stem damage.

### TIDY UP

Many of us leave the dead foliage on herbaceous plants through the winter to give them a little more protection from adverse weather but now is the time to remove it to allow new growth to develop, whilst doing this you can clear up any debris which has gathered in borders during the winter.

Shrubs can be cut back now be it just to encourage them to bush out or more drastically to produce new growth from the base, although a little late you can still prune fruit removing unwanted shoots in the middle of the plants to develop an open habit with fruit forming on the outer limbs, where two branches are very close together or touching remove one to prevent rubbing and remove high growth to try and keep the fruit where you can reach it without climbing.

Bulbs are a little later flowering this year but should be thriving now and a feed with something fast acting like Growmore will help them to gain the strength to make another magnificent display next year.

### PREPARATION

For those of us that didn't prepare the veg. plot in the autumn now is the time to spread compost and or fertilizer and start digging ready to plant or sow the next seasons crops, don't forget to take anti slug measures whenever you put anything in the ground.

Any gaps in beds or borders can be filled now with new plants which will get a chance to establish before the wonderful summer we are due arrives.

Lawns have been growing slowly for some weeks now and if you haven't already done so you must mow them as soon as possible otherwise they will become very wet at the base and near impossible to mow with a normal mower.

If your lawn is long raise the blades and mow over the top then a few days later do it again a little bit shorter and continue to do this until you get down to your normal cutting height, the grass may be a bit yellow but it will soon recover especially if you give it a feed in April/May time.

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Unfortunately we are still having a damp problem in the kitchen and some other areas. This is disappointing but we are hoping that a cure will eventually be found. No improvements or repair work is on the agenda at present.

The Parish Hall Accounts for 2009/10 are included in this Newsletter as they were not included in the last issue.

Our Chairperson, Mary, has been poorly with shingles. We wish her a speedy recovery.

**EVENTS REPORT.**

**WHIST DRIVE Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010. 8.00pm.** Enjoyable evening, small group. Many thanks to Sara and Roger Lawes. Profit £20.30

**WHIST DRIVE Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 8.00pm.** Another small group. A good profit of £47.50

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**WHIST DRIVE Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011. 8.00pm.** £2.00 per person. Please come along if you like to play Whist. Sara will always be happy to have a practice session. Tele. 261 105.

**WINE & WISDOM Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** £5 per person. Teams of 6. Couples and singles please come, we can make up teams on arrival. **PLEASE BOOK** Lesley 261 294 Mary 261 248.

May have a Table Top at the Hall on a **MAY** evening. Watch for flyers.

**COFFEE MORNING Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011. 10.00am to noon.** At Mary Carter's, Moor View. Bring and Buy. Raffle. All welcome.

Our next **PARISH HALL MEETING is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011. 7.30pm.** New Committee Members will be welcomed.

**Regular Events at the Parish Hall.**

**Milton Damerel and District Over 60 Club.** 1st Tuesday of each month, 2.30pm. New Members Welcomed. A social afternoon. Enquiries Mrs Iris Fry, 261 322.

**Linedancing.** Every Tuesday, 7pm to 8.30pm (Changed from **7.00pm**) Small group, more members welcomed. **Our charge is now £2.00.** Enquiries Lesley Self, 261 294 or Mary Carter, 261 248

**Milton Damerel Gardening Club.** 1st Wednesday of each month (February to June and October to December). 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Enquiries Mr Bill Wrighton 261 738. Email: [mdgs1@live.co.uk](mailto:mdgs1@live.co.uk)

**Milton Damerel Parish Council Meetings.** Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. 7.30pm. Enquiries, Parish Clerk, Mrs Roberts Jackson, 261 196.

**Skittles**

Milton Damerel Men, Milton Damerel Ladies, also Thornbury Men, Skittles Teams, play for the Holsworthy Skittles League, at the Parish Hall, during the Skittle season.

