



# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Summer 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 March April and May. The Annual Parish Meeting was held in April and the Parish Council AGM was held in May. All meetings are open to the public. Thank you to those members of the community who attended the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Milton Damerel Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April when the Chairman updated the community on the position so far with the Parish Plan and Roger Lawes, Chairman of the Emergency Response Team presented the draft Parish Emergency Plan. There were reports from the Newsletter Group, the Gardening Society, Milton Damerel Parish Hall Committee, the Over 60's, Sunday and Monster Clubs. The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators presented an update on the activities of the Neighbourhood Watch in the parish. The guest speaker James Morrish gave an informative talk on the improvements made to the performance of Torridge District Council over the last four years bringing it up from one of the worst performing councils to the highest rated in Devon, Somerset and Dorset and gaining an award for being the second most improved council in the country.

Parish Council Election and Parish Council Annual General Meeting There were seven nominations from the existing seven councillors for the seven seats on Milton Damerel Parish Council and therefore all existing councillors were duly elected uncontested. At the Parish Council AGM held in May Councillors present signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and completed Members Register of Interests, to begin their next four year term of office. Cllr Grace Millman was elected by the councillors to be Chairman for the year and Cllr Gareth Piper was elected to be Vice-Chairman for the year.

Planning Matters Since the last report applications have been considered for single wind turbines at Worden Farm and Gidcott Farm. Milton Damerel Parish Council was also consulted on the applications for single wind turbines at Henscott Farm in the parish of Bradford and at Greylands Farm in the parish of Holsworthy Hamlets owing to the possibility of the structures being visible from within Milton Damerel. Planning applications for the conversion of an old barn near to Milton Mill for residential use and an application for a sensory room at The Beeches, Venn Green were also considered by the Parish Council.

The Venn Green bus shelter recently sustained some damage to the roof slates facing the road in a number of places and after estimates were obtained, a local builder has done the repairs. To make the bus shelter a little more open inside, the dividing wall has also been reduced.

The Annual Return and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 are awaiting audit and are available for inspection by Electors and their representatives until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011 on application to the Parish Clerk. The accounts show a surplus of £33 on the year with a reserve of £851 carried forward to the new financial year. After audit and approval by the Councillors at the Parish Council meeting on 15th June, the Annual Return will be submitted to the Audit Commission for certification after which copies will be displayed on the three parish notice boards.

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  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2011



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**To Jean Reed**, of Gidcott, on her election to Captain of Cornwall Ladies County Golf Association; Jean is a member of Bude Golf Club and holds the captaincy for the County for 2 years.

**To Lawrence (Loz) Harper**, of Crossways, who celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> May and also leaves school.

**To Jasmin (Jazz) Harper**, of Crossways, who celebrates her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> June.



### GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

#### Good-bye and best wishes to:

**Doug Fletcher** who has moved from Moor View Cottage, Venn Green.

**Kate Laubscher, Sam and Finley** who have moved from Shadows, Venn Green, to go to Holsworthy

#### Welcome to:

**Jason & Elizabeth Fry and Joshua** who have moved into East Wonford Farm Cottage



### OUR SYMPATHIES

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

**The family of the late Kevin Hollands**, who lived at 1, Fore Street

**The family of the late Mrs Beryl Osbourne**, who lived at 4, Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon.

**Mrs Lavinia Hankinson**, of Crawderne, on the recent loss of her husband, **David Hankinson**

**Mrs Phoebe Overy**, of Darland, Venn Green, on the recent loss of her husband, **Geoffery Overy**

**Mrs Anne Bentham**, of Haytown, on the recent loss of her husband, **Robert Bentham**

Many tributes were received and shared for the late Geoffery Overy at a Thanksgiving Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Geoff and Phoebe moved to Venn Green over 16 years ago and have been associated with the Methodist Church and the Over 60s Club, in addition to making many friendships. Geoff, having served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, led our Methodist annual commemoration, of those who had lost their lives during war time, held on Remembrance Sunday, and often contributed to our congregational services. We have lost a good friend, always with a welcoming smile and sense of humour.

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## Chapel News – June 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,

Well, Summer time is certainly here. It is all around us. We have the promise of warmer days still to come and long summer evenings.

However, while we are reflecting upon what is still to come, we cannot forget the tragedy that over the past few weeks has been brought to our attention through the media. What future for the people of Japan? We feel deep empathy for them at this time. The consequences of the disaster will continue for many years in the hearts and lives of the Japanese people.

Christians around the world have just come through the season of Lent and celebrated Easter. During the time of Lent, Christians remember how Jesus was tested and tempted in the wilderness. He was in a difficult place while preparing for his ministry. Jesus went on in his ministry to experience grief, isolation and rejection. Christians can certainly pray for the people of Japan. We also as community have the option of using our money as gifts, given into the hands of trusted relief agencies. The season of Lent is a time of introspective reflection. In Lent we may well have come to the realization that life is uncertain. None of us know what tomorrow will bring. What our life will be.

One thing for Christians we do know is that Lent was also a preparation for Easter, where new life is found because of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection. This offer of Eternal life is for everyone and that includes you. Remember God knows you. Will you trust God with your tomorrows?

I pray God's Blessing upon you. Rev Meg

**Congratulations to Rev Meg** – It has been confirmed that Rev Meg has successfully completed her probationary period and will be ordained into ministry at Liverpool Cathedral on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011. In celebration of this there will be a bring and share tea at Lake Chapel on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** from 4-30pm and a testimony service led by Rev Meg at 6.30pm in Lake Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

**“OPEN CHAPEL”** – Do you walk or drive pass the chapel and wonder what it is like inside? Do you walk or drive pass and sometimes wish the chapel was open so that you could pop in for a few minutes of quiet-time or prayer or perhaps a cuppa and chat? Starting with the month of May, the chapel will be open on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoon of the month from 2.30pm to 5pm** for any-one wishing just to do any of these. You will find some-one there, probably doing some tidying up or ‘paperwork’, and will be pleased to meet with you, show you around, make a cuppa, or, just as importantly, to leave you to sit quietly.

