



Milton Damerel Newsletter

Autumn Edition



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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of each month. The agenda for all meetings is displayed on the notice boards no later than the Thursday before the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend but the public are not permitted to take part in discussions, however time is set aside early on the agenda of all meetings for public comments.

Resignation It was with regret that the Chairman had to advise members at the June meeting of the resignation of Gareth Piper after serving as Councillor, Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a total of 9 years. Thanks go to Gareth for his valued contribution to Parish Council matters.

Planning Matters. The Parish Council has been consulted on the following planning applications over the last three meetings: Installation of Wind Turbines at Henscott Farm, Dunstaple Farm and Bason Farm, all in adjacent parishes, agricultural determination for a cattle building at Withypool Farm and the construction of a double garage at The Oaks.

The Annual Return and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2012 have been satisfactorily audited and certified by the Audit Commission. Copies have been displayed for two weeks each on the Parish Council notice boards at Holsworthy Beacon, Parish Hall and finally at the Garage until 20 September, but if anyone needs any further information they should contact the Parish Clerk.

Grant applications approved at the end of 2011 are due to be paid out in September 2012 and organisations within the Parish are invited to submit grant applications for 2013, in writing, to the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor by 15 November 2012 for consideration at the meeting to be held on that date when the budget will be set for the coming year. Applications should be accompanied by a copy of the organisations most recently independently examined accounts.

Step Back in Time fund for young people. The Parish Council members were please to approve a grant application to help a local young resident with accommodation costs whilst volunteering at the Olympic Games and Paralympics.

Diamond Jubilee Children's Medals and Certificates where presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Grace Millman to the 38 eligible children of Milton Damerel and Abbots Bickington at the Children's Jubilee Tea on 5 June.

The Election of Police & Crime Commissioners will take place on 15 November. To be able to "have your say" every one is reminded to register to vote. The annual registration has been brought forward this year due to these elections.

Community Messaging. 'Safer North Devon' want to encourage residents to register for the Community Messaging service which is aimed at helping to prevent or to solve crimes in your local area. Parishioners can also register through their local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Messages can be received by fax, phone or email.

Recycling. Recently we have been informed that household batteries can now be put in the green box with dry recycling for kerbside collection. From April 2013 a weekly brown bag service for cardboard will also be introduced, after that cardboard will no longer be collected with the garden waste.

A New Code of Conduct has been introduced locally and adopted by Milton Damerel Parish Council with effect from 1 July 2012. A new Declaration of Interests has had to be made by each Councillor to comply with the new regulations. The Register of Interests has always been available for inspection by contacting the Parish Clerk and in the future will be published on the Torridge District Council website.

Councillor Vacancy filled by Co-option. At the August meeting Councillors approved the application by Jim Richardson for co-option to the vacant seat on the Parish Council and he will be welcomed to his first meeting in September when he will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor and completed his Declaration of Interests.

Freedom of Information. 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. Copies of recent Parish Council meeting agenda and minutes are now available on www.miltondamerel.com.

Roberta Jackson

Parish Clerk

17 Aug 2012



CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Heather Sharp** of Lower Grawley, who has graduated from University of Salford with a BA (Hons) 2:1 in Geography. For the dissertation part she achieved a 1st classification; her subject was 'Rural accessibility problems using public transport' based on studies about Instow and Shebbear.

To **Sam Horn** of Sunny Meadows, Venn Green who has been awarded a B.Sc (Hons) 2:1 in Sport & Exercise Science at Loughborough University and is now going on to do her PCGE, for teaching, at Exeter University

To **Marie Fairbrother** of Rosemead, Milton Town, who has graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Health Studies

To **Hannah Moon**, daughter of Jenny Moon of Milton Lodge, on her marriage to **Rubel Barrera**, They were married on 24 July, in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

To **Marie Sanders**, of Holsworthy (previously lived at Chapel House) on her forthcoming marriage to **Marc Walker** at Milton Damerel Methodist Church on 22nd September.

Christine & Laurie Cook of the Meadows would like to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Freya Elizabeth, to their daughter, Mikaela, & her husband Sion Rofe. Freya was born on 18th July weighing in at 6lb 5oz.



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Welcome to:

Eric Toll & Karen Milner and **Harry** who have moved into **Town Farm, Milton Town**

Rosemary Searle who has moved into **Treetops, Holsworthy Beacon**

Lizzie Daniel and Neil Stevens, who have moved to **1, Fore Street from Arden, Venn Green**

Ian & Myra Sexton, who have moved into **Milton House**

Darron King & Louise Stewart and family who have moved into **Shadows at Venn Green**

Goodbye & Best Wishes to:

Christopher Hunter & Dennis Smetanin have left **The Shadows, Venn Green** to return to **Red Post, Bude**.

Dennis & Liz Ventham who have moved from **Treetops, Holsworthy Beacon**.



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who have been bereaved recently including:

Petula Sanders, Marie & Marc on their sad loss of Bryan. Bryan & Petula were the chapel caretakers for over 15 years, until 2009, when they then moved to Holsworthy. Bryan also worked for W H Watkins & Sons within the poultry enterprise. The funeral was held on 8th June and Bryan was buried in the graveyard that he had looked after with such dedication, with Petula, whilst caretakers.

Ron, Derek, Alan & Linda Gifford & family, and Norman Webber, of Whitebear Farm & Cottage in their recent loss of Jean (wife, mother and sister). Ron & Jean were married in 1956 and Jean was a resident of the parish for nearly 56 years.

Chapel News – Sept 2012

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 contacts shown at the foot of the page.

MOVING ON ...In the Methodist Church, August is the month for ministers to move on to another ministry (if changing appointments), and in the Bideford & Shebbear Circuit, our Superintendent Minister, Revd David Morris has retired and, with his wife, moved to Nottingham. A farewell service was held at Northam at the end of July. One of David's responsibilities was to bring together the old Bideford and the old Shebbear circuits to become one ... see below.

2 new ministers are joining our circuit and will be welcomed to our circuit at a service at Torrington Methodist Church at 3pm on 2nd September. Our new Superintendent Minister, replacing David Morris, is Revd J Kenneth (Ken) Morgan who will live in Torrington, and has pastoral responsibility for Torrington, Alverdiscott, Langtree and Putford. The Revd Stephen Hill, who will live in Northam, is the minister with pastoral responsibility for Northam, Bideford, Alwington, Parkham and Littleham chapels.

Revds Graham & Meg Slingo continue in the circuit, living at Shebbear, with Graham looking after Rowden, Thornhillhead and Buckland Brewer, and Meg looking after Milton Damerel, Shebbear, Black Torrington and Sheepwash.

CIRCUIT FESTIVAL – CELEBRATING OUR TALENTS, GIFTS & GRACES – An exhibition of Arts, Crafts, Photographs, Poems and Interesting Hobbies will be held at Milton Damerel Methodist Church starting on Friday, 14th September through to Sunday, 16th September. It is a privilege for us to hold this event, which is a celebration of the Shebbear area and Bideford area churches joining together to form one new circuit. This will be our first anniversary. We hope to have lots of locally made items on display, so if you would like to join in and lend items we would love to have them. Just contact Sheila, tel: 01409261466).

The Festival will be open at the following times -

Friday, 14th September	2.30 – 8.30pm
Saturday, 15th September	10.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday, 16th September	2.00 – 5.00pm

There will be light refreshments served throughout. Proceeds will be for **Devon Air Ambulance** and **Open Doors**.

The Saturday coincides with the parish annual Garden Show so why not look in on your way to or home from the Parish Hall!