**HALL BOOKINGS & Treasurer:-** Mrs Lesley Self 01409 261294 (If not available any of the following numbers).

**Chairperson:-** Mrs Mary Carter 261 248.

**Secretary:-** Mrs Kate Moyse 261 151.

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**MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END AUGUST 2010**  
**SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>HALL BOOK-INGS</u>					
Skittles	£335.00	£306.00	Insurance	£479.48	£536.40
L.Dancing	£322.00	£261.00	EDF	£244.27	£203.28
60,s Club	£88.00	£86.00	Water Rates	£18.69	£109.36
F. Practice	£26.00	£76.00	Fire Protection	£34.66	£17.25
Computer Course	£120.00		Repair/Dec.	£5,288.26	£3,513.17
Farmers Market/P.Gifts	£75.00		Caretaker/Clean-Mat		£15.31
Fund Raising Group	£100.00	£126.00	TTVS		£5.00
MDGarden Societ	£120.00	£50.00	C.C. Of Devon	£18.00	£18.00
Meetings Etc	£78.00	£80.00	Grass Gutting		£50.00
C.Party	£20.00	£15.00	Donations	£10.00	
Party	£45.00		New Cutlery	£552.55	
Polling	£115.00	£70.00	Broken China	£67.25	
	<b>1444</b>	<b>1070</b>	T.D. Council	£170.75	
<u>FUND RAISING</u>				<b>6883.91</b>	<b>4467.77</b>
W & W/plus Wine	£511.00	£625.90	W & W/Wine	£215.12	£250.80
W.Drive	£260.00	£200.90	Licence	£42.00	£42.00
F.Skittles	£177.20	£586.90	F.Skittles	£51.15	£169.47
Fete		£272.00	W.Drive	£63.00	£85.20
C.Morning/T.Top	£212.35	£147.00	Fun Night Social		£29.50
Fun Night Social		£71.00	Beetle Drive	£10.00	£10.00
Beetle Drive	£192.00	£100.00	Pasty & Cider		£50.00
Pasty & Cider		£180.00	Walk	£14.00	
Walk	£200.00				
Kitchen Open Eve	£69.00			<b>395.27</b>	<b>636.97</b>
	<b>1621.55</b>	<b>1352.55</b>		<b>7279.18</b>	<b>5104.74</b>
China(Broken paid for)	£67.25	<b>£67.25</b>			
Cooker (Sold)	£50.00	<b>£50.00</b>			
Hire of Tables	£40.00	<b>£40.00</b>			
Grants	£3,450.00	<b>£3,450.00</b>			
Donations	£250.00	<b>£250.00</b>	2009/10 Income	<b>£6,923.03</b>	
Interest	£0.23	<b>£0.23</b>	2009/10 Expenses	<b>£7,279.18</b>	
P.H. TOTAL	<b>6923.03</b>	<b>£3,621.06</b>	<u>Deficit</u>	<b><u>-£356.15</u></b>	

B/Fwd August 09	£2,478.28
Deficit	<b><u>-£356.15</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,122.13*</b>

Nationwide Acc.	£2,093.79
Float.	<b><u>£28.34</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,122.13*</b>

\*TOTAL Includes £500 in trust from Milton Damerel Bowling Club.  
 To be held until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 for any future Bowling Clubs being formed.

Assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010  
 Value of Parish Hall £238.599 as per Insurance  
 Policy 20/02/10  
 Contents £5412

**LINE DANCING**  
**At Milton Damerel Parish Hall**  
**Tuesdays 8.30pm to 9.00pm      £2.00 per session**  
**Tel: Lesley 261294 or Mary 261248**



PC 4936 – Andy Moakes } Holsworthy Pol. Station  
 PCSO 30099 - Raquel Rowe } Tel: 01409 259461  
 PCSO 30103 - Beverley Harvey }

*Police Co-ordinators*

*Local Co-ordinators*

Strawberry Bank: Roger Copp - Tel. 261681  
 Gratton: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277  
 Whitebear & Fore Street: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277  
 Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196

## Neighbourhood Watch Report

**Special Constables** - Recent articles in the media have suggested that we may be seeing more Special Constables following changes to police staffing levels which are to be introduced in the near future. So how do the duties of Special Constables differ from those of the PCSO which we are familiar with? The Special Constabulary undertake volunteer Policing duties with their regular and PCSO colleagues. 'Specials' work for no financial reward and have the same powers as regular Police Constables when they are working. They receive training in handcuff, baton and PAVA spray equipment as well as control and restraint techniques. They work whenever they are able, often double crewing a response car on a weekend or assisting a neighbourhood beat manager on his patch with enquiries or visible policing tasks. Our own PCSO, Raquel, was a Special before joining the PCSO team.