**Prayer Requests** - A secure prayer request box will shortly be located at the chapel for deposit of prayer requests; such requests will be prayed about by the person(s) opening the box and kept in strictest confidence.

**“TEA & CAKE” AFTERNOONS** – Our first afternoon for 2011 held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March was a lovely afternoon, and well supported. £185.00 was forwarded to the Radio Devon Air Ambulance Appeal. Tea and Cake in June will be the event to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James Bible, to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, and is detailed elsewhere in the Newsletter. 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.

Family Services:

<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>
<b>Sunday Club Anniversary</b>	<b>Mrs Rachel Parsons</b>	<b>Rev Meg Slingo</b>	<b>Dr David Hudson</b>

**SUMMER CONCERT** – The **Culm Valley Crusade Choir** from East Devon will be visiting again this summer, on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**. This choir have visited for several years now and bring a new programme each time – we also look forward to everyone coming again this year to hear them!!

## CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE TO AUGUST 2011

JUN		JUL		AUG	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Tracy Dunmore	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Mary Carter	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Anita Southey
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Christine Poole	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Phoebe Overy	14 <sup>th</sup>	Circuit Service @ Rowden
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Joanne Carter	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Anne Poole	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Gwyneth Johns
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Grace Millman	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lilian Luxton	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Phyllis Piper
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Miss Rosemary Daniel		

**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 about to start a new study, still to be confirmed. We welcome anyone able to come along for our regular study evenings.

**SUNDAY SERVICES** - At the last Church Council meeting we agreed to continue holding our Sunday morning services in the Schoolroom, which we started in the winter due to the very cold conditions. The informality and 'closeness' of being in a smaller room had been much appreciated when we are a small number present; obviously special events will continue to be held in the chapel.

### THE FUTURE OF OUR CHAPEL – MEETING on THURSDAY, 26TH MAY 2011

Everyone, with an interest on the future of the chapel, has been invited to come along to an open meeting at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom—the meeting follows on from Rev Meg's pastoral letter and we want to share and hear about all ideas and views on how we want to continue—how we see the future of our church, how we share our faith and interact within the community, how we want to use our premises. This will probably be the first of more meetings – so please look out for dates of other meetings. If you have any thoughts on the questions being posed, please share them with us – Rev Meg Slingo, Lilian Luxton, Grace Millman. We look forward to talking about all ideas!

**FUTURE OF THE SHEBBEAR CIRCUIT** – There was unanimous support in favour of joining together the Bideford and Shebbear Circuits, at the meeting held in Torrington in February. Plans will now be worked on to bring this decision into effect from September 2011. The Shebbear Circuit magazine MAP has not been published since the 40<sup>th</sup> edition – in case anyone normally receiving it has wondered what has happened – details of our Circuit events are now published in the joint Bideford & Shebbear monthly Newsletter, which is available from the contacts below.

### CONTACTS –

For further information or help please contact:

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

Our Steward: Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355), Our Church Council Secretary: Grace Millman (Tel: 261251)

### 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

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## Holy Trinity News

It was agreed at the Church Council AGM that I should get quotes for repair of the roof and tower. We are aware that we may be able to get as much as 80% of the costs in grants but this will still leave a substantial amount to raise for the remaining 20%. The estimates will give us an idea of how much the 20% will be. It is only then that we will know what we are up against and if raising the funds is a possibility. I have been informed that grant applications and facilities (permission to carry out the work) can take up to 3 years so we have time to do some fund raising.

I have heard that there is a rumour going around that the roof is to be removed and the church will become a redundant building. This is a rumour. The church may become redundant if it cannot continue as a church but once the roof and tower is repaired it should be water tight and will last for many years to come.

The church welcomed the first Fresh service which was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. It was nice to see the church come to life with people, music and singing. Food and tea were provided in the chapel hall following. A big thank you goes to Davit Pett for giving us a thought provoking and meaningful service.

The church yard continues to bring its challenges as the grass cutting is becoming overwhelming for one volunteer to do when they are free. The PCC have agreed that we could pay for someone to cut the grass on an occasional basis but this would be at minimum wage plus expenses for petrol etc so if there is anyone willing with time on their hands please can you contact me. Last summer the working party of volunteers worked well and the church yard looked great. Sadly I had to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled date due to the weather. In view of the success of the working party I am scheduling further dates and call on any willing volunteers. It is not only the grass that needs attending to but the gutters and gulley's need clearing and the felled branches need burning. The dates I am proposing are

23<sup>rd</sup> June 7PM

14<sup>th</sup> July 7PM

25<sup>th</sup> August 7PM

Please contact me to check go ahead if the weather is questionable.

My thinking is that a group work can be fun and a few hands make light work. I promise to bring refreshments. If you feel that you are able to help even just for an hour please can you let me know? Such a community effort could help to save the church from bankruptcy.

It has been brought to my attention that children have been entering the church and have burnt one of the old wooden trestles from the vestry. This is no loss as they were old and rickety and I did think about burning them myself. There is no damage to the church interior and no effects missing. I am aware that word got around and I was contacted by the police. Not wanting to make this an arson enquiry I have suggested that they have a word with any potential culprits. Kids will be kids and they can help us have a big bonfire on any of the nights suggested above if they wish.

In response to this information I know hold the key to the church so if anyone wishes to gain entry please do not hesitate to contact me and I can make the key available to you.