CONCERTS – Two Concerts planned for the autumn: On **Sunday, 23rd September at 7.30pm** the **Tregadillet Songbirds** will be coming along and on **Sunday, 25th November at 7pm** the **Mini-Minstrels** from Canworthy Water will be our guests. More details on posters nearer the dates.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Following our normal pattern the chapel will be open on Friday, 12th October for bringing of gifts of produce and flowers, and for arranging the displays in the windows and around the chapel. Our Sunday morning service on 14th October will be led by our Minister, Revd Meg Slingo. Celebrations will continue on Monday, 15th October with Bring & Share Buffet Tea from 6.30pm, a short Thanksgiving @ 8pm led by Revd Graham Slingo, followed by the auction of produce.

“TEA & CAKE” AFTERNOONS – Our second afternoon of the year held on 30th June had a steady stream of visitors and the proceeds of £70 were donated to Action for Children for a local project in Bideford. We have not set a date for the third afternoon, as mid to late September will be busy, so please look out for posters later in October or November.

SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES – The Sunday Club meets on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month, The last Sunday each month is Family Service for everyone (all ages!) Where there is 5 Sundays in the month there will be an extra Sunday Club! Sunday Club is at 11am, joining with the morning service until about 11.20am, when we then go to our own activities. We will be delighted to welcome more young people looking for activities on a Sunday morning – just come along and join in with your schoolfriends and make some new friends!

Family Services:

23rd September	28th October	25th November
Revd Meg Slingo	Mrs Christine Forster	Mr Peter Parsons
	from Holsworthy	from Tresmeer

BIBLE STUDY – The group meets at 7.30pm on Monday evenings in the Chapel Kitchen and we have been looking at the Book of Hebrews. Our group of up to 10 includes friends from other churches and neighbouring villages, we are very informal and all contribute to the discussions on our readings, we select books of the Old & New Testaments of the Bible for our study and any-one wishing to explore the Bible is welcome to come along and join us.

“OPEN CHAPEL” – The chapel is open on the **2nd Thursday afternoon of each month from 2.30pm to 5pm** for anyone wishing just to drop in for a chat, a cuppa or just 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.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2012

SEP		OCT		NOV	
2 nd	Mrs Phyllis Piper	7 th	Mrs Anne Poole	4 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh
9 th	Mrs Gwyneth Jones	14 th	Harvest Festival	11 th	Mrs Lilian Luxton
16 th	Mrs Grace Millman	21 st	Harvest Flowers	& 18 th	
23 rd	Mrs Christine Poole	28 th	Mrs Niggy Southey	25 th &	Mrs Sheila Daniel
30 th	Mrs Mary Carter			2 nd Dec	

Note: From November for the winter months we suggest the flowers are left for 2 Sundays.

CHURCH COUNCIL – Our Spring meeting in May dealt with the appointment and re-appointment of officers from 1st September. There were further discussions about legacy monies and the works needed on the premises to meet quinquennial inspection recommendations and upgrading, and more estimates of the probable cost were being obtained. Our insurance company surveyor had visited the premises and recommendations about insured value and annual premiums, and actions to minimise the risk of metal theft were agreed. Updates on the work of the chapel with young people (Milton Monsters, Sunday Club and Jamming sessions) and other events were noted.

An extraordinary meeting was held in August in preparation for taking proposals about the works to the circuit meeting, for its approval, based on the results of the estimates obtained. A new safeguarding policy relating to work with children and vulnerable adults was presented for adoption by the Church Council, and there were discussions about finding a replacement treasurer, as Grace Millman wished to resign from October.

CONTACTS – For further information or help please contact:

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E mail: megslingo@hotmail.co.uk

Our Steward: Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355), Our Church Council Secretary: Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466)

St. James Parish Church
Abbots Bickington
 Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington
 Tel: 01409 241411

Holy Trinity Milton Damerel

The usual Services continue at 11.30 on the 4th Sunday of each month. We are still between Rectors but the process of getting a new incumbent in post continues, it is hoped, by Christmas, we and Holsworthy and Hollocombe will have a Rector.

The church has received a donation of money left over from the Jubilee fund. This is gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

The August Service will be taken by Kathy Roberts, the Rural Dean.

The September Service Sunday 23rd also a Christening by Richard Durrington

The October Service Sunday 28th tbc and Harvest Festival is 7th October at 3 PM.

Volunteer Work

The gardening, church yard maintenance group goes from strength to strength, with an increasing band of willing volunteers giving their time and energy to keeping the place looking well kept. Thank you very much to all who have helped.

Volunteers need the tools to do the job and as I have become increasingly concerned that our own small Honda lawn mower was being greatly overworked it was decided to purchase a second hand heavier duty model to do the job. The church does have a mower but this is a rough cutter model and does not pick up the grass. Both types are really required to do a really smart job.

Volunteers have also been busy cleaning and repairing the various fabrics within the church, some of which fell to bits when washed (like the altar cloth). New cloths are being made and we have had a couple of items donated so we hope to have more than one of each item so they can be taken home and cleaned regularly. It came to light that the church did not have any altar linen (used at holy Communion) which visiting vicars have required so an altar pack has been purchased consisting of the necessary pieces of linen (a corporal, pal, towel and purificators). If anyone has any plain gold material or old drayon or velvet curtains that they no longer require or if you see any in a charity shop please can you let me know? These would prove very useful to restore a gold altar frontal and pulpit frontals that I have salvaged from the old moth ridden wardrobe.

The dates for the autumn church gardening are 21st September, 26th October, and 23rd November.

I have extended the times to between 2 PM and 5 PM I'm not expecting anyone to attend for the whole period but there will be someone there and something to do between these times.

Campanology

Calling all interested in bell ringing. Though we can't peel the bells at Holy Trinity they do chime and we are looking to try and arrange some bell ringing tuition. This will consist of one evening session to enable us to do the best with what we have got. If anyone is interested in learning how to ring the bells for the odd occasion then please contact Anne or John. This is open to all. You do not have to attend services to get involved with this.

Barbeque

A barbeque will follow the church gardening on September 21st at 5PM (weather permitting) and again everyone is welcome. You do not have to do gardening to attend this. Food will be traditional barbeque food plus salad, rolls and potatoes. We are asking a minimum donation of £3 per barbeque tea to go towards church restoration. A much needed cause so please support us and come along. Please can you confirm attendance on 261381 so numbers can be properly catered for?



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[Contact Sheila Daniel 01409261466 with offers of
items for loan for the exhibition]

Milton Damerel Methodist Church

AUTUMN CONCERT

With

The Tregadillet Songbirds

Sunday, 23rd September @ 7.30pm
Tea & biscuits to follow

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEK-END

Friday, 12th October - Decorating the Chapel

Sunday, 14th October
11am service with Revd Meg Slingo

Monday, 15th October
6.30pm Bring & Share Buffet Tea
8pm Thanksgiving with Revd Graham Slingo
c. 8.30pm Auction of Produce & Flowers

WINTER CONCERT

With

The Mini Minstrels
(Canworthy Water)

Sunday, 25th November @ 7pm
Tea & biscuits to follow
*Everyone welcome – please come and join us
for these events*

WOODACOTT METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 16th September @ 3pm
Preacher: Revd John Henry

Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 23rd September
11am - Preacher: Mr David Ley
6.30pm – Preacher: Mr Peter Daniel

CONCERT

Sunday, 21st October @ 7.30pm
Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir
Supper to follow

COFFEE MORNING

Last Thursday of each month
10am – 12 noon
Chapel hall

Warm welcome to all events!

