



Diamond Jubilee 2012

Celebrating Queen Elizabeth II 60 years on the throne.

How are we going to celebrate?

Come along to Parish Hall on 7th September.

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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Regular Parish Council meetings have been held on the third Wednesdays of June, July and August.

Planning Matters Since the last report applications have been considered for a proposed driveway at 1, Downs View, a lambing shed at Blackberry Farm, a supervisory dwelling at Lizzy's Larder, Blackberry Farm and for an extension to Moor View Cottage. This year the Parish Council have also been consulted on a number of applications for single wind turbines in and around the parish but the applications have either been refused permission by Torridge District Council planning or withdrawn before a decision was made.

Recently a report in the newspaper suggested that Milton Damerel was earmarked for the building of 18 new homes in a specific area of the Parish. On the Torridge District Council website, the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) report shows that the Milton Damerel figure relates to planning permissions already granted but not yet built.

Diamond Jubilee. The Parish Council have kindly agreed to pay for the hire of the Parish Hall for the Public Meeting to discuss the Diamond Jubilee celebrations that might be held in the Parish (see advert for full details)

The temporary closure of the road from Powlers Piece to Kismeldon Cross, East & West Putford from 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday 5th September to Thursday 8th September due to Highway works will have diversions set up via Holsworthy and Stibb Cross, with a possible increase in the traffic along the A388 through Milton Damerel.

County Councillor Alison Boyle attended the Parish Council meeting in June and August to discuss Highways winter services. She also arranged for the 11 Parish Councils in her electoral division of Bideford South and Hartland, which includes Milton Damerel, to attend a meeting with Highways officers, at Woolsery on 8th August, to discuss winter services and the proposals for this year's Snow Warden Scheme.

Atlantic Array is the proposed off shore wind farm in the Bristol Chanel between the coasts of South Wales and North Devon with the Island of Lundy about 8 miles from the proposed site. It is understood that the wind farm could have an installed generating capacity of 1500MW and might consist of between 200 and 400 turbines. The energy produced would come ashore at Cornborough Range near to Abbotsham with the underground cable routed south of Bideford to cross the river on its way to the high voltage sub station near to Alverdiscott. The developers recently issues a leaflet that was distributed in the local papers, see their web site www.npower-renewables.com for more information. Cllr Alison Boyle would be interested to hear the views of her constituents on these proposals and she can be contacted by email: alison.boyle.devon.gov.uk, by post: Staddon House, 2 Staddon Road, Appledore, EX39 1RB or by phone: 01237 471199

Grants Applications approved at the end of 2010 are due to be paid out in September 2011 and organisations within the Parish are invited to submit grant applications for 2012, in writing, to the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor by 16th November 2011 for consideration at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on that date. Applications should be accompanied by a copy of the organisations most recently 'audited' accounts.

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
19th August 2011



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Emily Horn, of Sunny Meadows, on being awarded Outstanding BTEC Student in Sport, at the first National BTEC Awards ceremony recently held in London. She was presented with her award by Tim Campbell, BBC The Apprentice winner last year. Emily begins a BSc in Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Science at the University of Birmingham in September.

To Sam Horn who is in her final year of studying for a BSc in Sport and Exercise Science at Loughborough University. She has various roles at University which includes 'Healthy Living Officer for the Athletic Union'. Sam will also be working at next years Wimbledon and Olympic Games in London.

Good luck Sam, keep up the good work and have fun when in London.

To Bradley Howells, of Glencoe, Venn Green, on being nominated Prom King for Holsworthy Community College Year 11, and on winning a Devon YFC scholarship to travel to Sweden this summer to meet their counterparts there. Bradley is also planning ahead, as he won 1st prize for 'Dessert to impress your mother-in-law', in the YFCs competitions at Devon County Show.

To Vicky Pett, of Haytown, who was selected for the Tarka Young Farmers Club 5-a-side ladies football team, who have reached the National YFC finals, having won the Devon and South West finals.

To Nanette Stahley, daughter of Neil and Claire Stahley of Milton Lodge, on her recent marriage to James Surplice.

To Carl Roomes, of Viewfield, Shop Cross, member of the Old Market team who won Team Cup and Division 2 of the Holsworthy Pool League 2011.

To Roger & Sheila Daniel of Woodford Farm, who celebrated their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary on 31st July

To Heather Poole of The Willows, Venn Green, and David Williams, on their marriage on 9th September at Milton Damerel Methodist Church

To David Taylor, of Higher Grawley, who celebrates his 70th Birthday on 6th October

To David & Janet Fisher, of Gratton who celebrate their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary on 30th October.

To Rose Haynes & David Taylor, of Higher Grawley on their successes at local shows: - Launceston Show a 1st & two 2nds, Mid Devon Show a 1st, a 2nd & two 3rds, Woolsery Show four 1sts & a 3rd, Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion, North Devon Show two 1sts a 2nd & a 3rd, Okehampton Show. two 1sts a 2nd a 4th & Reserve Ch male, Ashwater three 1sts & a 2nd.

John Buckpitt of Moor View Farm will be 50 on 15th September. He and wife Christine will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 6th September. Their eldest son David, has passed his final Accountancy Exams and is now a Qualified Accountant.

Putford WI won first prize at Holsworthy Show for their display "A Wedding"



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Welcome to:

Edwina & Keith Hale, who have moved into Distant Point, Strawberry Bank

The new residents who have moved into 4 & 5, Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon

Jim & Marion Wooldridge, who have moved into Mandor, Venn Green

Roy & Isabel Fairbrother, who have moved into Albatross, Venn Green

George & Wendy Preston who have moved into Moor View Cottage



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently including:

The family of the late Mrs Gladys Palmer, who lived at Sunny Meadows, Strawberry Bank.

The family of the late Mrs Eunice Hearn, who lived in Holsworthy, and was a resident of Milton Damerel for many years and also associated with the Over 60s Club.

Chapel News – September 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,

I wanted to write and share with you all that has been happening in my life over these past few weeks. However, to do this I have to briefly go back two years. When I arrived in the area I began as a probationer Methodist minister (This is a minister who is new to the role). I live in Shebbear but look after the chapel here in Milton Damerel.

My background is that I did not attend church or chapel as a child, or Sunday school. I came from a broken home and left school with a few G.C.S.E.'s and one O level. My prayer for you today is that you will be encouraged by what you read. That you will know that God is able to do more for each one of us than we can ask or imagine. That each one of us will learn to trust God for our futures.

I have over these last few years been engaging with study and as a consequence of this, earlier this year in June, found myself about to begin a new chapter in my life journey. I was no longer going to be a probationer minister but fully ordained as a Methodist minister into the Methodist church.

I want to thank all of you who attended my testimony service and you will know I was well supported at the service. I felt quite overwhelmed. The chapel at Lake, Shebbear was nearly full. You know *God is Amazing*. I certainly felt affirmed. For me everything about the day was perfect! The food and fellowship. The Worship and the Word. My prayer was, and is, that all who attended physically were blessed. I also pray that those who were with me in spirit were also blessed. I felt very humbled and for a moment at the start before I began to share my testimony. I felt speechless. Which does not happen very often! The whole afternoon - evening can be summed up by Ephesians chapter 3: verses 20-21. This is a book in the New Testament part of the Bible.