Anne Binns

Church Warden

261381



### Celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James Bible

Milton Damerel Bible Study Group (very ecumenical!), is planning a day to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at Milton Damerel Chapel from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.** The plan is for passages, which have been selected by members of the group, to be read in approximately five minute slots during the day for people to come and listen. In addition Bradworthy School, Milton Monsters and Sunday Club young people are being invited to take part in an art exhibition to accompany the bible reading event, which will be displayed in the schoolroom. Also stalls and refreshments will be served. Donations for Shelterbox. We are hoping for a good number of readers for 5 minute slots throughout the day, and are still looking for volunteers, and children will be especially welcome! If you would like to read please contact any member of the group. Voluntary help is also being sought to steward the event, serve refreshments, etc.

[Bible group: David & Janet Fisher, Tracy Dunmore, Lilian Luxton, Christine Poole, Grace Millman, Sheila Daniel, Barbara Bulinckx, Lorna Dawe]



**St Peters Church  
Thornbury**  
**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, not all games are physical, so please don't be put off!  
Come along even if you don't have a full team, we find you some friends. Please book teams by Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May with Thelma on 01409 261423 or Liz 261312.

**Coffee Morning**  
at Crossparks, Thornbury  
(by kind permission of Thelma Priest)  
on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June  
from 10.30 til noon,

cakes, produce, raffle, bric a brac, cards

Everyone welcome

Please look out for dates and venues for July & August Coffee Mornings

**Cider & Pasty Walk**

starting from Week Farm, Thornbury

by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Jeremy Bond,

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June,**

starting from 3 pm til 5 pm.

Tickets £6 for adults and £2 for children, please book with Sara or Roger on 01409 261105.

*Proceeds from all of above for St Peter's Church*

The long awaited work on the roof will hopefully start on 16<sup>th</sup> May, and the church will then be closed until early December. Everyone is still welcome to visit the churchyard but we would ask everyone to exercise care, especially during the working week when there will be people working in the area.

**Celebrating 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Of the  
King James Bible**

**SATURDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am – 5pm**

**Selected, favourite Bible readings  
throughout the day**

**Schools /Young People Art Exhibition  
Stalls Refreshments**

**At Milton Damerel Methodist Church &  
Schoolroom**

**Proceeds for Shelterbox**

**NEWSLETTER GROUP**

**Cider & Pasty Walk with  
treasure hunt**  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August  
from 6.30pm  
starting at Parish Hall

Please look out for posters with fuller details

*You are cordially invited*

*To come along to*

*A SUMMER CONCERT*

*Presented by*

*Culm Valley Crusade Choir*

*At*

*Milton Damerel Methodist Church*

*On*

*Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm*

*Refreshments to Follow*

*Proceeds for Chapel Funds*

**Beacon Methodist Church**

**Coffee Mornings**  
**Last Thursday of each month**  
**10am – 12 noon**  
**Chapel hall**  
**Warm welcome to all!**

## JUNIOR NEWS

### Monster Club

Some members went on a trip in February to The Plough in Torrington to see 'Robin and the Big Freeze'.

Recently members made Easter chick baskets and caught up with some planting in the garden. We held a games evening and are about to buy some new outdoor games equipment.

The next club is on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June when we hope to use our new equipment; reminders will be sent out nearer the day.

### Sunday Club Anniversary

The Sunday Club Anniversary takes place on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at the Methodist Church. This year we have put together a service on the topic of The Bible.

Alan Rendall, an I.T. whiz from Torrington, has been working with us to provide illustrations on screen, video clips, etc. We feel we have a really interesting interactive service with something for all ages, so please feel free to come along, bring the family, and give some support. It would be great to have a few extra in the congregation to share with us. Collection will be donated to The Bible Society. There will be coffee and biscuits in the Schoolroom after the service.

### Easter Breakfast

This was a great success with a good number coming along to enjoy freshly cooked pancakes, toast, cereals, etc. A craft table was provided, which the younger ones thoroughly enjoyed. Isabel made a great job of looking after everyone, keeping them busy and dishing out the chocolate eggs! Many people commented on the excellent pancakes, which were thanks to a small but industrious team in the kitchen, our grateful thanks to them; our thanks also to all who came and especially for supporting the charity, Shelterbox. After expenses, donations amounted to £82.40 – a brilliant result.

## COFFEE MORNING

We were very grateful for our loyal 'customers' for their support for our Coffee Morning on 20<sup>th</sup> May – the few who were able to come along and those who kindly forwarded donations as they were unable to come. We had hoped for more to come along for coffee, chat and to participate in the raffle and bring & buy stall – Roger & Margaret Stannard had generously offered their home for the coffee morning and made us very welcome – thank you to them.

The total proceeds for Newsletter funds were £50.

Please look out for posters for next fund-raising event in August – please support us, we are all volunteers and support from throughout the parish is sought to keep the Newsletter 'in production'; both contributions of articles and material to be included, and for our fund-raising events. Articles and news snippets, etc. can be given to any of the group (see last page) or e-mailed to the web-site or posted to Chapel View.

## FRESH

Our last FRESH was held on Mothering Sunday and Rev Meg was able to lead it. We were delighted to have Ruth and Hannah Musen to play keyboard and guitar and sing. We joined in with some of the songs. Crafts included making a gift box to give to Mums. There were no instructions so the first to solve the puzzle won the prize! The Easter story was told using chocolate Easter Eggs, with clues to the story hidden inside the eggs - nails, thorns, etc. Of course the last egg was empty, representing the empty tomb. Every one enjoyed tea together after the short service. By the time you read this another FRESH will have been held, this time in the Parish Church, with Mr David Pett leading and tea in the Schoolroom.



We wish to extend an invitation to everyone to come along to FRESH – it's very user friendly, always different and held in different venues around the parish. Its non-denominational, we don't have labels and aren't fund-raising, so please feel welcome.