St Peter's Church, Thornbury

Coffee Morning

at St Peters Church

Saturday, 1st September 10.30 am til 12 noon
Half of the profit will be donated to the Devon
Historic Churches Trust, as they helped so much
during our roof repairs project.

Coffee Morning

in Holsworthy Memorial Hall

Wednesday 12th September, 9 am til 12 noon
to raise funds for

St Peters Church Thornbury and Woodacott
Chapel.

Any donations of cakes, items for the tombola,
bric a brac or offers of help gratefully received.

Ferret Racing

At Bradford Village Hall,

Saturday 22nd September starting at 7pm
Refreshments and a chance to 'Chose a winning
ferret!' More details from Liz 01409 261312.

Torrige Male Voice Choir

at Bradford Village Hall

Saturday, 17th November, starting at 7 pm
Refreshments available, tickets from Liz 01409
261312.

JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS

Milton Monsters

... went swimming at Woodacott for their July activity.

During August we held two craft clubs when we made, masks, junk jewellery, country collage, wind chimes with shells, paper bag kites amongst many other things. We now have a short break until October when Monsters will be back to normal.

September will be changeover time – moving up a class, moving to senior school, moving on to college, going to university, starting an apprenticeship, starting a new job Whatever it may be for our young people, firstly we wish you every success, hope your hard work was rewarded by the grades you needed to move on to the next stage And well done to all of you!

From Sam Horn

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Milton Damerel Parish Council for the kind donation of £100 which has enabled me to volunteer at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.



I applied to be a London 2012 Gamesmaker back in 2007 as I enjoy volunteering and all things sport related. By June 2012 I had attended an interview and training, and on the 23rd July I began volunteering in the Athlete's Village within the Press Operations Team. Daily tasks involved assisting the media in the workroom and issuing guest passes for entrance into the Village Plaza. The Village Plaza is the main hub for athletes giving them access to facilities such as a salon, shops, bank and an internet lounge. It was also the place where athlete Welcome Ceremonies were held and it was amazing to see all of the countries together to celebrate their arrival. Additionally, I had access



to the athlete residential zone and I regularly walked past sporting icons such as Tom Daley, Sir Clive Woodward and Duncan Goodhew. I even caught a glimpse of the Queen as she visited the athlete dining hall, unfortunately Kate and Wills walked past my desk the following afternoon on my day off.



I was privileged enough to be given free tickets to watch the athletics in the stadium and the atmosphere was unlike anything I have ever experienced. My colleagues and I were seated right next to the torch and watched Dai Greene, Perri Shakes-Drayton and Holly Bleasdale compete in their events whilst Usain Bolt collected his gold medal for his 100m victory. We even made it onto BBC One for a few seconds! Finally, I managed to purchase a ticket to watch the women's hockey match between Belgium and USA and Australia and China. Overall, I have had a fantastic experience and it was a privilege to be able to work among some of the best athletes and sportspeople in the world. I can't wait to go back to the village and begin my voluntary role at the Paralympics.



The last Fresh was held at the Parish Hall in June. Della Bealey, helped by Roy Harris and Alan Randall, from Torrington, came to take part. We saw some video clips of top Carriage drivers, Della explained how to navigate hurdles whilst carriage driving, her passion. Also how her personal faith and God's closeness helps as she takes part in carriage driving and keeps her focused during competitions. We enjoyed tea together.

Fresh has been running for 2 years now and will possibly move on. We are considering concentrating on shared spiritual meals with invited guests but at the moment we don't have a planned date.

DRIVING

LESSONS

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WATER GARDENING PERHAPS!!

Nobody living locally needs me to go on about the awful weather we have had all summer, I reckon bar the odd day we have had just one week of mainly sunshine and on 4th August we had the worst floods since we move here 8 years ago.

Crops are either very late or in many instances just went rotten, my broad beans came to nothing and my tomatoes even in the glasshouse were several weeks late whilst in mid August we have picked just three runner beans to date, flowers are delayed and I have several Dahlias which are yet to come into flower.

Even lawns have been slower than normal and not as thick but still difficult to keep mown with so few dry days, my water meadow is staying very wet with little opportunity to access it certainly not with the tractors necessary to cut it.

Trying to get other tasks done has meant I haven't devoted all my time to weeding and aren't I going to suffer, Willow Bay Herb is coming up everywhere especially in the middle of plants, although I have never allowed this weed to seed down it can stay dormant and viable in the soil for at least 7 years so I am suffering for past infestations.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

At a wedding last year my wife and I saw and greatly admired some Spider Chrysanthemums which are available in several colour but our favourites are the very pale green 'Shamrock Green' and 'Nightingale Green' of which I bought 3 of each.

These are 'late indoor flowering' so need to be grown in pots starting in March building up to 9" pots for the summer then brought into a glasshouse in September for flowering during the autumn and winter, sometimes there are still blooms at Christmas if kept frost free.

They can be grown as larger single blooms or sprays by either removing side shoots or leaving them in place.

I knew a nursery in Kidderminster belonging to a Dutch grower who had a special glasshouse, at least 50' x 25' built on rollers, he grew Tomatoes in this glass but he planted chrysanthemums in the ground alongside it, then when they needed protecting he rolled the glasshouse over them and scrapped the tomatoes.

Watching the whole building being slowly winched across the field was an amazing sight.

Early outdoor chrysanthemums are planted later usually in prepared beds outdoors in April/May to flower in Sept./Oct. these are relatively easy to grow needing only staking and depending on the variety and your preference leaving to produce sprays or side shooted for individual blooms.

COLOURFUL DISPLAYS.

Autumn is rapidly approaching with the nights drawing in very quickly and in mid-august we are already planting the pansy plugs ready for the winter, last year the winter hanging baskets made a very good display in what was a very mild season.

We should not anticipate a mild winter, even though we are due an improvement in the weather, but it might well be worth bedding out some pots in September/early October or making up a hanging basket, it can be so refreshing to see a colourful display in the depths of winter.

Last year we discovered a Sedum with yellow foliage which was recommended as a hardy trailing plant for winter use, in my pots and hanging baskets it was marvellous trailing well with colourful foliage and the bonus in mild spell of bright yellow flowers.

I planted two pots with a conifer centre piece and the Sedum with purple Ajugas trailing to create a bright display all the year round.

Happy gardening.

Bill Wrighton.



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Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

**Our
Parish Celebrations
Sunday, 3rd June
&
Tuesday 5th June**

Our programme of events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee began with the Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, 3rd June, at the Methodist Church, which was conducted by Rev Meg Slingo. Jerusalem and the National Anthem were included in the service, also a fun quiz on questions relating to Royalty and Lilian Luxton gave a few reminiscences of memories of the Coronation. A commemorative booklet – A Souvenir of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 1952-2012 – was given to all who attended and also copies were handed out at the Big Jubilee Lunch.

102 people (excluding the lunch committee) were seated in the Parish Hall for the Big Jubilee Lunch. As people arrived, to take their seats in a bedecked red, white and blue hall, a complimentary drink was served and Malcolm Woodcock of Abbots Bickington provided musical accompaniment. After a welcome, the National Anthem and Loyal Toast, and saying the Grace for Diamond Jubilee Lunches, lunch was served – a 4-course menu of soup or fruit juice, turkey & ham with boiled new and scalloped potatoes, a variety of salads and accompaniments, a choice of desserts from fresh fruit salad, pavlova, trifle and apple pie, followed by cheese & biscuits. From 2.30pm the large screen TV was showing the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant – gratefully we were in a dry location to see it all!!