Moving on, Liverpool Cathedral was the venue for the Ordination service. This building is the largest in Britain, which I was not aware of until I arrived there. For me, perhaps, not the most attractive building from the outside, but wonderful inside. An amazing place, beautiful is a word for me that sums up what I am trying to say. The size of the Cathedral conveyed to me something of the Awesomeness of God. Maybe the designer of this building was trying to imagine the throne room of heaven? Who knows. I, yet again, felt very humbled and very small. Hannah from the Old Testament came to mind. I felt like Hannah coming into the temple to speak to God. We know that God is everywhere but he is also in this place. The service for me was very powerful. Hearing around a thousand people worshipping and professing the Nicene Creed, is quite something.

Am I different? Well, I am still me. But of course all of the prayers over the years. The encouragement, over the years. My faith and the faith of others. All led to this day. This time. This place. All the worship on the day. All the prayers on the day. And yes, God is in this place. *love from Rev Meg.*

“OPEN CHAPEL” – The chapel is open on the **2nd Thursday afternoon of each month from 2.30pm to 5pm** for any-one wishing just to drop in. 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 is located in the old schoolroom door, just to the right of main chapel doors, 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 next (and last) afternoon for 2011 will be held on Saturday, 24th September from 3pm in the Schoolroom. Look forward to seeing you there.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Friday, 7th to Monday, 10th October. Our usual arrangements will apply – please come along with gifts of produce and flowers and decorate the chapel at anytime on Friday, 7th. Our preacher for the Sunday morning service is Revd. Phillip Wagstaff, from Okehampton, Superintendent Minister of the West Devon Methodist Circuit and chair of Devon Rural Network. On the Monday evening the festival begins at 6.30pm with a ‘Bring & Share’ Buffet Tea, followed by a short thanksgiving, and then auction of the produce and gifts. Do come along and celebrate.

CONCERTS – The annual visit of the Culm Valley Crusade Choir on 17th July was delightful, with a new programme of some old and some new songs. There was a good number in the congregation and was another successful evening. Our next concert will be on **Sunday, 20th November at 7.30pm**, when the Windy Cross Singers of Torrington will be presenting **‘Two Sisters and a Funeral’**, another musical by Roger Jones, based on the Bible story of Mary and Martha, and the raising from the dead of their brother, Lazarus – it is a musical with humour and wonder.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2011

SEP		OCT		NOV	
4 th	Mrs Sally Piper	2 nd	Mrs Sarah Weal	6 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh
11 th	Wedding Flowers	9 th	Harvest Festival	13 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy
18 th	Mrs Christine Poole	16 th	Harvest Flowers	20 th	Mrs Mary Carter
25 th	Mrs Valerie Carter	23 rd	Mrs Grace Millman	27 th	Mrs Ann Poole
		30 th	Miss Valerie Harris		

BIBLE STUDY – We are ecumenical, '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 have been concentrating on the book of Acts and have some chapters still to complete when we restart on 5th September. We welcome anyone able to come along for our regular study evenings.

THE BIDEFORD & SHEBBEAR CIRCUIT – The new merged circuit officially starts on 1st September and on **Sunday, 4th September there will be an inaugural service at Torrington Methodist Church at 7.30pm**, to which everyone is invited.

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 have more youngsters coming along to join in a wide variety of activities, including crafts, drama, cooking, songs, watch DVDs and having a good time together.... And we will be delighted to welcome more young people looking for activities on a Sunday morning – just come along and join in with your school friends

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:

25th September

Mr Philip Parsons

30th October

Mr Roy Sambles

27th November

Rev Meg Slingo

THE FUTURE OF OUR CHAPEL – There was a good number who came along to the open meeting in May to discuss 'the future'. From this meeting it was recommended to the Church Council that the chapel and schoolroom buildings should be retained, and that kitchen facilities could be created in the schoolroom, and the schoolroom lobby and entrance be retained for fire safety purposes. Opportunities for replacing the remainder of the buildings in the school lane should be found, the first choice being to explore the potential for affordable housing. Other ideas were suggested as alternative proposals and more discussions are needed on how the retained buildings could be used in serving the community.

CHURCH COUNCIL – There have been 2 busy meetings. In addition to receiving the proposals from the open meeting, there has been appointment of officers from 1st September, receipt of a significant bequest from the estate of the late Miss Mary Harris, agreeing actions needed on our properties as a result of the quinquennial inspections, and recording all the work that has been completed recently, together with thanks to those who have been involved with the external painting and re-concreting the main path. The exterior of the chapel and schoolroom have had a tremendous 'facelift'. The proposal of affordable housing has been explored and regrettably the results have not been encouraging for the following reasons – a developer will want sufficient number of houses to be able to do a mixed development of open market and affordable homes, as government grants have been drastically reduced, and highways will possibly require widening of the lane and/or improvements on to the road. As some of the redundant buildings are unsafe, the planning requirements, if any, of demolition will be ascertained. In relation to how the retained buildings can be used and how we can serve the community, an 'Ideas' board has been set up in the schoolroom for every-one to pin on views / ideas / proposals for discussion at a future meeting.

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

MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH**Afternoon Tea & Cakes
(& Stalls)****Saturday, 24th September****From 3pm to 5pm****No charge – donations for charity****Harvest Festival Week-end****Friday, 7th October – Decorate the chapel****Sunday, 9th October – Service at 11am****Preacher: Revd. Philip Wagstaff****Monday, 10th October – Thanksgiving****6.30pm – Buffet 'Bring & Share' Tea****8pm – Thanksgiving****8.30pm – Auction of Produce****Concert****Sunday, 20th November at 7.30pm****Windy Cross Singers present****'Two Sisters & a Funeral'****By Roger Jones****Your support for all of these will be much appreciated
– do come along!**

Music at
St. Mary's Black Torrington.
Pyworthy Choir
Friday, 9th September

Devon Historic Churches Day.**Saturday, 10th September****Beacon Methodist Church****Harvest Festival****Sunday, 25th September****Preachers:****11am Pastor David Wilson****6.30pm Mr Trevor Sillifant****Concert****Sunday, 23rd October @ 7pm****'Mini Ministrels'****From Canworthy Water****Supper to follow****Coffee Mornings****Last Thursday of each month****10am – 12 noon****Chapel hall****Warm welcome to all!****St Peters Church
Thornbury****Coffee Morning****at Holsworthy Memorial Hall****Wednesday, 14th Sept, 9 am till 12 noon****tombola, cake stall, bric a brac, cards, plants plus lots more
please come along and join us if you can.****Harvest Festival****Friday, 23rd Sept, 7.15 pm****with refreshments to follow.****Harvest Holy Communion****Sunday, 25th Sept, 6.30 pm****Both at Cookbury Church as St Peters is currently closed for
roof restoration work****Holy Trinity Parish Church,
Milton Damerel****Rector: Father Michael Reynolds****Tel: 01409 253435****Services:****Holy Communion taken by Father Reynolds
on 4th Sunday every month at 11.30am****Harvest Festival 2nd October****St. James Parish Church
Abbots Bickington****Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington****Tel: 01409 241411****Harvest Festival will be held on
Sunday 2nd October 11.30.**

Celebrating King James Bible Translation

The local celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the translation of the King James Bible on 18th June was a day to remember. The Bible Study Group had selected many verses and chapters of the Bible to be read in 5 minute slots by 40 invited readers from our parish and throughout the area, starting at 10am and closing at 5pm. Popular stories and well-known quotations from the Creation at the beginning of the Old Testament and culminating in the Book of Revelation at the end of the New Testament were read in the poetic style and familiar words of the King James version.