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, FRESH is at Woodford Farm**



# ***Fete 2011***

## ***16th July***

*1pm - 5pm*



*Come and join us for a great Saturday afternoon*

*Falconry display*

*Hatherleigh Steel Band (late afternoon)*

*Torrington Cavaliers (tbc)*

*Bar & BBQ \* Cream Teas*

*Veg, Cooking, Photo & Pet Competitions*

*side stalls \* crockery smashing*

*PCSO security marking*

*Looking forward to seeing you.*

*If you can help in any way please contact*

*Terry 01409 261775, Rose 01409 261577, Edgar 01409 261277*

*fete@miltondamerel.com*

### **The Rydon Inn.**



The Rydon Inn, Holsworthy, was originally a Devon longhouse. It now combines tradition and atmosphere to provide a comfortable environment to enjoy your meal in.

"We offer our diners a far more contemporary and satisfying dining experience than the conventional 'pub grub'," is the claim on their website.

The menu is thoughtfully prepared by their chefs, using only fresh **local** produce in a wide range of dishes, which draw their inspiration from around the world - certain to tempt every palate.

They pride themselves on their ability to cater for coeliacs, diabetics as well as, of course, vegetarians. In fact, they can cater for all dietary needs because the food is prepared from scratch on the premises so can make adjustments as required. If you have an unusual dietary need, contact them in advance and the chef can prepare a dish to suit your need.

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The Rydon Inn welcomes well behaved **dogs**.

## Milton Damerel Parish Emergency Plan

*. In August 1952, twelve people died in a flash flood in Lynmouth.*

*In 1963, many communities in south west England were isolated by deep snow drifts for up to six weeks.*

*In October 2008 the village of Ottery St. Mary suffered flooding on a scale never recorded before.*

*These incidents were unexpected – occurring in areas not prone to natural disaster. In each case normal emergency services could not react, and local residents had to work together in order to cope with the situation.*

The planning team appointed by the Parish Council has completed the final draft of the Parish Emergency Plan: it was presented to the Council at the Parish Annual Meeting on 20 April. The full plan is now being published and will be available for perusal through the Parish Clerk. It will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. A simplified version, together with a Devon County Council emergency planning advice leaflet, is included with this copy of the Newsletter.

The plan is intended for use in extremis, i.e. in a situation where normal emergency services are unable to react. In effect, it formalises the existing spirit of self-help and mutual co-operation that is inherent within the community when faced with an adverse situation.

The Planning Team thank those who assisted, especially with completion of the questionnaire sent out last autumn.

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## MARCH

Bill Wrighton gave a detailed talk on pruning showing the tools to use, explaining the timing for various subjects and he showed a film he had made demonstrating the pruning of a Blackcurrant, a Gooseberry, an Apple and a Pear.

The apple was in need of drastic treatment which it got when Bill tackled it with a bow saw to create an open habit.

## APRIL

Dr. Wendy Lawrenson a judge for the Best Kept Village competition gave a fascinating insight into the criteria that the judges use when viewing entries, she illustrated this with a series of photographs taken around our parish which she used to demonstrate what would add and subtract from the judges scoring.

She set the audience the task of awarding points of up to 10 in each of 10 categories including for instance the tidiness of bus shelters, the condition of Parish noticeboards, access to rights of way and the state of the roads ignoring potholes, the scores ranged from a very generous 80 down to 60.

## MAY

Nicola Wrighton put on a colourful display of summer bedding plants ranging from Petunia, Begonia and Busy Lizzie 6-packs through pot grown trailing plants including Fuchsias, Geraniums and Surfinias to readymade hanging baskets.

She demonstrated how to make a traditional hanging basket using a wire frame and natural moss filled with a good quality potting compost and a range of upright and trailing plants with a Geranium centrepiece.

This demonstration was followed by a Question and Answer session with Nick, Ed and Bill forming the panel which answered numerous questions though an awful lot revolved around replacements that would survive the likes of last winter's devastatingly cold weather.

There are in fact an enormous range of plants that are fully hardy whilst Bill pointed out that a lot of the problem is the modern trend to use what are called architectural plants such as Phormiums and Cordylines which are natives of New Zealand and do not survive much below -12c.

The June meeting, the last before the summer recess will hopefully feature a film show compiled by Bill demonstrating various tasks including lawn and algae treatments with the results shown, potting, seed sowing etc.

The Garden Show is on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, schedules can be obtained from any of the committee and will be available from the garage in August.

**D & I BRIDGMAN & SON**  
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The Easter draw held at Sanders Garage in aid of Children's Hospice S/W raised £148.00.

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Details from Mrs J Daly, Secretary, Mrs June Vanstone, Treasurer, or Mr Les Yelland, Chairman

The coach outings planned for 2011 are:

17<sup>th</sup> May Plymouth, via Tavistock

21<sup>st</sup> June Falmouth

19<sup>th</sup> July Ilfracombe

16<sup>th</sup> August Brixham

20<sup>th</sup> September Tiverton Canal

The AGM was held in May and the officers for the next 12 months elected (as above).

## Publicity for Planning Applications

It was normal practice for Torridge District Council to advertise all planning applications in the local press – for the Holsworthy and surrounding areas the Holsworthy Post was used. Last year advertisement of most applications was discontinued, with only applications affecting listed buildings, or in conservation areas, or major development, or such as wind turbines, being advertised in the press.

Now the process for notifying planning applications, in addition to the continuation of site notices at the relevant locations, relies on neighbour notification (see below for criteria), and the online public access planning system on the TDC web-site. Neighbour notification main approach is an individual letter to the occupiers of adjoining and nearby dwellings, defined as those 'likely to have a material planning interest in the application'; this includes all those with a boundary adjoining the application site (including opposite of street/road). 'Material planning interest' may also include properties close to the boundary or front access roads, in particular, for new housing developments.

Where an application for planning permission is made following a refusal, permission or withdrawal of a similar scheme within the preceding 12 months, all those who made individual representations to the earlier scheme will be notified of the new application.