Mary Carter, as Chairman of the Parish Hall Management Committee, cut the Diamond Jubilee cake, after reminding us that the re-furbished Parish Hall was re-opened 30 years ago (at the time of celebrations) and her late husband, John, being one of the main instigators of acquiring the hall from the Church Commissioners and its refurbishment, would have been delighted to see the Hall still in use and particularly with such a large crowd for this celebration. The cake was cut up and served with tea & coffee – the programme became continuous, lunch running on into afternoon tea & cake! The hall was buzzing with conversation and laughter and a most enjoyable time was experienced by all – including the lunch committee and volunteers who helped to serve!



The prize-winners of the Quirky Queenly Quiz', which had been sold to raise funds for the celebrations, were announced and the prizes given out were: 1st prize of commemorative china mug to Michael Martin, 2nd prize of a commemorative Diamond Jubilee book to Claire Bellew and 3rd prize of a £5 Diamond Jubilee coin to Kate Moyses



A single draw ticket was issued to every-one attending the lunch and lucky numbers were drawn for 15 draw prizes of various Diamond Jubilee related items.

Wall displays were made of Royal memorabilia including photographs of souvenir mugs etc and records of the children of the Parish who received Coronation Mugs in 1953 also photographs of Silver Jubilee and Golden Jubilee parish celebrations. The foundation of the Wall-hanging, an embroidered map of the parish, which will have cross stitch pictures of the Parish Church, Methodist Church and Parish Hall included, was also on display.

The Big Lunch continued throughout the afternoon, and the helpers and lunch committee eventually sat down for lunch at 6pm!



The Children's Jubilee Tea held on Tuesday 5th June was attended by 34 children from Milton Damerel and Abbots Bickington and several parents and grandparents. On arrival, children (of all ages!) participated in crafts, making crowns, and face-painting, and this was followed by party games, such as musical chairs, pass the parcel, and an active tale of 'Royal' life requiring everyone to respond when their allocated character was mentioned! A scrumptious tea was served and then the Parish Council Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Medals and Certificates were presented by Grace Millman, Chairman of the Parish Council.

Party-time and tea-time overran significantly, so a great time was enjoyed by all!

A BIG THANK-YOU!

Events such as the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations are occasions when we should be very proud of what can be achieved in small communities. Volunteers from the Parish Hall committee and the Parish Council and others formed a Diamond Jubilee committee and from this, 3 working groups – the wall-hanging team, the lunch group and the children's tea party – were set on track! Several ideas for fund-raising to cover the costs of the celebration were offered and so from coffee mornings, carol singing, sales of the 'quircky queenly quiz', business and personal donations, just under £500 was raised. An unexpected bonus of £300 came from our District Councillor's Community Grant fund.

From New Year, throughout the Spring, plans were developed and worked on, decisions made about whether to plan outdoors or indoors, how many to cater for, what to provide and where to acquire it, what to charge, and so on. Occasional bouts of panic – will people want to come, will we cope, who will be able to help.

But to use an old expression – 'it was all alright on the night' - and therefore a tremendous appreciation to all the committee members and to all who helped and contributed in so many ways – designing and printing tickets, invites, certificates, etc., finding prizes for the quiz and draws, car parking & use of field, loan of items, cooking lots of food, making bunting and decorating the hall, setting up and laying up at the hall, serving up and waitressing, washing up, helping with the children's activities and tea, and of course clearing up and tidying up afterwards. 26 'thank you' letters have been sent to show our appreciation. A magnificent effort by all!!

Then, we need to recognise the good support received from everyone who came along to the fund-raising activities, all who bought tickets for the lunch and came along to join in and all who joined in with the children for the tea party. The response was most appreciated and made all the efforts most worthwhile.

The success of the celebrations financially has enabled the committee to make donations from surplus funds to the Parish Hall, Milton Damerel Methodist Church, Milton Damerel Parish Church and Abbots Bickington Church, and a 'Diamond Jubilee Cup' has been purchased for the Garden Society for presentation for 'Best in Show' at the annual Garden Show. A few expenses remain to be settled and any funds remaining thereafter will be added to the 'Step back in time' fund held by Parish Council to support any requests from parish young people for help with special activities, travel, etc. A full financial report will be reported in the newsletter when everything is concluded.

There will be a further event later in the year to celebrate the completion of the Wall-hanging, which will be displayed in the Parish Hall; we are hoping this will be another social occasion in the Parish Hall.

So as Chairman of the Parish Council and for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, to the members of the Diamond Jubilee committee, all other helpers, and to all who supported the events, I extend a BIG BIG THANK-YOU to you all for making our celebrations successful and truly memorable, and to use a most popular current expression – our legacy, in addition to lots of memories and many photographs taken, is our financial support for parish organisations, and legacy assets of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Cup and the Diamond Jubilee Wall-hanging as permanent reminders.

Thank-you all!

Grace Millman

An afternoon in Exeter celebrating HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A few months ago I was informed that Milton Parish Council had nominated me to go to Exeter to attend a garden party at the bishop's palace and to the Cathedral for a service to celebrate the diamond jubilee. I was able to take a guest so Leslie went with me. We were driven right to the palace gates by our grandchildren, as we entered into the gardens we were greeted by the bishop's wife. We walked up a path that led to the marquee where we were served tea, inside there was a long table on one side laid with cups and saucers and chairs on the other side and the middle. They had plenty of helpers that were busy passing around trays of food just like we would serve sandwiches, cakes, and scones with jam and cream.

We then made our way up to the Cathedral but no one was allowed in initially until a certain time, so there was quite a queue outside, some holiday makers were also around doing some shopping and they were told that it was a special service.

The seats were colour coded so that it made it easy to find we were seated and provided with an order of service. The Cathedral was looking beautiful; the floral arrangements were mainly red with gold ribbon. The schools had each made banners that hung around the pillars mostly depicting the Olympics, the one that was near us was from Honiton School. We also had to be upstanding when the mayors etc entered.

The service flowed through with several people taking part, the singing was lovely. The junior choristers sang two of the anthems that were fantastic. The service was divided into decades as were some of the other celebrations. There was a large screen that showed things that had taken place throughout each decade.

Near the end of the service bishop Michael presented a 'Diocesan big book of thanks' to the Lord Lieutenant saying "Lord Lieutenant, receive this record of gratefulness from the people of Devon and please present it to her majesty Queen Elizabeth".

The service ended with the national anthem then the choristers lead the congregation into 3 cheers.

This was a special day for us, which we will always remember, our thanks to the parish council.