We were delighted to receive about 30 entries for the Children's Art Competition, the entries displayed in the Schoolroom, were received from Monster Club members, Sunday Club members and pupils of Bradworthy School. Each entrant received a prize. Special prize-winners were – Eliza Stenning, Dylan Small, Symi Amber, Ryan McLoughlin, Alicia Old, Charlotte Odin, Amelia Small, Anna walter, Imogen Old, Emily Brookes, Erin Martyn and Beverley Sharp. Our thanks to Rev Meg Slingo, who judged the art work, which was a very difficult job, as the entries were of such a high standard.

The Ark Angel Christian bookshop, based in Bude, the Gideons International Association, Children's Hospice South West and Fairtrade stalls were present and refreshments were provided throughout the day. Donations for Shelterbox were invited and £158 was raised. [FRESH on the farm raised a further £65 for Shelterbox, making a total of £223. A big thank you to all who participated and came along to support. (This event replaced the quarterly Afternoon & Cakes normally held in the Schoolroom).

A recent article in the North Devon Journal by Sue Squire of Bratton Fleming identified that although the Bible was written many thousands of years ago, the stories still depict everyday life, thus....

'Births, marriages, deaths, envy, murder, lust, war, love stories, battles, adultery, famine and drought, floods, betrayal, power struggles, malice, various professions, including the oldest one – prostitution, shipwrecks, jealousy, greed, slavery, illness, farming, and clear guidance on the best way to live our lives, with a glimpse of what Heaven is like'.

'It may be a surprise that many of the phrases we use today originate from the Bible and here are a selection:

It's a case of sour grapes, and, my teeth are on edge. "In those days they shall say no more. The fathers have eaten a sour grape and the children's teeth are set on edge." Old Testament, Chapter 31, verse 29.

It will only add fuel to the fire. "Thou shalt be for fuel for the fire." Old Testament Book Ezekiel, Chapter 21, verse 32.

Out of the mouths of babes. "And sucklings has thou ordained strength because of thine enemies." Psalm 8, verse 2.

Like the blind leading the blind. "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." New Testament Book, Matthew Chapter 15, verse 14.

You can't take it with you. "As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour which he may carry away in his hand." Old Testament Book Ecclesiastes Chapter 5, verse 15.

Cast the first stone. "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." New Testament Book, John, Chapter 8, verse 7.

Don't let the sun go down on your wrath. "Let not the sun go down on your wrath." New testament Book Ephesians, Chapter 4, verse 26.

Turn the world upside down. "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." New Testament Book Acts, Chapter 17, verse 6.

Two heads are better than one. Old testament Book Ecclesiastes, Chapter 4, verse 9.

The writing's on the wall. "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote." Old Testament Book Daniel, Chapter 5, verse 5. The king referred to is King Belshazzar.

Be afraid, be very afraid. "Be afraid, be horribly afraid." Old testament Book Ezekiel, Chapter 32, verse 10.

Put your house in order. "Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live." Old testament Book Isaiah, Chapter 38, verse 1.

Land of Nod "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden." Old Testament Book Genesis, (first book of the Bible) Chapter 4, verse 16.

As old as the hills. "Art thou the first man that was born? Or wast thou made before the hills?" Old Testament Book Job, Chapter 15, verse 7.

Wheels within wheels. "As if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel." Old Testament Book Ezekiel, Chapter 10, verse 10.

Go the extra mile. "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." New Testament Book Matthew, Chapter 5, verse 41.

A leopard can't change its spots. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" Old Testament Book Jeremiah, Chapter 13, verse 23.

Finally, Folk Singer Pete Seeger turned some sentences of the Bible into a song in the 1950s, followed by The Byrds, Judy Collins, and Dolly Parton and was renamed in the process as "Turn, tuen, tuen", taken from the Old Testament Book Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, verses 1-8. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

...And there are loads more examples of sayings which originated in the Bible.....

Holy Trinity Church

Following the publication of the working party dates in the last newsletter each day has seen a small army of volunteers ready for the tasks in hand. They have cut grass, strimmed, pruned and cleared gutters as well as burning all the green rubbish. The weather was kind to us and none of the days had to be cancelled. As a consequence the church yard has been looking very smart.

Not all volunteers have been worshipers but they have come along due to having an interest in the church and keeping a tidy community. You do not have to come to church to help out. Feel free to come along. All help will be appreciated.

John and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work. It is true that many hands make light work. We would not have been able to do it alone.

Roberta Jackson has brought the refreshments on most evenings and the tea break has become quite a social affair. Thank you Roberta.

With the evenings drawing in it is proposed that we have one more monthly meeting in September at 6PM due to the darker evenings. The growth of everything will be starting to slow down and there will be less to do. Gutters and gulley's still need to be maintained so I have suggested the odd date through the winter months to ensure the place continues to look tidy.

The proposed dates are

Wednesday September 28th	6PM
Saturday October 16 th	3PM
Friday December 9 th	2PM

Sunday services continue to be on the fourth Sun day of each month with the addition of Harvest festival on the 2nd October in the afternoon.

As the newsletter goes to print we are preparing the church for the wedding of Philipa Mead and Daniel Jones who are to marry on the 3rd of September. We wish them a life time of happiness and good weather on the day.

The church key is now kept in a key safe. If you wish to access the church please do not hesitate to contact John (if he is not at sea) or myself on 261381 or my mobile 07765514643.

Anne and John Binns
Church Wardens



asking why haven't you started strimming yet



Lesley makes short work of the grass with the Church Mower



Roberta sends smoke signals to Mike ...



Phylis takes more fuel for the fire.

JUNIOR NEWS

Monster Club

Monster Club will resume early in October, for the moment the helpers are taking a break. There will be a helpers' meeting late in September and we will notify Monster Club members when club re-starts. Our thanks to all club helpers – we have been delighted to welcome Jackie on to the team recently. Our last club was held at Woodacott for swimming and tea. Everyone had a great time!

Newsletter Cider & Pasty Walk on 12th August.....we gathered (all 29 – the youngest being 1½ years, but it would be very indiscrete to try to guess an oldest!!) at the Parish Hall at 6.30pm, most were suitably clothed for 'Devonshire sunshine', whilst others thought it appropriate to assume it would remain dry! We walked up the road towards Whitebear Cottage and then took the public footpath, over the stile, across two fields.... and the rain came as we went into the woods, where we sheltered under the trees and brollies...drip, drip!! We decided to 'march on' crossing the bridge over the stream, and up across the field, attracting much curiosity from the cows, to Brayleys, over the stile and to the Church. At the lych-gate we stopped for our 'drinks break' .. sheltering as far as possible under the small gazebo...!! Rain eased and thereafter disappeared! So back along the church path we crossed the old farm yard, and the road to the chapel, and followed the lane at the side, through the gate and on down the farm lane and then the field track to cross another stream at the bottom – but this time no bridge, just much oh-ing and ah-ing as we contorted and crouched to climb between two strands of barbed wire fencing!! We then walked along the field to exit at the road north of Withypool, walked along the road back to Crossways, up the hill to the Parish Hall, arriving back at about 8pm for more cider and pasties. The family quiz, including identifying all the wild flowers and berries seen on the walk, was won by the Pett family. Our thanks to everyone who came, those who helped with the 'catering', and to the Elliott family for permission to walk some of their Town Farm land. Net profit for the evening was £48.10, for Newsletter funds.

MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

On 16th August the coach outing was to Brixham, with a very good number going – only one spare seat left on the 53-seater coach.

The next outing is to Paignton (please note change of venue) on 20th September.

Regular club meetings on 1st Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm continue at the Parish Hall. Sadly, the club has lost several members in the last few months due to bereavement.

New members always welcome.

Chairman: Mr Les Yelland. Secretary: Mrs J Daly. Treasurer: Mrs June Vanstone

Putford W. I.

For the July meeting we met in the Chapel Hall when our speaker for the evening was Mr. Keith Chambers who has been a paramedic for 25 years. He spoke of the intensive training he had to undergo and of the great responsibility it was. He also spoke of the joy he felt when a man came up to him saying 'I am the man whose life you saved about 20 years ago'. He had stopped breathing and Keith had resuscitated him. There was no competition, and the Flower of the month winner was Lorna Dawe.

There was no August meeting, instead we had an outing to Whalesborough Activity Centre near Marham Church where we enjoyed two beautiful walks along the canals. We also enjoyed lunch in the restaurant.

Our branch of the Women's Institute came second in the competition at the Woolsery Show.

Lorna Dawe.

We wish to say ... "Thank you!"

Roger & Sheila Daniel wish to say a huge thank you to all who helped make our Ruby Wedding such a special occasion. We will treasure all the lovely cards. Thank you also for donations received for Action for Children. £525 was raised. This has been donated, via Action for Children, to a local project in the Bideford area giving families with disabled children a short break.

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The Milton Damerel Gardening Society

GARDEN SHOW SATURDAY SEPT. 10TH

ENTRIES ARE 20P. PER ITEM AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE HALL BETWEEN 10 AM. AND NOON, DOORS OPEN TO EVERYONE AT 2-30 PM WHEN LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE, PRIZE GIVING AND RAFFLE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4PM.

LAST YEAR THE SHOW WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS SO PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT TO MAKE THIS YEARS EVENT EVEN BETTER, REMEMBER EVERYONE HAS SUFFERED THE SAME WEATHER AS YOU HAVE SO THEIR ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ANY BETTER THAN YOURS.

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A SHOW SCHEDULE THROUGH THEIR DOOR BUT IF NOT PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE COMMITTEE WHO WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ONE, REMEMBER THERE ARE A MULTITUDE OF CATAGORIES INCLUDING THE UNUSUAL, BIGGEST, DOMESTIC, CHILDREN AND PHOTOGRAPHY WHICH SHOULD ENABLE EVERYONE TO ENTER SOMETHING.



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Sweden Scholarship

I was lucky enough to be awarded a place on a scholarship to Sweden by Tarka (a collection of clubs in Devon). We had to go down to the young farmers centre for an interview in March and was informed of my place about two weeks after.

We had to help with various fund raisers to raise enough money for us to go. We organised travel discos, BBQs and helped on the doors at other discos. This was a great way to meet the people going on scholarship with you!

On Saturday 23rd July we left Exeter at 01:00 am to go to Heathrow. A minibus took all 12 of us and our luggage up. It was a bit of a squeeze!

We arrived at Heathrow at 4:45am and was checked in and through security by 5:45am. I had never flown before, or been abroad, it was a great eye opener! All them people even at 5 in the morning and the great big building it really took me back. In young farmer style we had to run to board the plane as we stayed a little too long eating breakfast.

The plane flight was fine, I was slightly worried, but by the end of it I thought it was boring. It was only 2 hours!. We arrived at Gothenburg at 10:00 (Sweden time) picked our luggage up and met a lady who greeted us onto a minibus to go to Varberg a small city.

We had an opening ceremony at Varberg, but unfortunately we had torrential rain whilst sat outside watching various singers. We got absolutely soaked and just wanted to dry off. Then the fun began, we arrived at the home for a week, a tent! Not at all what we wanted to see when we were dripping wet. So there was 12 of us stood, dripping wet, staring at 2 tents, no electric, not even a floor mat!

Luckily the Swedes managed to boost morale by being all friendly, blonde, pretty.... Even tea time was basic with a bowl a cup and spoon and fork all in one combination as a eating utensil. We had a good couple of hours playing cards staring out at the heavy rain outside, this did make the first night a lot nicer!. The first day felt like a whole week but boy didn't we still sleep well.

For the next couple of days we done different activities in camp with hand craft workshops, sign language lesson. A tour of the Carlsberg factory and a visit to a shop the size of 16 football pitches, it was massive!. A real eye opener, there was even a parking lot for shopping trollies. Most night we played cards and ate Swedish chocolate, it was brilliant.

On Wednesday we had a competition day where we mixed up with Swedes in different groups. We played various team games, like ultimate Frisbee, tug o war and a water balloon game which my team won. It was great to get to know the Swedes, their English is faultless and none of them need alcohol for a good time (unlike the British culture). Thursday we toured Varberg which is beautiful. The weather was really hot and sunny. We went on the beach and played volleyball.

Friday was the best day for me! We all borrowed bikes and cycled 2 miles to a stunning lake where we all jumped off the pier. Just amazingly beautiful and funny when Richard Mann cycled his bike into the lake! Friday night most of us stayed up all night doing Swedish dancing around a camp fire eating marsh mellows and playing volleyball. It was beautiful to witness the sun going down and then coming back up again.

We left the camp 8 o'clock Saturday morning to Varberg where we basically slept all day before catching a minibus to Gothenburg at 4. We arrived back to Exeter at 2:00 am on Sunday 31st July.

It was amazing to meet a whole new group of friends, to experience flying and go abroad. Basically I loved Sweden and I love YFC.

Bradley Howells

Grace Millman is stepping back from leading the group but remaining as Treasurer until December, and it is therefore a good time to thank her for all the considerable work she has put in for the newsletter over 7 years. Her steady hand and complete unflappability will fortunately remain with us as Grace is going to continue to be a member of the group. But those of us who have worked with her over the years would like to say a huge thank you to her for all she has done.

Lesley, Rose, Margaret, Tracy, Terry and Janet. (and all of the parish!)

FRESH on the Farm.

The latest get together was held at *Woodford Farm*. The weather was overcast but it was warm enough to sit outside and around about twenty of us met together at 4pm. We sat around tables where in-between the singing we ate cheese straws and drunk orange or blackcurrant juice. The time of singing was accompanied by John and Ann on the keyboard and guitar. We enjoyed singing some older, well known hymns and also some more contemporary Christian songs while appreciating the beauty of creation all around us. Thank you God for the beauty of creation and that we all live in such a wonderful part of His Creation. During the afternoon we had some poems read to us and a meditation reflecting on Eve and her thoughts about the garden of Eden and her then relationship with God. A short five minute message was given around the Christian understanding of new beginnings that are offered and found in Jesus Christ. The afternoon finished off with cups of tea and home made Devonshire cream scones. Donations totalling £65 were received for Shelterbox.



Please look out for posters advertising the next *FRESH* event and please remember all of you are very welcome.

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Plum Glitter Jam.