The full Code of Practice for Neighbour Notification is available on the Torridge web-site [www.torridge.gov.uk](http://www.torridge.gov.uk) select Planning / Development Control. To view planning applications, incorporating weekly lists, [www.torridge.gov.uk](http://www.torridge.gov.uk) select Planning / View Planning Applications / Public Access.

*None of the above supersedes the best practice of all... that is ... to have discussions with your near neighbours about your plans for changes to your property, particularly changes that affect or create boundaries, create overlooking, or impinge on landscape and views.*

## Do you regularly worm your dog.?



Do you regularly worm your dog, did you know that there are two species of dog tapeworm that affect sheep and cause lamb carcasses to be condemned at the abattoir due to tapeworm cysts, this can result in financial loss to the farmer. The cysts are found in the organs and muscles of the lambs, the tapeworms are picked up by grazing land contaminated with infected dog faeces, in bad cases all the farmer's lambs are affected, lambs cannot be treated to remove the cysts, the only way is prevention, **the only way to prevent infection is to regularly round worm and tape worm your dog every 3 months.** If you do not and exercise your dog on farm land the chances are your dog is infecting the pasture. Spot-On flea and worm treatments do not cover tapeworm so treat with Drontal Plus or similar, consult your vet.

Round worm can also cause problems to both sheep and cattle, Neospora and Salmonella to name just a couple. Neospora causes abortion in cattle and Salmonella from dog faeces in hay or haylage results in abortion and other problems in sheep and cattle, a farmer lost 17 sucklers one year with salmonella, dog faeces in his silage was found to be the cause, and don't forget Toxocara Canis causes blindness in humans, so Spot-On regularly, once again consult your vet they will tell you the best treatment for your dog.

If you do exercise your dog on farm land even if they are wormed regularly remember to take your plastic bags to pick up your dog's deposits, that way there are no nasty surprises for anyone handling the grass crop from that farmland.

## AN EARLY START

I am sure there is no need to remind you what wonderful weather we had in April but up to the point of my writing this article May has been, in my opinion, dull and quite windy making it feel cold in comparison.

Like most plants lawns grew apace in April and needed mowing at least once a week but the ground soon dried out and in early May cutting was required less frequently, I am trying to film some examples of lawn treatments for the Garden Society's June meeting but I might have to resort to watering the grass to achieve the desired effect.

## YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS TO BLAME

Most of the vegetable plants I started inside have thrived when planted out but seeds direct sown in the ground have achieved very poor germination and two sowings of beet and carrots produced nothing when both sowings of spinach have thrived.

When seeds don't perform I tend to blame myself but it can occasionally be the seed at fault, I sowed peas from a new packet twice but only half a dozen ever germinated, then I bought some more seed from town and all of these grew in the same soil and aspect giving me a thick row so it was not the way I had sown them that was at fault, I always tell my daughter that she must sow the seeds upside down to achieve the results she gets.

My early potatoes and broad beans are very well developed and I should achieve my favourite spring meal of both with a gammon steak in very early June.

## FLOWERS

Probably because of the last three cold wet summers I have been jaundiced with the results from the vegetable garden so this year I am growing a lot more cut flowers, a productive tradition on many allotments.

I saved last year's chrysanthemum stools in the glasshouse and propagated a lot more plants from the spring shoots to give me several rows of mixed decorative and spray blooms to start cutting in the late summer, all they require is regular pinching out of side shoots to restrict the number of flowering stems with caning and tying for support.

The antirrhinums (snap dragons) I sowed in early March were ready to be planted out in mid May and hopefully they will produce scented flower spikes suitable for cutting in the summer though I am, perhaps naively, hoping they will survive the winter and being biannual produce even better blooms next year.

The last flowering addition to my vegetable garden will be Sweet Williams but they won't be sown until this month to produce plants to go out in early or late winter to give those long lasting cut flowers next summer and hopefully the year after.

## GARDENING AT WAIST LEVEL

Using a raised bed I now have a productive Asparagus bed albeit needs another year for all the plants to produce the thick stems suitable for cutting but there have been enough to give us a few small tasters of what might be achievable in the future.

Last autumn I knocked up a raised narrow timber structure in my polytunnel onto which I placed 4 grow bags then planted each with 3 strawberry plants which have thrived and are loaded with fruit which I should be picking by the time this article goes to print.

They do need a lot of care, watering daily and feeding twice a week, commercially this gro bag method is quite common but of course they have automatic drip watering and feeding systems to ensure the best result.

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### CHINESE LANTERNS

Last month I found an expired Chinese lantern in our field where bullocks are grazing. The small wires and bamboo hoops are lethal to animals – wild and farm animals – and if digested can cause much harm or possibly death. When lit and let to fly off into the sky no-one can predict where they will land, often some distance from where set off. Not only will animals eat them in the fields and elsewhere, but they can be chopped up in the silage and cause problems for farm animals several months later.

Quotes from BBC news in 2010 ... "I found the remains of a Chinese lantern within a few yards of where the cow had been lying... and it had been well-chewed. Consulting the vet, his opinion was she had actually eaten part of the lantern and the fine wire inside it had punctured her oesophagus. So she'd in effect spent a long, painful 48 hours suffocating on her own feed."

"There's also a good chance that the wire part of the frame could get wrapped around an animal's foot and become embedded in the skin which would be terribly painful."

"The NFU is also concerned lit lanterns could set fire to fields of standing crops or straw, or to barns or thatched properties."