Lilian Luxton



Queens Diamond Jubilee Quirky Queenly Quiz - ANSWERS

- 1) In which year did the Queen give her first live TV Christmas message? **1957**
- 2) Which member of a royal group played on high at the last Jubilee party? **Brian May**
- 3) Where was the last town to be given the title 'Royal'? **Wooton Bassett**
- 4) What culinary dish was created in 1953? **Coronation Chicken**
- 5) Which south coast town was favoured with a royal name by George V? **Bognor Regis (in 1928)**
- 6) Where was the first stop on the Queens Jubilee tour? **Leicester**
- 7) In which royal palace was Queen Victoria born? **Kensington (24/05/1819)**
- 8) What elaborate pavilion was created by George IV? **Brighton Pavilion**
- 9) Which singer/songwriter with a royal name had a hit with her first album in the decade of the Silver Jubilee?
..... **Carole King (with 'Tapestry)**
- 10) Where was Princess Elizabeth when her father died? **Royal Lodge Kenya**
- 11) In which port is it possible to view the Royal Yacht Britannia? **Leith**
- 12) When was the last Diamond Jubilee celebrated? **20th June 1897**
- 13) In which year did the Queen Mother move to Clarence House? **1953**
- 14) Where did the Queen distribute Maundy Money in her last Jubilee Year? **Canterbury**
- 15) Who was made a Knight of the Realm in a special ceremony at Greenwich? **Sir Francis Chichester (in 1967)**
- 16) Which British player was a winner in the Silver Jubilee Year? **Virginia Wade**
- 17) Where was the main childhood home of our current monarch? **145 Piccadilly**
- 18) Queen Elizabeth was the first monarch to attend a commoner's funeral. Whose was it? **Sir Winston Churchill**
- 19) Who was the last princess to be born on the Sandringham Estate? **Diana Spencer**
- 20) Where is the Queen's father buried? **Windsor, St George's Chapel**
- 21) Where did ships assemble to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee? **Spithead Portsmouth**
- 22) Whose was the first Royal wedding to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral? **Charles and Diana**
- 23) Where was the Queen born? **17 Bruton Street Mayfair**
- 24) Who was the first female Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports? **Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother**
- 25) Which Royal College has been attended by four generations of Royal families? **Dartmouth Naval College**
- 26) What are forever? **Diamonds**
- 27) Who became a member of the Royle family after being detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure? ... **Jim Royle/ Ricky Tomlinson**
- 28) Which member of the Royal family is entitled to arrive by land or sea? **Duke of Edinburgh**
- 29) Which Royle played for Everton from 1966 - 1974? **Joe Royle**
- 30) Which female Olympic competitor did not have to undergo obligatory gender tests? **Princes Anne**
- 31) What household name ruled over the Queen Victoria for several years? **Barbara Windsor**
- 32) How was Princess Elizabeth employed during the war? **A Subaltern in ATS**
- 33) Which royal town is famous for its Pantiles? **Royal Tunbridge Wells**
- 34) Which author depicted the royal family downsizing to a council estate? **Sue Townsend**
- 35) Which Royal Prince could not hack it as a Royal? **Prince Edward**
- 36) What is used to preserve your Christmas cake? **Royal Icing**
- 37) What is the first race called at the Queen's favourite race meeting? **Queen Ann Stakes (at Ascot)**
- 38) Which European republic did the Queen visit for the first time in 2011? **Ireland / Eire**
- 39) What famous jewel is contained in the crown jewels of England? **Koh -I - Noor Diamond**
- 40) Where was the last reigning English King killed in battle? **Bosworth Field**

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From The Holsworthy Post Looking Back

.. A news item from 11th August 1952. (9th August 2012 edition)

Clawton's annual open road walk on Saturday over a distance of about ten miles from Red Post, near Stratton to Clawton was won by 23 year old farmer, Barry Bellairs, who finished 15 seconds in front of Clawton's John Westacombe, who became the local winner.

A timely recollection about a Milton Damerel resident, during the 2012 Olympics – Barry Bellairs now resides at Hill View, Holsworthy Beacon.

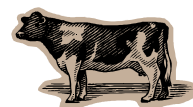
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Volunteer Car Driving - What's in it for me?

What are the benefits of being a volunteer car driver?

Becoming a volunteer driver is a wonderful thing to do; you help people in need, people who are not able to get to health appointments, to the shops or to leisure activities. You help make their life richer, more varied and healthier. You enable them to no longer feel stuck in their home, often isolated and perhaps lonely.

So is helping others the only reason to volunteer as a driver?

When you talk to volunteer drivers it is important, but rarely the only reason. This means it is perfectly ok to ask "What's in it for me?" before you start.

What some of our drivers have said:

"The mileage expenses help keep my car on the road. I have recently been unemployed, I now have several part time jobs, and need to keep my car but find it difficult to afford all the costs: volunteer driving helps." Kelly (49).

"After my wife died I felt lonely and isolated; volunteering gave me a reason to get out the door" says Bill (71). "I felt useful again and it gave me confidence to go out... Thank you for helping to change my life".

"When I retired I needed an excuse get out of the house to not do the redecorating" Hubie (70)

"I have had a wonderful working life, well paid, privileged... now I want to put something back. It makes me feel good." Alan (65).

"I worked as a carer and after redundancy needed to keep up my skills and my CV" Brian (45), "The reference I got helped me get another job. Result."

What do you need to be a volunteer driver?

A current driving licence.

Your own car, in good condition, fully insured, taxed and with a current MOT.

A willingness to have criminal records check carried out (CRB).

Time.

Remember you do not have to do any journey you do not want to do.

You can always say no.

What will you get in return?

You will be paid expenses, under most schemes this is 45p per mile, for fuel and the costs of running your car. In almost all circumstances this will not affect your tax or benefits position. You can talk through your circumstances with your local scheme co-ordinator.

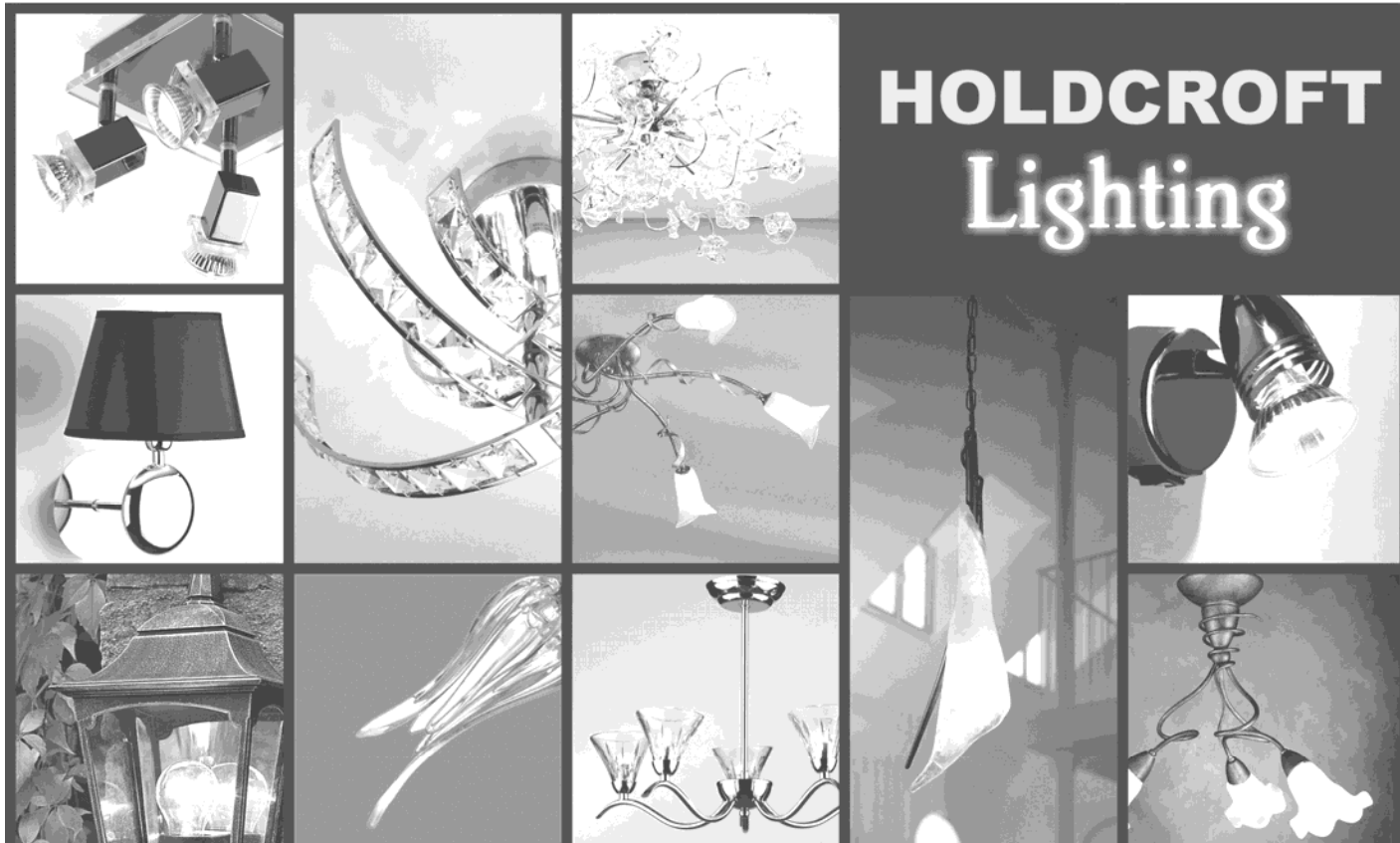
So - what is in it for you? It can help you to:

- get out of the house and make new friends
- keep your car on the road
- keep active in your community
- take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills
- get back into paid work

feel good about what you are doing.