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Ingredients

- 350g/12oz Bramley apples
- 1.3kg/3lb plums
- 2 oranges, zest and juice
- 800g/1lb 12oz granulated or caster sugar
- 2 lemons, juice only
- 2 tsp edible gold glitter

Preparation method

1. Peel the apples and grate into a saucepan, discarding the pips and stalk. Cover with 500ml/18fl oz water, bring to the boil and cook for about 15 minutes, or until the water has almost evaporated and the shreds of apple are falling apart.
2. Meanwhile, chop the plum flesh, discarding the stones, then add to the pan with the orange juice and bring to the boil, stirring often until the fruit softens and the juice is released. Cook for about 15 minutes, or until the fruit has fallen apart, the skins have softened and the liquid almost evaporated.
3. Add the sugar and lemon juice, bring to the boil, then cook until the mixture reaches 104C/219F on a sugar thermometer. Stir the mixture often, as it can burn on the bottom. Towards the end of the cooking time the jam will bubble and plop, so be extra careful not to scald yourself as you stir it.
4. Stir in the orange zest and glitter, then remove the jam from the heat.
5. Spoon the jam into clean, hot jars and seal immediately. Leave a day to set before eating, if possible.



Do you read the newsletter and think I could contribute?

If so we would like to hear from you, as it would be great to add to the group that compiles the newsletter every 3 months.! The contact details of the members of the group are on the last page ... any of us would be pleased to tell you about the group and what we do.

Don't be shy ..just be brave and contact us!

Walking Parish Footpaths

in conjunction with Holsworthy Hamlets Informal Walking Group

Monday 12th September

Starting at Milton Damerel Parish Hall Car Park

9.45am for 10.00am start

The walk will use footpath 16 (Whitebear to Holy Trinity Church), then taking in Butterfly Lane and on to footpath 24 (Northtown Farm). It is just under 3 miles and should take approx. 1½ hours. It will be a sociable amble rather than a brisk hike with all being welcome. Please note that parts of the route could be muddy and boots or wellies are recommended.

For further information please contact:-

Mike Jackson 01409 261196 or

Robert Montague 01409 254211

Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Representatives of local organisations and interested individuals
are invited to attend

A Public Meeting

on Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm

at Milton Damerel Parish Hall

to discuss the celebrations that might be arranged in the Parish.

Refreshments will be served

It has been suggested that a project to produce a tapestry or embroidery to hang as a permanent reminder of Milton Damerel in Jubilee Year 2012 might be undertaken if there is enough interest.

Other possible celebrations might include a big jubilee lunch, sports or social activities and jubilee souvenirs.

Anyone interested in being involved **please** come to the meeting, if interested but unable to attend the meeting please contact Roberta on 261196

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

How Milton Damerel celebrated in 1953

Following the death of King George VI on 6th February 1952, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was set for 2nd June 1953. On 14th January 1953 a Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom at the Methodist Church when it was agreed that the Coronation would be celebrated in the parish. Committees were formed to make the arrangements including tea, sports and evening entertainment.

An account was to be opened at the Midland Bank and it was agreed to have a House to House collection to pay for the event. The Collectors of Subscriptions were elected as follow: East Zone Mrs Bellaby, West Zone Mrs Ramsden and North Zone Miss A Yoe.

Rev. Royle was contacted regarding a United Service. It was agreed that a telegram be sent to the Queen. It was proposed that there would be a free tea for children under 15 years of age and Coronation mugs would be given to the children. Lists of the eligible children were made showing 101 names. After samples were considered it was agreed to purchase 9 dozen mugs from Harrods of London SW1 costing 1/11 each (9.5p). Packing and carriage brought the total cost to £10-19-0 (£10.95). Mr Elliot was contacted regarding the use of a field adjoining the school for the sports. £5 was allocated to the sports committee. The children's tea was allowed for at 1/6 (7.5p) per head. The insurance policy with The Northern Assurance Company Limited to cover '*food poisoning, accidents, fire and explosions etc*' for the day of the celebrations cost 15/- (75p).

The programme for the day was to start with a United Service at 2.0pm followed by Childrens' Sports at 3.00pm and the presentation of the mugs to the children by Mrs Jenkins between the Sports and the Tea. The free Evening Entertainment was to be held in the Church Hall, now the Parish Hall, starting at 8.0pm and it was unanimously agreed '*that a cup of tea and light refreshment be obtained for the conclusion of the entertainment*'.

After the event which appears to have cost £27-11-3 (£27.56) it was agreed that the remaining balance of approximately £3-12-0 (£3.60) would be divided between the Chapel and Church funds.

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Nightwalk 2011

The weather was certainly not a deterrent for the 1,761 'Ladies' at the biggest charity event in North Devon, in aid of North Devon Hospice and Macmillan cancer support. The Tarka Trail was alive with excited ladies to make their walk for charity. The Sanders Garage Girls> Sue, Wendy, Vicky, Penny, Lisa, Shirley and Rosie, dressed in their pyjamas walked the six miles from Great Torrington to Bideford, everyone was in good spirits and arrived at the Bideford Rugby Club two hours later to the smell of bacon baps and coffee. Total miles walked collectively by the whole 1,761 ladies was 19,045 as far as New Zealand and back. Last walker finished at 1.30am. The walk was made possible by the help from 200 volunteer marshals who encouraged and supported us along the trail and the free bus service who's drivers had given their time to transport us back to our cars. Our little group raised over £500.

Smell the Coffee!

Macmillan Cancer Support is asking every community to hold a World's Biggest Coffee Morning on the 30th September this year and help raise vital funds for local people affected by cancer. Register now to receive your fundraising pack full of ideas, by visiting www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or calling 0845 602 1246.

Sian Harris, the local Fundraising Manager for Macmillan said "This year is the 21st anniversary of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and so we want to make it the biggest ever. It is such a fun event to host and there will be hundreds of them going on across Devon & Cornwall." We in the two counties have organised some of the record breaking Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Mornings, including the lowest coffee morning, that was held at Poldark Mine, and the highest coffee morning hosted by an individual from Devon at Everest Base Camp! You can hold a coffee morning at home, work, school or as part of another event. It doesn't have to be about coffee, you can do whatever suits you. It can be a fancy dress party or a quiz or something completely different.

Sian went on to say "Over 10,000 people are diagnosed with cancer in Devon & Cornwall every year and so we are all affected by cancer in some way. Macmillan not only provides cancer care specialist nurses in the community, but also a raft of information and support, from counselling to welfare and benefits advice, financial grants to campaigning for better cancer care. We can only continue to do this work with support from local people and so hosting a coffee morning is an easy way to really make a difference in your local community."

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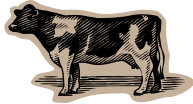
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Community Self-help & Snow Warden Scheme

In light of the experiences of the last two winters and criticism of Highways and other public services about their response to keep every-one moving, Devon County Council is strongly promoting their snow warden scheme to enable local communities to help themselves and others. Salting of roads is concentrated on the major routes that carry most traffic (maps of their salting network will be available online) – it will fall to local communities to find ways of salting by-roads and lanes to be able to join up to the major roads and to be able to travel around within the local area.