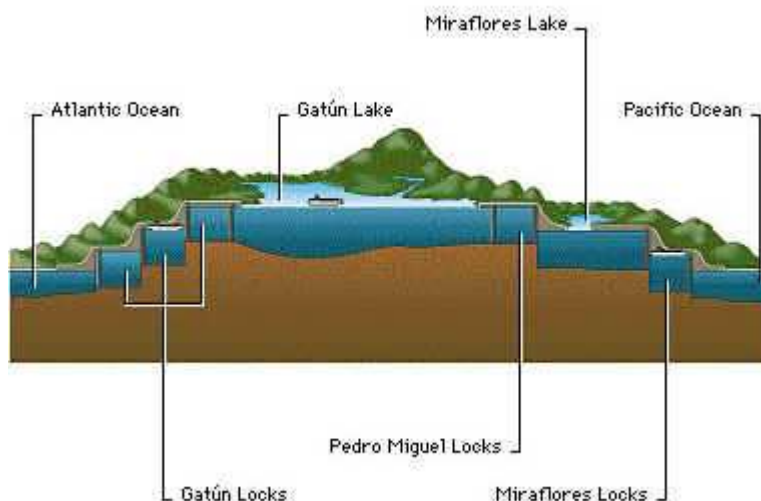
**A massive plea to everyone PLEASE NOT TO USE them !!**

September 23, 2010. Mr and Mrs Philaes Fogg alias Trevor & Penny Sanders with 1,400 passengers and 800 crew set sail on P&O's Oriana ship to cruise the high seas. We left Southampton under dismal cloud to arrive three days later at our first



port of call the beautiful island of Madeira. On 2.Oct. the island of St. Lucia, weather was improving all the time temperatures now 29C . The next port was Isla Margarita, Venezuela, here the ship docked by the beach we all had our first taste of real palm tree beaches and white sand lagoons, Curacao, Mexico followed. By 6. October the ship arrived at the entrance of the Panama canal for the full day transit 80 Kilometres long, through three sets of locks, each of which have two lanes. These operate as water lifts to elevate ships like the Oriana 26 metres above sea level to the height of the Gatun lake then lower them back to sea level on the opposite side, even though the ship uses its own propulsion for the greater part

of the canal, when passing through the locks they are assisted by electric locomotives nicknamed mules, which use cables to align and tow the ship, working in pairs the mules move on rails and keep the ship in position within the locks chamber. The ship has now travelled from the Caribbean sea to the Pacific Ocean, saving hundreds of sea miles but costs the ships £288,000, the Panama canal works 24 hrs a day., since opening in August 1914, 957,698 vessels have transited the waterway. Construction is now underway to enlarge the canal to move even the biggest of cruise and cargo ships. Next stop is Acapulco, highlight here was a display of young death-defying divers some as young as ten climbing up the side of cliffs and diving into the ocean below many films such as Tarzan Lord of the Jungle were filmed in Acapulco. Three days later 13.Oct. we arrived in San Francisco the Golden Gate Bridge, crooked steep streets and a very unusual wharf where many hundreds of Sea Lions bask in the evening sunshine. 17.10.10. today was our Ruby Wedding anniversary we were lucky enough to be able to eat our evening meal outside under the stars overlooking the lovely Island of Kahahii, Hawaii. 22.10.10 The Oriana crossed the equator, big celebrations the Captain was thrown into the swimming pool along with all other crew who had never crossed the line before. 19.Oct. Honolulu next stop visiting Pearl Harbour and the memorial which spans the US Arizona sunk in Pearl Harbour, with over.1777 men entombed. when the Japanese made a surprise attack. on December 7. 1941. 24.Oct. Apia Samoa was final port before crossing the Tasmin Sea, arriving In Auckland New Zealand on the 29.Oct. Next port Tauranga here we visited a Maori village where they still live and work in traditional Maori ways . Wellington was the final stop in New Zealand. 4.Nov Sydney Australia half way and around the world, We have now travelled 16,000 miles. More to follow.



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## **MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL NEWS**

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As always, the Hall is available for hire, £5 per hour Main Hall with Kitchen, £6 per hour, if the Skittle Alley is used for extra space/room only. £10 per session for the Skittle Alley.

Unfortunately we do not have our meeting until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm, therefore no Report, as such. New members welcome.

**We have noticed that a 'repair' has been done to the Hall wall, under one of the outside Hall windows. We would like to know, by whom and why was it done.**

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**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.

**WALK** To be discussed at next meeting. Watch for notice.

### **EVENTS REPORT.**

**FUN SKITTLES Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011.** Profit £57.

**WHIST DRIVE Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.** Profit £34

**WINE & WISDOM Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.** An enjoyable evening, with several new people. The questions were a little easier, so the Question Master said. There are those of us who may not agree. Winners Mary Rollingsons table with 88 ½. An excellent profit of £242.49. Thanks to all who came.

**TABLE TOP Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011** £38.60. 4 tables and also one for the Parish Hall. Only 7 parishioner turned out to support this event. A bit disappointing. Thank-you to those who did. It was a lovely evening for a walk out and a chat.

### **Regular Events at the Parish Hall.**

**Milton Damerel and District Over 60 Club.** Ist 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. Small group, more members welcomed. Enquiries Lesley Self, 261 294 or Mary Carter, 261 248

**Milton Damerel Gardening Club.** Ist 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.**

### **HOLSWORTHY SKITTLES LEAGUE.**

Milton Damerel Skittle Teams did well again in the Holsworthy League Matches this season.

Milton Damerel Mens A team won the League Cup for the highest points in Division One and also the A/B teams won the Aggregate Cup for the 1<sup>st</sup> division. They won the John Hocking Cup and the Westaway Cup in a Knockout competition, and also were runners up in the Launcells Cup. Ray Daniel and Colin Larkworthy played in the



Holsworthy County Team for the Devon County League and were Runners Up.

Milton Damerel Ladies A team were winners of Division 2, with 100 points. This was a record. They reach the Quarter Finals in the Five Founders Cup and the B team the Semi Finals in the Challenge Cup. Judith Nicolls who plays for the A team, had a good season. She had the highest away score average, with 59.80 and won the Holsworthy League Individual Cup. She captained the Holsworthy Team in the Devon County Cup held in Exeter on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. They lost in the finals by 5 pins against Totnes. Judith had the highest score of the day with 78. She was knocked out in the Devon County Individual Cup in the Quarter Final. Well done Judith.