Become a volunteer car driver today!

To find out about your local scheme, or for someone who can speak about car schemes at an event, just ask Jo at North Devon Access to Services Project: 01271 866300, jo@ndvs.org.uk



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SOCIETY NEWS

In June 24 members and guests turned out to welcome Mr. And Mrs. Heard the owners of Cheristow Lavender based at Hartland who brought a wide range of lavender based products ranging from oils to cakes the latter being very much appreciated by the audience.

They were a most interesting and entertaining couple who really did know there business and were able to give amazing facts and figures without consulting notes and invited everyone to visit their farm and tea rooms to see even more products.

The next event is the Garden Show on 15th September, this will be a disaster unless we get enough entries to make a good display, the awful weather has left everyone struggling to find vegetables to enter, as one member said to me their Kelsae is little larger than other onions and he meant spring onions.

SANDERS FAMILY OF MILTON DAMEREL, DEVON (Via email) *Can you help?*

To whom it concerns, I have just come across the Milton Damerel Parish Council website containing old newsletters and was most interested in reading articles on the Sanders families October 2001 and February 2002.

I am a great great great grandson of Richard Sanders and Agnes Littlejohns who married at Milton Damerel, Devon on June 18, 1827. Agnes may have died about 1833 as Richard came to Australia with wife Mary Brock.

Children were Grace baptised March 8, 1829, Grace was my gg grandmother, she died in 1870 aged 42 years, Maria baptised December 26, 1829 and William baptised September 18, 1833 all at Milton Damerel.

In 1840 Richard, a Carpenter was living at Welcombe, Devon when family migrated to Adelaide South Australia. Richard died in Adelaide December 26, 1840 aged 32 years. He was born 1808 according to age at death and possibly at Cooksbury, Devon, but place of birth not proven.

Is there a historical society in the Milton Damerel area that may be able to help.

I have just found another Richard Sanders born in Northam, Devon son of John Sanders and Agnes Jeffrey, this family also lived in Milton Damerel, listed in the 1841 and 1851 census.

This Richard died in Maryborough, Victoria, Australia in 1894 aged 63 years.

Regards Robin Parker, Maryborough, Victoria, Australia
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Winter & Self-Help: The Snow Warden Scheme

It has been a very wet and unseasonable summer, but I fear it is time to think what the winter might hold in store. As Snow Warden for the parish, I think its time to make preparation for a meeting of our volunteers, which will be held at the Parish Hall again, towards the end of October or beginning of November – date to be arranged and further details will be posted on notice boards. I hope that my present volunteers will be happy to attend, and there is a need for more volunteers to make the scheme work well. Last year we had a very mild winter and the scheme was not put to the test (thankfully!!); I would like to be more prepared for this year and that it still will not be put to the test! If others are able to volunteer or would like more information please contact Edgar Pett (Tel: 01409 261277).

(This scheme is supported by the Parish Council to try to enable as many as possible in the parish to be able to travel / have access, should more extreme winter conditions occur.)

Atlantic Array

An article from Councillor Alison Boyle – Devon County Council member for Bideford South & Hartland

Many of us recognise the need to identify and use the best alternative energy and the government is committed to increasing the promotion of energy used from renewable sources. There has been a significant increase in the number of land based wind turbines but the latest potential development being considered is a major off-shore wind turbine site which would be installed 14 miles off Lundy, with energy being fed into the existing substation at Alverdiscott. At the end of 2011/beginning of 2012, the Atlantic Array Advisory (AAA) Group was formed, comprising of 3 members of Devon County Council, 3 members of Torridge District Council and 3 members of North Devon District Council. The purpose of the group is to put forward a Local Impact Report which includes the financial and economic effects to the area, such as the disruption caused by connecting the cables from Cornborough to Alverdiscott.

The location of the Atlantic Array has been pre-determined by the Crown Estate and the site has been leased to the renewable energy company RWE. Therefore, it is not within the remit of the group to decide on the effectiveness of wind turbines, or their proposed location. The AAA group has to be focused on the impact to local communities.

As the county member within whose division lies Lundy, Cornborough, coastline extending from Abbotsham to Welcombe and a fair stretch of the A39, I had worked with parish councils to assess the opinions of residents and submitted their, and many of my own, concerns to DCC. Apart from concerns about the effectiveness of wind turbines and their environmental and ecological impact, I was very concerned by the Array being positioned in the centre of one of the world's busiest shipping channels. Therefore, I was very pleased to be appointed as one of the DCC members of the AAA group.

In April, members of the group were taken by RWE to view 2 off shore sites off N. Wales, Rhyl Flats and North Hoyle, and the substation enabling the connection to the grid. Both Rhyl Flats and North Hoyle are smaller than the proposed Atlantic Array and are fore-runners to a much larger off-shore site Gwynt y Mor, which will be built over the next few years. We were assured that neither of the two sites bore much visible impact – which was undeniably true but mainly because of the driving rain and fog!

We were introduced to representatives of the fishing and tourist sectors and a member of a North Wales district council administering their version of the Community Benefits Package. Half the party were taken to view the turbines in situ, with the other half visiting the construction of the cabling channels and the substation. In the afternoon we went to Mostyn Port, from where Operation and Maintenance is run. I asked how many vessels were used to service the Arrays and their frequency, and was amazed by the reply of approx. 20 on a daily basis.

The visit was very constructive and well organized by RWE, but we left with far more questions and a strong desire to speak to others of our own choosing.

There has been recent publicity that the number of turbines may well be decreased, but, I am concerned that to meet the expected output, whilst the number of turbines might fall, the size of the turbines will increase. It is a known fact that the efficiency of turbines is commensurate to the size of the turbine. Also, technology in the industry means that some of the land based turbines are being replaced by developers with larger turbines, even though they have not reached their designated life span.

The Array requires statutory consent which also involves the provision of a full Environmental Impact Assessment. There is a period of 6 weeks when this can be viewed and commented on, ending on 31st August 2012. Consultation exhibitions have been programmed in North Devon and Torridge. I am very pleased to report that by continual persistence, with the aid of a key officer in DCC, RWE has agreed, in principle, to stage an additional meeting for parish councillors within my division of Bideford South and Hartland.

Apart from economic concerns, such as the possible effect on the tourism, agrarian and fishing sectors, and the ecological concerns, (the Array will be in the Marine Conservation Zone), other concerns raised by me include:-

How will the turbines be secured to the sea bed – various alternatives have been suggested and the costs will be affected by the number of turbines involved.