To be able to benefit from the Scheme, the Parish Council has to:

- register with the Snow Warden Scheme and identify an individual to be the contact point (see below)
- agree the local priorities in severe weather, in consultation locally and with the DCC Neighbourhood team
- be responsible for delivering local self help, refilling grit bins and salt bags within the Parish, according to the priorities
- demonstrate suitable arrangements are in place to storage and manage the salt responsibly
- use the salt during severe weather on the public highway (including footways and footpaths) but not areas treated by DCC salting network
- encourage responsible local use of grit bin facility and help to minimise abuse (e.g. taking salt for use on private driveways)

The Scheme assumes one warden per parish who will be nominated by the Parish Council and registered with DCC, will be suitably trained by DCC and will agree to work within the arrangements set by DCC.

For their part DCC will comply with their Winter Service and Emergencies Plan, refill all grit bins once prior to winter, provide to the parish (to one location only in one tonne dumpy bags) up to 5 tonnes of salt free of charge with a small supply of salt bags, enable parishes to purchase more at a cost, will train the snow warden, and provide Public Liability Insurance.

The Parish Council has expressed an initial interest in the Snow Warden Scheme – if we are to join the scheme, we need to find local volunteers able to be suitable trained and work in conjunction with and under the direction of the Snow Warden.

If you are able to volunteer to assist in this self-help scheme, looking after an area local to you, then please let one of the Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk know as soon as possible.

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2nd instalment of Cruise – Australia:-

November 4th.2010, Trevor and Penny leave Sydney Opera House and the Harbour bridge behind, with new Captain Gozdzik on board and head towards Brisbane, here we visited a Koala bear and Kangaroo Park . Next stop Barrier Reef, Whitesunday Islands. the ship anchored and we were taken by catamaran to the reef, weather conditions were poor, and very little snorkelling was possible, we did manage a trip in a glass bottom boat to see the coral and fish around the reef. Next stop York's Knob, Cairnes, before leaving this area a specialist Great Barrier reef pilot came aboard to help our Captain negotiate The Prince of Wales Channel which is the most challenging part of the Torres Straight, when this was completed he was taken off our ship to enable us to continue on thru the Banda Sea and passing the Spice Islands bound for Manila.

13.11.10 We crossed the equator again, extremely hot spectacular thunderstorm, better than any firework display. Arrived 15.11.10 Manila, Philippines, here many of the staff met their families, some had not seen them for nine months. Visited Corregidor Island where General Douglas MacArthur directed operation in WW2, Mile Long Barracks, Pacific War Memorial and the famous Malinta Tunnel. 17.11.10. Hong Kong, here we had a famous tram ride to Victoria Peak, with spectacular views across the city, road in a rickshaw, Stanley Market when anything can be purchased from clothes, handicrafts to the latest electronic gismo.

Watched Symphony Laser Light Show on the harbour front before we set sail for Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Bangkok and Koh Samui Thailand followed. Arriving in Singapore on 25.11.10. here we had tea at the famous Raffles Hotel, and visited the Changi Prison Chapel and museum, this is still a working prison, but holds many replicas and photographs taken secretly by the Australian prisoner of war.

Leaving Kuala Lumpur, we are in Pirate waters, drill and safety precautions were in place should we have an attack. 1.12.10 Mumbai India was quite a culture shock from beggars and street urchins Dhobi Ghat largest open air laundry in the world, clothes are collected from hotels and hospitals and washed in stone troughs, this working 365 days a year, to the splendour of the Gate of India, and Ghandhi 's Museum.

7.12.10 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, Trevor's 60th birthday beautiful beaches, but they were experiencing a Shark problem so no swimming was allowed here. 8.12.10. Suez Canal 110 nautical miles, passing many gas fields & army camps along the way. 10.12.10 Piraeus, Greece. We visited the Acropolis and Parthenon with views across the city, the Old Olympic Stadium, and Plaka 14.12.10 . Last port Lisbon Portugal, Estoril promenade which host the biggest casino where the inspiration for the James Bond film Casino Royal was based. Homeward to Southampton, arrived 17.12.10. to a very snowy England, the journey covered 32,000 miles using 13,500 tons of fuel (93 galls per mile)!!

Some interesting facts and figures: On a 2 week cruise 116,500 meals would be cooked passengers and crew would consume 36,000 pounds of meat, 9,600 pounds of fish, 16,800 pounds of poultry and game, 8,400 pounds of bacon, ham, and gammon, 67,200 pounds of fresh fruit, over 51,000 eggs 10,500 litres of milk. 170 tons of good are taken on board for a two week cruise, and for longer cruises this amount increases proportionately.

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Once again no news as such. No ongoing projects. The damp at the Hall is still a problem. We will try and paint as regular as possible, to keep it looking in good repair.

We now have a parishioner to cut and look after the grass verge in and around the Parish Hall on a regular basis.

No-one has responded to the 'repair' that had been done to the Hall wall. We now are thinking that someone had an 'accident' and did the repair without causing too much fuss.

EVENTS REPORT.

COFFEE MORNING Thursday 16th June 2011. Mary Carter's, Moor View. A very enjoyable morning. Profit £188.20. Thanks to all, for their support.

FUTURE EVENTS

All Process for the Parish Hall

A.G.M. 12th September 2011. 7.30 All welcome.

WHIST DRIVE Friday 16th September 2011. 8.00pm. £2.00 per person.

BEETLE DRIVE Friday 21st October 2011. 7.30pm. Family Fun. £1.50 Adult £1.00 Child.

WHIST DRIVE Friday 18th November 2011. 8.00pm. £2.00 per person.

WINE & WISDOM Saturday 26th November 2011. 7.30pm for 8.00. £5 per person. Teams of 6. Couples and Singles welcomed, we can make up teams on arrival. **Please Book** Any Number below.

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. Small group, more members welcomed. 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

Milton Damerel Parish Council Meetings. Usually 3rd 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 261 294 (If not available any of the following numbers).
Chairperson:- Mrs Mary Carter 261 248. Secretary:- Mrs Kate Moyse 261 151.

The saga of the two cats at Venn Green. No one telephone to say that the cats belonged to them. The black one with white feet and a little white on its body, I have not seen for a while. The other one, white under body and legs, with a tri colour on back and head. (black brown and ginger), surprised us by having kittens in our wood shed. A ginger one, and two black and white, one quite fluffy. (So we wonder who the dad could be) We informed the Cats Protection and mother and kittens were duly caught, quite easily in a trap. All have been re-homed. Mother and one kitten together and the other two together.

More...

Creina, at Cats Protection, says, that they will always re home any unwanted cats and also help with the neutering. Telephone no. 0845 371 2717.

Lesley, 261 294.

A **Coffee Morning** will be held at Elizabeth and Charles Bellew, Bluebell Cottage, Abbotts Bickington on 14th September 10am to midday. Proceed for Abbott Bickington Church. Raffle, Bring and Buy. Tea, coffee and Biscuits. All welcomed.

Elizabeth Bellew will hold a **Whist Drive** at Milton Damerel Parish Hall on 12th November 2011, at 8.00pm. Proceeds for Abbotts Bickington Church.