Thornbury Men did not win any trophies the season.

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There are two cats at Venn Green, that come into my garden. I'm sure that they are not strays, but would like to know who they belong to. A black one with white feet and a little white on its body and one, with white under body and legs, with a tri colour on back and head. (black brown and ginger) Both very timid. Just for information please ring Lesley, 262 294, Thanks.

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#### ALPHA at the INN

ALPHA is now drawing to a close. The Union Inn, Stibb Cross, has been a comfortable and welcoming venue, providing lots of lovely cakes and scones with coffee and tea as we arrive each Tuesday morning. Around 14 of us have enjoyed the Nicky Gamble videos, this time with sub-titles, much to the enjoyment of a very deaf lady who has joined us. The discussions have been informative with everyone feeling happy to share or just listen. An ALPHA Away Day was held at Haddipport, near Shebbear. About 10 of us were able to go along enjoying a very chilled out time together when the Holy Spirit was the main topic of conversation.

We shall miss our Tuesday mornings but for everyone involved or has been on an ALPHA course in the past there is a social evening planned with BBQ on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm, so look out for posters with further details or contact Rev Martin Warren of Shebbear.

#### Putford W.I.

For our April meeting we met in the Chapel Hall and there were nine members present. During the business part of the meeting we discussed the travelling arrangements for the group meeting at Parkham the next day. Our speaker for the evening was Mrs. Helen Potter from Woolsey, who spoke on her work as a hospital chaplain. She first started the work many years ago when she was living in south Devon. The Hospital chaplain at that time had to give it up for three months and asked Helen if she would take it on. For those three months after much discussion with the hospital staff, Helen spent a lot of time just talking to the patients, not just the ones who attended church but anyone one who needed a listening ear.

AT the end of the three months when the minister came back and went to take over they all asked if Helen would continue as she had been such a help to them all and so she continued for the next fourteen years. She later trained twenty eight volunteers to help. Helen was thanked by Mavis Lewis. The winners of the competition a home made card, was Kath Stevens and Mary Martin, ten points each. Flower of the month winner was Lorna Dawe. Hostess were Lorna Dawe and Marion Wooldridge.

At the group meeting of Parkham the following day we won the cup for most points in the competitions so we were all very pleased.

Lorna Dawe.

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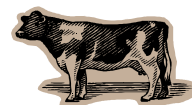
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Lizzy and Mike from Blackberry farm are inviting everyone to come and see what happens beyond the farm gate. Lizzy said: “This is an ideal chance to meet and feed our friendly farm animals, learn about the Ruby Country and how and why we farm. You can follow our farm trail and try your hand at our alphabet quiz, who will be first to complete the scavenger hunt and grab a prize from the lucky dip? There will be arts and crafts with a farming theme and stalls to



browse. Also we have facepainting and a bubbletastic show by Captain Coconut the famous bubbleman (as seen on TV).

This is a great way to enjoy the peace and beauty of the countryside. Afterwards you can relax in our tea-room and enjoy a homemade pasty or a proper Devon cream tea. Make a day of it with family and friends, and just have some fun down on the farm? For those of you who love machinery, there will be tractors and tools on show too!”

Caroline Drummond, Chief Executive of LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), organiser of Open Farm Sunday said: “This is a day out with a real difference! Whatever you do at an Open Farm Sunday event on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, it is a great chance to take in some stunning scenery and enjoy the country air. You will really get to know how your food is produced and maybe even taste some, all whilst finding out how the countryside around you is cared for”.

This will be the sixth Open Farm Sunday and over 450 farms across the country are expected to open.

*Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.*

*Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*

*Children: You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut-up.*

*The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.*

*The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.*

*A bargain is something you don't need at a price you can't resist.*

*We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.*

*Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.*



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 Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196

## Neighbourhood Watch Report

**Neighbourhood Police Beat Team** - It is frequently mentioned that it is rare to see a “policeman” about in the Parish these days. Gone are the days when the Parish had its own policeman who actually lived and worked in the Parish and with modern communications we are very unlikely to return to such times. The police officers, both men and women, now have much larger areas to cover and they spend the larger portion of their time in the areas where they are actually needed. Therefore the fact that we don’t see a great deal of them means that our own crime levels are low which is surely a reassurance. For the benefit of those of you who don’t know our beat team we detail them below together with their responsibilities.



From left to right:-

Sgt. Penny Channing – beat sergeant in charge  
 PC Amanda Brown – beat manager for Holsworthy town area  
 PC Andy Moakes – beat manager for Holsworthy rural areas  
 PCSO Beverley Harvey – responsibilities for half the rural parishes  
 PCSO Raquel Rowe - responsibilities for half the rural parishes – our principal PCSO  
 PCSO Emma Tomkies – responsibilities for Holsworthy town area.

Whilst Andy Moakes and Raquel Rowe are our two main points of contact, due to shift patterns and absence cover etc., you could come into contact with any of them within the Parish.

The property security marking sessions held at Blackberry Farm on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April were well received and our PCSO's are to bring the marking kit to the fete for anybody who wishes to have their mobile phones, Ipods, laptops etc. marked.

**Supermarket Scam** – one of our members has brought to our attention a scam which could affect anybody using the supermarket cash-back facility. Whilst this scam is not very common in the southwest it is more prevalent in the larger city and urban areas, especially in the midlands and south east. Vigilance is everything, in that this scam takes place when somebody asks for cash-back of say £30 or £40, especially if it has been a large shopping bill. The cashier sneaks an extra £10 onto the cash-back request which he/she keeps back for themselves. Most people don't tend to check the receipt in detail – if they do spot the error at the time it is put down to a mistake and corrected, but if the customer doesn't notice it until later, then with it being a relatively small amount it is shrugged off as a memory lapse on the part of the customer. The answer is to be vigilant and always check the receipt at the time of issue before leaving the till.