Who will grant the planning consent – as I understand it, this will be decided upon by the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol

What level of funding might be available from the different streams under consideration, and how will the board, which administers funds, be comprised?

As I have always stated from the very start of this exercise. I long to be convinced that the Array – should it be developed – will have a significant impact on the effect and rational use of renewable energy. I very much hope that it would prove to be beneficial to the economy of the area, through the provision of funds substantial enough to really improve the life of those living in the area, without damaging the flora, fauna and quality of life which is so very essential to all of us who live in Northern Devon. These are the things for which I hope, but I have not, yet, reached that level of confidence.

I, together with the members of the Advisory Group and supporting officers, am working hard to extract the best possible deal for the area by the provision of relevant evidence of potential impact to the planning inspectorate during the planning process. We are also working hard, should permission be granted, that financial and economic benefits are maximised for the area from the project developer and will continue to do so.

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Serves 8

INGREDIENTS

For the pastry:

- 200g plain flour
- 50g caster sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 125g butter
- For the filling and topping
- 500-600g strawberries, stalks removed and washed
- 2tbsp icing sugar, sieved
- 250g mascarpone cheese
- 50g caster sugar
- 1 vanilla pod, split
- 250ml double cream



METHOD

To make the pastry, place the flour, sugar and salt in a food processor or mixing bowl and blitz or rub in the butter until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add 1 to 2tbsp of cold water and bind until it just comes together.

Knead lightly on a floured surface to a smooth dough. Roll out so it is thick enough to line a 22-23cm tart tin. Leave any excess pastry hanging over the edge.

Prick the base several times with a fork and chill in the fridge for 20 to 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200°C/gas 6. Line the chilled pastry case with a piece of greaseproof paper and fill with a layer of baking beans or rice.

Cook for 20 minutes. Remove the paper and cook for another 5-10 minutes until the pastry is golden and crisp. Trim around the edges with a sharp knife.

Take 250g of the strawberries and blend to a purée with the icing sugar. Strain and keep to one side. To make the filling, lightly beat together the mascarpone cheese, caster sugar and seeds from the vanilla pod until smooth.

In a separate bowl, whisk the cream until it forms soft peaks. Fold into the vanilla mascarpone and continue to whisk until it reaches a spreadable consistency.

Spoon into the cool pastry case and smooth over the surface. Slice the remaining strawberries in half and arrange on top of the mascarpone cream until covered. Keep in the fridge for two hours if you aren't planning on eating straight away. Just before serving, spoon some of the strawberry sauce over the tart, with the rest on the side.

TOP TIP

If you want to make this in advance, the mascarpone filling and strawberry sauce can be chilled for 24 hours

MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

Meetings will be held, as usual, on the 1st Tuesday of September, October & November, at the Parish Hall at 2.30pm.

The programme of monthly summer coach trips is nearly complete. In July we visited Teignmouth and on 21st August the trip is to Lynmouth, with coffee stop at the Quince Honey Farm and fish and chips at The Pelican on the way home. The final trip, on 18th September, is a visit to St. Ives, with coffee at Trethorne and stopping at Indian Queens', Port and Starboard for fish and chip supper.

New members very welcome – from the parish and neighbouring parishes – please just come along to the Parish Hall on a Tuesday, or contact one of the names below.

Enquiries to: Mr Les Yelland – Chairman
Mrs J Daly – Secretary
Mrs June Vanstone - Treasurer

COMPENSATION EXPLOSION – WHO IS TO BLAME?

Like the rest of the population, I was brought up in a world where the bank manager was regarded as a man with the utmost integrity. He was a pillar of the community, a friend to customers, and someone to go to in time of need. The insurance man was a little further down the social order – but he too was reliable, as the man to cover you for a rainy day. How times have changed.

Today we have bank after bank displaying a complete disregard for the basic rules of economics and a complete failure to act in their customers' best interests. The name "banker" now has undertones which previous generations of bankers would find shaming and shameful. And what of the insurance world?

We have witnessed a huge expansion in insurable risks and size of insurance companies. Huge insurance company take overs and mergers have been the order of the day. The trusted insurance man who knocked on the door has all but disappeared. We also see insurers in denial that they are the ones responsible for driving up the premiums we are asked to pay.

In my line of work, I have done thousands of compensation claims, usually with an insurance company making the final payout. Rarely have I experienced them making early admissions of liability on behalf of their insured, and even more rarely have I seen them adopting a collaborative approach to enable the claimants to get their just compensation for as few costs as possible.

The latest whinge from insurers has been the allegation that claimant lawyers like me have been the major cause of personal injury claims. The Association of British Insurers rail against an "explosion" in personal injury claims which have been stoked by claimant lawyers and by claims management companies. It seems that the more often an allegation is repeated, the more likely it is to be regarded as true in the public consciousness. The yardstick appears to be to never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Ipsos Mori was recently commissioned to survey 900 claimants to establish who first contacted them about the possibility of bringing a claim. Nearly 600 of them confirmed that their first point of contact was from an insurance company. It was the insurer who alerted them to the possibility of a claim. It was the insurer who did the fixing to get their claim under way. The insurer was the body encouraging them to make the claim.

All this was going on whilst insurers were demonising claimant lawyers. If there has been an explosion of claims, then on the statistics in this poll, two thirds of the "dynamite" has been supplied by the insurers themselves. It is they who are primarily responsible for the increase in our premiums, using claimant lawyers as their convenient scapegoat. Such behaviour is indefensible.

We live in a greatly changed world – a very challenging environment. We are fed facts and figures from all angles. But if banks and insurers can no longer be relied on to give facts to us as they really are, instead of as they want them to appear, then it is a sad day for society as a whole.

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We went for an evening meal and it really was a treat, not a vast menu but all well prepared and presented with something for everyone. I had Whitebait, Crabcake and King Prawn for starters with a chilli and mango dip, delicious, followed by Peppered Beef, served with fresh vegetables, creamy leeks, Ratatouille and Dauphinoise potatoes, I finished with Panacotta and Raspberries, do save room for one of their home made sweets, or their Cheese Board, you'll find it very difficult to choose which to have. Chowder and Pate were also on the menu which our friends had as starters, the men had Sea Bass fillets which were moist and nicely cooked.

Coasters do not have a licence to sell alcohol but you can take your own wine or beer, glasses are provided but they do charge £2 corkage.

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Linda finally had an excuse for running late



Milton Damerels future photography club?



Walking Parish Footpaths

The May walk at Dunsdon did not happen due to the atrocious weather conditions that day. The June walk was blessed with a warm sunny morning and ten people turned out in Bradworthy. The walk took in two of their footpaths and a recently cleared bridal way which had become unusable due to deep surface water problems. The walk ended with a visit to the St. Peter's Well which has been refurbished as a Diamond Jubilee project and a look inside the Parish Church which has also undergone a major upgrade. Future walks are listed below and everyone is welcome. The July walk welcomed a number of new walkers with a total of eleven people exploring the Vognacott area of Chilsworthy. The venture proved to be extremely wet and muddy under foot and highlighted a number of areas that need bringing to the attention of the Rights of Way wardens. For the August walk we were joined by members of the Holsworthy History Society and had a combined turnout of 30 for a guided walk led by members of the Bude Canal Trust. The walk started from Vealand Nature Reserve and followed the canal tow path into Cornwall where the path is designated a permissive path rather than a public footpath. Various pieces of the old canal architecture including the inclined plane, bridges and other items were pointed out and their use explained, which all made for a very enjoyable excursion. The morning finished with refreshments provided at the nearby home of one of the Canal Trust members.