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PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



Speed watch .. the neighbourhood Beat Officer, Andy Moakes, and PCSO Rowe reported to the Parish Council on their recent actions to monitor speeds at Venn Green, evidence from which could be used to petition for reduced speed limits. Regrettably there is substantial evidence here, and at other speed watches, that the main 'offenders' are local motorists. This is probably contrary to our folklore that the main speed offenders are travelling through motorists, coming in from far-off places!! Speed watch will continue, so please think about your speed as you travel through from just below Fore Street Cross to west of Comfort Cottage, Venn Green, - the 40mph speed limit extends all the way along this section of the A388 – and please help to make our roads and lanes safer for all our road users

Affordable Housing .. progress is slow in trying to plan and develop some affordable housing in Milton Damerel. As you appreciate funds and grants for such schemes have been significantly reduced and concurrently property developers are reticent to start any new schemes. Sue Southwell, of Community Council of Devon, and Rachel Webdell, of Torridge District Council, have recently re-visited the parish to look again at potential sites for such a development and continue to work with other agencies and with the Parish Council to find a way forward. Any suggestions about potential sites can be directed to Parish Councillors or Sue Southwell at CCD. The report on the Housing Needs Survey conducted in 2009 can be accessed on the Milton Damerel web-site.

Social Activities.. several parishioners responded to the Household Questionnaire, issued in 2008, saying they would welcome some more social activities in the parish – so please come along to the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 7th September (see separate advert) and join in the planning of the Parish's event(s) for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, The Queen, to be celebrated next year. It's Party Time – come and be a part of it!

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

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!

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AN EARLY START AND AN EARLY FINISH?

After the marvellous weather in April I thought we were heading for a really good start to the gardening summer but that did not happen and most of my crops were late, I wasn't able to pick runner beans until August, now the bedding plants look to be nearly over and trees are dropping leaves.

I decided to devote a little of my vegetable garden to growing flowers for the house and have had great success cutting bunch after bunch of snapdragons which keep throwing up more flowers on sideshoots.

Chrysanthemums are always reliable and have been flowering since early August and will continue well into the autumn whilst the carnations have flowered well but will be even better next year, I must plant out my young sweet williams so they can make a little root before the winter to produce flowers next year.

NEW TO ME.

Every year I try at least one new type of bedding plant some of which have been a spectacular success, e.g. climbing petunias, though just as many have been disappointing, e.g. climbing geraniums, this year's trial has been an unmitigated success.

Whilst in Wadebridge late last summer I noticed a public house with loads of baskets and window boxes containing a silver grey conifer like foliage that was cascading several feet down the walls, I discovered this is *Lotus maculatus* x *berthelotti* Fire Vine to give it its full name or orange fire vine if you prefer.

In my pots the vine rapidly trailed down to the ground and for much of the summer has borne a profusion of orange/red flame shaped flowers, I gather that the plant flowers best when night temperatures drop below 60 f so this summer has seen the perfect flowering conditions.

TIME TO GIVE UP.

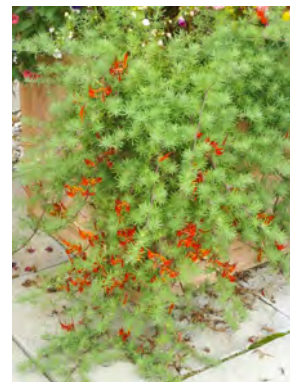
If like mine your bedding is looking sick and miserable then why not give up on it and plant winter pansies early in September to give them time to get established before it goes really cold that way you should get a longer spell of flower both in the early and late winter.

The larger the container the pansies are growing in the better and really a 6-pack is the smallest you should use, do not be tempted to buy plugs and plant them straight out they should be potted up under cover for a few weeks to get more size into them otherwise they will just stay still until March/April next year when they might produce a little flower if we have a mild winter.

If you have a few bedding plants you would like to keep then try taking a few cuttings, pop them into well drained compost in a small pot with a polythene bag over them which should be placed in a light position without direct sunlight, a window sill can be ideal, when they root take the polythene off and overwinter the cuttings in a cool, light and frost free place until February/March when they can be potted up for planting out in May/June.

September is the best month to propagate many plants including Geraniums, Dahlias, Fuchsias, Surfinias, Chrysanthemums etc. it is much easier to keep say a dozen cuttings protected through the winter than trying to look after large stock plants or several pots.

Bill Wrighton MIHort.



News from Beech House Surgery, Shebbear. July 2011.

Dr Stephen Miller writes: 'I am very pleased to report that I have found a partner to take the Shebbear surgery into the challenges of the next few years. Dr Francis Fernández, who currently lives in Landkey near Barnstaple, will join me in September this year and, all being well, will move into the village next year. Dr Fernández, his wife, Maria, and their two daughters, Anna and Carla are all looking forward to the move.

Dr Fernández is the son of a farmer from near Málaga but has been living and working in the South West for many years. He is very familiar with the hospital and consultant staff at the North Devon District Hospital having worked for several years in the Accident and Emergency department. He has also had several years experience of primary care as a partner in a GP practice in Somerset.

Both Dr Jill Kershaw and I will be cutting back on our clinical commitment to the practice from September and it is my intention that I will retire completely from Shebbear by the Autumn of 2012. Dr Kershaw will also retire about the same time. Dr Fernandez will be joined by a new partner on my departure.

There are some major difficulties facing the NHS. Our population is ageing and as it does so, demands for health care increase. At a time when funding for the NHS is, at best, static we have got to find ways of doing things more smartly. GPs have been given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to influence how NHS money is spent through Clinical Commissioning Consortia which will be GP led. I hope to get involved in this work but realised that I could not do this and give sufficient attention to the running of the Shebbear Practice in a way that would keep the care of all our patients at as good a level as I believe my team has achieved over the past few years. I feel very fortunate to have such a great team at the Surgery and they are the bedrock of the future of the Practice.

Hence it is with excitement for the future but with sadness to be leaving Shebbear next year that these plans have come to fruition.



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Neighbourhood Watch Report

SECURING YOUR PROPERTIES AND KEYS

There have recently been a number of occasions within Holsworthy town where car doors have been tried and unfortunately, since people still do not always lock their vehicle doors, money and contents of all kinds have been stolen. Also a burglary occurred when keys were found under a plant pot and someone unlocked the front door and stole money from a bedroom. Please do not leave keys in obvious places. It is always best to get a set of keys cut for somebody that you know will be calling (and you are not able to let them in) rather than leave them lying around your property for opportunist thieves to strike.

COUNTRYSIDE WATCH

This scheme has been mentioned recently in the local press, so what is it? The scheme is the rural equivalent to Neighbourhood Watch. It covers all property in rural areas and helps people who feel they are too remote to benefit from Neighbourhood Watch. It brings together farms, rural businesses, rural properties and horse owners etc. who want to be aware of what is going on in their area to enable them to protect their property from crime. Both schemes operate in the same way but they deal with slightly different types of crime. The police automated messaging system has been much refined and improved over the past 18 months and message reporting is now much more type of property/area specific. This is resulting in far fewer messages but when they do come out to us we know that they have relevance. If you feel that your property is too remote to benefit from the local NHW schemes but would be interested in Countryside Watch, please contact one of the above co-ordinators.

CRIME LEVELS

Overall crime figures for the Holsworthy rural areas have been falling recently as evidenced in the weekly updates which are emailed out. These give you an indication of the types and levels of crime that are taking place in the surrounding areas so that you can take appropriate action to safeguard your own property and area. Please contact your co-ordinator if you would be interested in having name added to the list of subscribers.