**Speed Watch** - The Speed Watch scheme, which has been mentioned in the past, is now up and running in the Parish. Whilst this is not a NHW initiative, the scheme shares a similar aim in trying to make a safer and therefore better environment to live in. Apart from the obvious in trying to reduce excessive speed on our roads, the scheme also looks for dangerous driving antics together with driving without seatbelts and using a mobile phone whilst driving. Our PCSO's who run the scheme would like one or two more volunteers from the Parish to assist them and if you might be interested in this could you please contact Raquel for more information.

**Rural Crime** - Most rural crime is committed by criminals from outside the area coming into the village or hamlet for a specific purpose. They will usually first make a surveillance trip to their targeted area, more often in daylight than at night so that they can get to know the area. As this involves them using a vehicle please try to make a note of the details ( reg., make, colour etc.) of any vehicles which you are not familiar with, that are parked in unusual places. Pass this information to your co-ordinator or the police as soon as practical. Even if no crimes occur at that time, the police will keep the information for possible future use and when the criminals themselves realise that they are being targeted it should deter them from coming to our area.

**Security Marking of Property Items** - Our PCSO's have access to a property marking kit, on a booked basis, so that they can bring it along and run a session whereby people can bring their electrical goods, power tools etc to be security marked free of charge. A central location such as the Parish Hall would probably be used. They have a number of options, including ultra violet markers or engraving, for marking purposes which are dependant on the material of the equipment that is to be marked. To enable us to gauge whether this would be a worthwhile exercise, it would be very helpful if anybody who might consider using this offer would contact any of the co-ordinators to register their interest. This offer is open to everybody, not just NHW members.

**Police Station Closures** - Financial cutbacks by the government will mean the closure of the public access desks at both Holsworthy and Bideford police stations. This change is scheduled to come into effect in April. The beat teams will still be based at the stations and so response times will not be affected by these moves. The nearest police stations which will be retaining public access offices will be at Bude, Launceston and Barnstaple.

**Police Crime Website** – The recently launched police local crimes and policing website – [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) - made the headlines for the wrong reasons due to the site crashing under the volume of enquiries. Things have now settled down and the site appears to be working well, although only time will tell whether it will be of benefit. In the meantime, we have available to us on a weekly basis the crime figures for the area together with comparative figures for Bideford and Torrington. If anybody would like to receive these figures on a regular basis, or perhaps initially just as a sample, please contact your co-ordinator with your email address.

**From PCSO Raquel Rowe ...**

Sometime in January there were people acting suspiciously in the area of Milton Damerel. They were seen and confronted by one of the residents in Venn Green. One of the men walked in somebody's yard in the early hours in the morning and acted very suspiciously. Description of the male was 5'6" - 5'8", medium build bold patch at the back of the head and thinning hair, brown jacket. The accent was not a Devon local accent.

I would like to advise the residents in Milton Damerel area to be vigilant and not to confront anybody but to ring the Police instead.

The following incidents that had been reported to the Police are as follows:

Theft of heating oil 400 litres in Bridgerule 23/1/11

Theft of catalytic converter from a motor vehicle in Bradworthy 6/2/11

## For information - the Holsworthy Police front office is **Closed**

**General enquiries - 08452 777444.**

- For information and advice.  
To report a crime.

**Minicom - 01392 452935**

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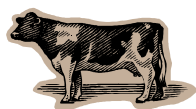
The theft of possessions occurs to obtain cash or items that can easily be sold on. By marking your possessions or keeping items with scrap value out of sight will deter thieves, decrease the opportunity for it to be sold on and increase the ability for thieves to be caught.

More information can be found at [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/marking](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/marking)

PCSO 30099 Raquel Rowe,

Holsworthy Police Station

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To advertise in this newsletter contact Margaret on 01409 261486 for more details.