## Rural Policing Update

### Rural crime from the 23rd of March – 21st May 2011

There were several thefts which occurred recently in the rural areas, these included:

#### **Bradworthy**

A large amount of copper piping.

#### **Beaworthy**

Green Yamaha quad bike

Bolt coppers with blue handles

Hammer

#### **Sutcombe**

Steel cattle feeder

2 x Life size metal statues

#### **Chilsworthy**

10 hay bales

5 sheeted doors and two gates

Lead flashing

#### **Brandis Corner**

500 Litres of domestic oil

#### **Clawton**

300 Litres of red diesel

A horse rug

#### **Tetttcott**

A large metal farm gate

#### **Bulkworthy**

Powerfab mini digger, orange in colour

#### **Sheepwash**

150 Gallons of diesel

#### **Thornbury**

Pig trough: Mexican hat style 2'6" in diameter with a triangle shaped hole in brim

#### **Cookworthy (Halwill Junction)**

400 Litres of red diesel

#### **Pyworthy**

JCB mini digger serial number SLP08015XE0731467 and four various sizes of metal digger buckets.

#### **Bulkworthy**

42" LG television and considerable amount of cash

#### **Bradford**

Husqvarna petrol strimmer with green filler cap.

#### **Ashwater**

500 Litres of heating oil

350 Litres of heating oil

Please continue to be vigilant and don't hesitate to report anything suspicious to the police. Please ring the non-urgent number on 08452777444.

It may be a good deterrent if people can put in place some sort of preliminary measures to avoid heating oil or red diesel from being stolen. Putting a security light camera is something to take into consideration or an alarm padlock. These can help deter thieves. People can purchase an alarm padlock in any local farm stores and the security light camera on the internet.

I would like to advice people to regularly check their oil and fuel.

Remember:

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)

**General enquiries - 08452 777444.**

- For information and advice.
- To report a crime.

**Minicom - 01392 452935**

**Textphone for the hard of hearing and speech-impaired.**

**999 EMERGENCY**

**If life is threatened, if people are injured, if offenders are nearby, if immediate action is required.**

**Text 80999**

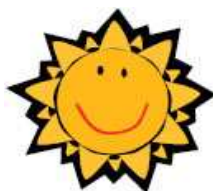
**If your are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired**

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 19th August 2011



## WHAT'S ON ..

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

Holsworthy .....

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Cinema - Gullivers Travels	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June @ 7.30pm	Holsworthy Memorial Hall
Cinema - Black Swan	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm	Tel: 01409 254185 <a href="http://www.holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk">www.holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk</a>
Events and contacts for other venues in North Devon ....		
Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular & Special Workshops for Children and Adults		The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 <a href="http://www.plough-arts.org">www.plough-arts.org</a>
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		Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 <a href="http://www.northdevontheatres.org.uk">www.northdevontheatres.org.uk</a>
Not so Grimm Fairy Tales Family Show by Scamp Theatre	Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm & 7pm	
Dance 2011 Sarah Anne Westcott Dance & Performing Arts Studios	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm & 7pm	
Young Stars of Future Local Talent plus 2 top London West End Stars	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 7pm	

## 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>
Highways Agency	<a href="http://www.highways.gov.uk">www.highways.gov.uk</a>
Local Resilience Forum	<a href="http://www.dcisprepared.org.uk">www.dcisprepared.org.uk</a>
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>

<b>What's on Diary</b>	<i>Always check on location by visiting the page number as not all events are in Milton Damerel</i>			<b>Page</b>
St Peters Church indoor family sports evening	28th	May	6.30pm	7
Sunday Club Anniversary	29th	May	11am	8
Coffee Morning, Thornbury	4th	June	10.30 - 12	7
Bring and share tea - lake chapel	12th	June	4.30pm	4
Open Farm Sunday	12th	June		21
Coffee Morning, Milton Damerel	16th	June	10 - 12pm	18
400th anniversary of King James Bible	18th	June	10am - 5pm	6
Cider and Pasty walk, Thornbury	19th	June	3 - 5pm	7
Trinty church yard clean up	23rd	June	7.00pm	6
Trinty church yard clean up	14th	July	7.00pm	6
Fete	16th	July	1 - 5pm	9
Summer Concert, Milton Damerel	17th	July	7.30pm	7
FRESH	24th	July		8
Cider and Pasty walk, Milton Damerel	12th	August	6.30pm	7
Trinty church yard clean up	25th	August	7.00pm	6
MDGS Garden show	10th	September		11

### 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

### June 2011

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### August 2011

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Check stocks of charcoal or gas and clean the barbeque.

Treat pest and diseases at the first sign and repeat as instructed on the products you use,

Sow/plant runner beans, carrots, beetroot, lettuce, radish, spinach, swede, turnip and the last sowing of peas.

Keep on top of weed control and mowing, growth of both should slow down at the end of the month.

Cut back any herbaceous that has finished flowering e.g. lupins, this may encourage a second later display.

Keep climbers tied back and support any tall growing perennials, chrysanths and dahlias.

Lift early potatoes once their flowers open.

Feed tomatoes weekly, remove side shoots and tie up. By the end of the month there should be a good crop of unripe tomatoes, try putting a few very ripe ones in amongst the plants to encourage the green fruit to turn red.

Sow spring cabbage, carrots, lettuce, radish and turnip.

Dead head everything that has finished flowering cutting back rose bushes by around a third.

If the weather is hot and dry reduce the regularity of mowing and raise the blades.

Water everywhere as necessary and as long as it is legal.

Sow lettuce, spinach and turnips.

Relax and enjoy the fruits of your labour and decide what to enter in the Garden Show next month.

### GARDENERS DIARY

Prevailing weather conditions may alter the timing of certain tasks