TOWERGATE INSURANCE

Towergate Insurance have advised that they are extending their 15% discount for NHW members until 31st December 2011, subject of course to their normal underwriting criteria. They can be contacted at 0844 346 3253 or via their website where there is further information – www.towergatehomeinsurance.co.uk.

Please note that we are not promoting this company, but merely passing on information which they have brought to our attention.

TIPS

1. Don't divulge any personal information to cold callers, no matter how plausible they may sound.
2. When entering card details online make sure that the web-page address has changed from "http" to "https", which means that you have a secure connection.

A big thank you to everyone that came and helped out on the day and to everyone that came to visit. This year we had the Hatherleigh Silver Band come and play for us and also a falconry display. Both of which everyone enjoyed.

The weather threatened to spoil the day, but at 1pm it cleared up as we started the fete.

This year we made a just over £150 after expenses

Terry and Rose are looking for volunteers to join the fete committee to help organise next years fete.

If your interested call Terry 261775 or Rose 261577



Fete 2011

IS YOUR HOME AN OPEN INVITATION TO BURGLARY?

Holsworthy Police are reminding residents to keep their homes locked and secure, this is after a number of recent burglaries across North Devon where offenders have gained entry via an insecure door or window.

Please play your part in protecting your home and belongings by taking these simple steps.

- * Make sure that your house or flat is kept secure. Always keep your front and back door locked even when you are in the garden. The same goes for windows, especially vulnerable ground floor windows.
- * Do not leave items such as handbags or purses close to a door or window. It takes a matter of seconds for a burglar to reach through and take these items. This will cause far more problems than you think, often car keys are in the bag, credit and bank cards, mobile phone and personal belongings. Store handbags out of site and keep keys in a safe place.
- * If you are going away try your best to make your house look occupied. It is best to ask a trusted friend or relative to keep an eye on your property. Drawing curtains, leaving lights on and removing post are all good ways of not drawing attention to your property.
- * **Don't forget to apply security to your sheds and garages.** Often both contain expensive equipment, which is easy to steal and sell on. Make sure items are property marked and locked away using a heavy padlock. Fitting a simple shed alarm is a big deterrent.
- * The best way to protect your property is to have a burglar alarm fitted by a company recognised by NACOSS, SSAIB or NSI. This will drastically reduce your chances of becoming a victim of burglary.

Please do not become complacent and consider the above advice. Despite this advice burglary figures have reduced again and we are the third safest place to live in England and Wales. Together we can reduce our figures even further!

For more crime prevention advice please visit our website www.devon-cornwall.police.uk or call the Crime Prevention Officer 01271 335220.

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 18th November 2011

WHAT'S ON ..

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

Holsworthy

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Cinema - Pirates of the Caribbean (4 th Instalment – On Stranger Tides)	Wednesday, 7 th Sept @ 7.30pm	Holsworthy Memorial Hall Tel: 01409 254185 www.holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk
Cinema - Arthur – remake of 1981 film starring Russell Brand & Helen Mirren	Wednesday, 6 th Oct @ 7.30pm	
'Deadly Nightcap' – murder and mystery by Francis Durbridge	Thursday, 8 th - Saturday, 10 th Oct Thursday, 15 th – Saturday, 17 th Oct All @ 7.30pm	H.A.T.S. Tel:01409 253826 www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
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 www.ploughartscentre.org.uk
Potted Potter – the Unauthorised Harry Experience	Sunday, 18 th Sept @ 3pm & 7pm	
An evening with Jonathan Ansell	Sunday, 2 nd Oct @ 7.30pm	
An evening with Henry Blofield (Test match commentator)	Saturday, 15 th Oct @ 8pm	
Digby Fairweather (Jazz musician)	Saturday, 29 th Oct @ 8pm	
	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 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Bob the Builder	Monday, 24 th Oct @ 1pm & 3pm	
The Moscow Ballet - Sleeping Beauty	Friday, 28 th Oct @ 7.45pm Saturday, 29 th Oct @ 2.30pm	
Barnstaple Musical Comedy Society 'The Sound of Music'	Wednesday, 16 th - Saturday, 19 th Nov @ 7pm. Saturday @ 2pm	

USEFUL WEBSITES

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

Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II - Public Meeting	7 September	7:30pm	15
MDGS Garden show	10 September	10am - noon	11
Parish Walk	12 September	9:45am for 10am	14
Parish Hall AGM	12 September	7:30pm	20
Coffee Morning - Holsworthy Memorial Hall	14 September	9am - noon	6
Whist Drive	16 September	8pm	20
Over 60's trip to Paignton	20 September		9
Afternoon tea & cakes. MD Methodist Church	24 September	3pm - 5pm	6
Harvest Holy Communion - St Peters Church	25 September	6:30pm	6
Church Yard clean up	28 September	6pm	8
World's Biggest Coffee Morning	30 September		16
Church Yard clean up	16 October	3pm	8
Beetle Drive	21 October	7:30pm	20
Concert - Mini Ministrels - Beacon Methodist Church	23 October	7pm	6
Whist Drive	18 November	8pm	20
Windy Cross Singers of Torrington Concert	20 November	7:30pm	6
Wine and Wisdom	26 November	7:30 for 8pm	20

Harvest Festivals

Abbotts Bickington Church	2 October	11:30am	6
Milton Damerel Methodist Church	9 October	11am	6
St Peters Church	23 September	7:15pm	6
Beacon Methodist Church	25 September	11am	6

Regular Events

Open Chapel	2nd Thursday afternoon 2:30 - 5pm
Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Putford WI	2 nd Monday of each month 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tuesdays – each fortnight 2pm
	1 st Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm
MD & District Over 60s Club	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm
Line Dancing	1 st Wednesday of each month (not Jan) 7.30pm
Gardening Society	3 rd Wednesday 7.30pm
Parish Council meetings	Last Thursday of each month 10am
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Sundays 11am
Methodist Morning Service	4 th Sunday of each month 11.30am
Parish Church Holy Communion	

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SEPTEMBER

Select your best produce for the Garden Show on the 10th.
 Plant out plants of cauliflower, broccoli, spring cabbage, etc.
 Cut evergreen hedges so they can make a little new growth before the winter.
 Cut wild flower areas including grass verges, Devon banks etc.
 Keep picking runner beans even if you give them away otherwise they will become old and stringy.
 During any dry spells hoe off weeds.
 Mow regularly at your lowest cutting height.
 Cut back summer flowering plants that have finished flowering e.g. heathers, roses, crocosmias, lupins, delphiniums etc.
 Pick top fruit as it ripens and store cool and dry.

OCTOBER

Plant garlic, shallots, onions and in well drained soil broad beans.
 Start raising the mower blades but continue to mow regularly.
 As leaves fall gather them up to prevent damage to lawns and hard surfaces.
 When leaves have dropped cut deciduous hedges.
 Clear debris/old plants out of the vegetable plot to prevent rotting material that encourages mildew.

NOVEMBER

If you have a glasshouse or polytunnel clear out all the old vegetation such as tomatoes, sweep up debris, remove shading, leave the building clean and clear ready for next year.
 Extend the intervals between mowing the lawn but continue to cut whilst the grass grows.
 If you haven't done so already remove summer bedding from pots and bowls to allow frosts to kill any pests or diseases in the soil.
 Cover or store garden furniture and barbecues.

GARDENERS DIARY

Prevailing weather conditions may alter the timing of certain tasks