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 20th May 2011

## WHAT'S ON ..

.....a selection of local events in Holsworthy and North Devon

### Holsworthy .....

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
<b>Rotary Show</b>	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	H.A.T.S Theatre, Holsworthy Tel: 01409 253826 <a href="http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk">www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk</a>
<b>Cinema - Social Network</b>	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.30pm	Holsworthy Memorial Hall Tel: 01409 254185 <a href="http://www.holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk">www.holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk</a>
<b>Howdenjones</b> (Kate Howden & Paul Jones) present contemporary acoustic music at its best	Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>Cinema - Cyrus</b>	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm	
<b>Royal Wedding</b> – all day including 'big screen' of the wedding & <b>Bjorn Again</b> in the evening	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Cinema – King's Speech</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm	
<b>Events and contacts for other venues in North Devon ....</b>		
<b>Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular &amp; Special Workshops for Children and Adults</b>		The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 <a href="http://www.plough-arts.org">www.plough-arts.org</a>
<b>Vital Theatre presents The Gospel of Matthew</b> with George Dillon	Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March @ 8pm	
<b>Drama, classical music, opera, children's shows, popular music (including rock, jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts and community events</b>		Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 <a href="http://www.northdevontheatres.org.uk">www.northdevontheatres.org.uk</a>
<b>Camelot – Barnstaple Amateur operatic Society</b>	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b>Foster &amp; Allen</b>	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>West Side Story – Barnstaple Young Generation</b>	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	

### USEFUL WEBSITES

Devon County Emergency Planning Service	<a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/safetyemergencies.htm">www.devon.gov.uk/index/safetyemergencies.htm</a>
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	<a href="http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/SiteInformation">www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/SiteInformation</a>
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service	<a href="http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/devonfire">www.dsfire.gov.uk/devonfire</a>
Disaster Action	<a href="http://www.disasteraction.org.uk">www.disasteraction.org.uk</a>
Environment Agency	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Floodline	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods">www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods</a>
HM Coastguard	<a href="http://www.mcga.gov.uk">www.mcga.gov.uk</a>
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Met Office	<a href="http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/sw/sw_forecast_weather.html">www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/sw/sw_forecast_weather.html</a>
South West Ambulance Service	<a href="http://www.swast.nhs.uk">www.swast.nhs.uk</a>
UK Resilience	<a href="http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/ukresilience.aspx">www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/ukresilience.aspx</a>

## What's on Diary

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ALPHA course	1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.45am	5
Gardening Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.30pm	10
Stand as a Councillor	7 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	11
Lent Course begins...	14 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	7
Election Awareness Drop-in	16 <sup>th</sup> March	7 – 8pm	3
Methodist Church Council	18 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	5
Whist Drive	25 <sup>th</sup> March	8pm	20
Afternoon Tea & Cakes	26 <sup>th</sup> March	3 – 5pm	16
Family Service	27 <sup>th</sup> March	11am	4
Coffee Morning – St Peter's Thornbury	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30am	7
FRESH (at Parish Hall)	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4pm – 5.30pm	17
Gardening Society	6 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	10
Easter Bingo	7 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	7
Annual Parish Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	12
Family Service – Easter Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	4
Wine & Wisdom	30 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	20
Gardening Society	4 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	10
Spring Concert – Appledore Singers	8 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	7
Newsletter Coffee Morning	20 <sup>th</sup> May	10 – 12noon	7
FRESH (at Parish Church)	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	4 – 5.30pm	17
Family Indoor Sports – Bradford	28 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	7
Family Service – Sunday Club Anniversary	29 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	4
Gardening Society	1 <sup>st</sup> June	7.30pm	10
Parish Hall meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	20
Coffee Morning – for Parish Hall	16 <sup>th</sup> June	10 – 12 noon	20

## Regular Events

Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Putford WI	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tuesdays – each fortnight 2pm
MD & District Over 60s Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm
Gardening Society	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (not Jan) 7.30pm
Parish Council meetings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Last Thursday of each month 10am
Methodist Morning Service	Sundays 11am
Parish Church Holy Communion	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month 11.30am

*Always check on location by visiting the page number as not all events are in Milton Damarel*

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