10 Sept * Pyworthy - starting from the Village Hall car park

8 Oct Bradworthy - starting from The Square

12 Nov * Milton Damerel - starting from the Parish Hall car park. All 10am start.

** Please note that the September and November walk locations have been swapped around - this being due to a clash with another walking group in the same week.*

For further information please contact Michael on 261196 or Robert on 254211

Those of you who walk our own footpath from Worden Cross to Glover's Cottage will have noted that the broken stile has been replaced with a self closing gate. This is in line with DCC's current policy to make rights of way more accessible. Also, access to the ladder stile at Whitebear Cottage has been greatly improved with the building of three steps which have been cut into the banking. For any new residents to the Parish who are not sure of the routes of our Parish footpaths, there is a free download available from the Parish website - www.miltondamerel.com.

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MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL NEWS

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We have not had a Meeting since the last issue of the Newsletter. The use of the Hall was given to the Jubilee Committee, F.O.C. to use for the Jubilee events. We appreciate the donation given after the event from funds remaining. As previously mentioned, we are always looking for new members, with new ideas and help in running the Parish Hall. Please do come along to our next meeting in September.

EVENTS REPORT.

COUNTRY WALK. Friday 6th July 2012. 5pm to 7pm Start at John and Christine Buckpitt. Moor View Farm. Please Book. Fortunately this was Cancelled, because of the weather. **Watch for posters, another may be organised.**

FUTURE EVENTS

All Proceeds for the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated.

A.G.M. Monday 10th September 2012 @ 7.30p.m. New Committee Members Welcomed

BEETLE DRIVE. Saturday 29th September 2012. 7.30p.m.. £1.50 Adults £1.00 children. Family Fun.

FUN SKITTLES. Saturday 6th October 2012. 7.00p.m.. £2 Adult, £1 Child (under 11). Refreshments available. BYO Wine/Beer. Teams of two, but can be partnered up on evening.

WHIST DRIVE Friday 12th October 2012. 7.30 for 8.00p.m.. £2 per person

'PRIZE' BINGO Saturday 10th November 2012. 7.30 for Eyes down 8.00. New event for us, please support, if you can.

WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 17th November 2012. 7.30 for 8.00. £2 per person

WINE & WISDOM Saturday 24th November 2012. 7.30 for 8.00. £5 per person. Teams of 6. Couples and singles welcomed, can make up teams on arrival. **Please Book.** Any number below.

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.

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 Joyce Daly 259 115

Line dancing. Every Tuesday, 7pm to 8.30pm. £2. Small group, more members welcomed. Enquiries (please ring, if new, as an evening may be cancelled) 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 Roberta 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.

LINE DANCING

At Milton Damerel Parish Hall

Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm

£2.00 per session

Tel: Lesley 261294 or Mary 261248



PC 4936 – Andy Moakes }
 PCSO 30099 - Raquel Rowe }
 PCSO 30103 - Beverley Bray }

Police Co-ordinators

Holsworthy Pol. Station
 Tel: 101

Local Co-ordinators

Strawberry Bank: Roger Copp - Tel. 261681
 Gratton: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277
 Whitebear & Fore Street Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277
 Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196
 Holsworthy Beacon: Jackie - e/m – jacdee1999@yahoo.co.uk

General

At the moment we are in the fortunate position of not having very much happening in the way of criminal activity to report in the Parish. There have been one or two reportable incidents over the last few months with the police taking appropriate action. This situation is largely due to the vigilance and observations of our residents, thereby keeping our area a very undesirable one for criminals and opportunists.

Please keep up the good work, it makes for a happy and desirable area for us all to live in.

Holsworthy Beacon

A warm welcome is extended to Jackie Beckles who has taken on the responsibility for being co-ordinator for the Holsworthy Beacon area. Jackie expresses her thanks to all the residents who supported the public meeting which was held in June and which confirmed backing for a local Watch group. Peter Fry has stepped forward to be deputy co-ordinator and there has been an uptake of 15 households joining the scheme to-date. If there are any households who were not able to attend the meeting or haven't yet been contacted by Jackie or Peter, please feel free to contact Jackie, who's details are above. Thanks also to the generosity of the Parish Councils of Milton Damerel and Holsworthy Hamlets, who have paid for NHW street signs, we will soon be able to advertise our presence to everybody passing through the hamlet.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles

Whilst this has not been a particular problem within the Parish, thefts from vehicles in the Bideford and coastal areas has been on the increase recently. It is mainly opportunist thieves who are taking advantage of items which have been left on view. A favorite being satellite navigation systems which have been left sat on the dashboard. Handbags, wallets, mobile phones, cameras, sporting equipment and even clothing if left on view are all tempting targets. We all need to leave things in the car from time to time so please make sure they are locked in the boot and out of sight. Also, don't forget to take the keys out of the ignition – even if you are leaving the vehicle for only a few minutes. Putting temptation out of the way is helping to prevent opportunist crimes.

Bogus Door to Door Collections

The police have reported a number of calls recently about suspected bogus door to door collections. There are certain protocols for persons asking for money from members of the public and these must be for registered charities and similar organisations. Under no circumstances should any conversations regarding money or bank accounts be undertaken on the doorstep without seeing some form of I.D. etc., and you should never disclose any P.I.N. numbers for accounts or cards. If any person knocks at your door requesting money or cash and you are in any way doubtful of the legitimacy of the collector call the Police straight away on 101 or in an emergency 999. Try to remember as much specific detail of the caller and make a note of any vehicle registration number they may be using.

Please remember, your senses are usually right - If something does not feel or seem legitimate or you are being put under pressure then simply decline and close the door.

With NHW now established in all of our major hamlets it is felt that it would be beneficial to expand the scheme to include the whole of the Parish. Whilst we fully understand that many properties are somewhat isolated we feel that they can still benefit by receiving the periodic messages which we and the police issue, when there is a problem or something of concern happening in our area. We ask nothing in return apart from your vigilance and good neighbourliness. If anybody would like any further information or like to be included, please speak to your nearest co-ordinator.

Rural Policing Update:

Summary of theft that was reported are as follows:

Milton Damerel: Scrap metals such as copper pipes, wiring and mixer drum

Clawton: Mixture of bank notes and cash stolen from vehicle

Cookbury: 4x Hazel Trees

Sutcombe: 4' Black Board advertising eggs for sale

Bradworthy: Antique wooden costermonger wooden cart



Criminal Damage to Vehicles

Thornbury: Two vehicles with windscreen cracked and one vehicle with rear window and indicator clusters smashed.

There were two people charged and bail to court for Burglary, Arson and Theft from Motor Vehicles in Bradworthy.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

Don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for non-emergency or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

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New Battery Recycling Service for Torridge Residents

Wondering what to do with used household batteries is soon to become a thing of the past in Torridge - the council is introducing a weekly collection service for recycling them.

From Monday 2nd July local residents will benefit from being able to put their unwanted old batteries into their green recycling box along with their glass bottles and jars, food tins, drinks cans, and plastic bottles.

Halloween Word search

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Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be emailed to mdnews@miltondamerel.com or to any of us individually. Our correspondence address is Chapel View, Milton Damerel, EX22 7PB. We want to hear from you with letters for inclusion, topical issues, features you like and also changes to improve the content and style for future editions. We also need every-one to let us know special birthdays, births, anniversaries, and other congratulations. Also tributes to parish residents.

Advertisements

Conditions of acceptance. Orders for insertion of advertisements in this newsletter are subject to the approval of the members who may refuse or alter any copy. The newsletter and the members:- a) accept no liability for any loss or damage caused by an error or inaccuracy in the printing of any advertisement. b) Shall not be liable for any loss caused by the failure of the advertisement to appear on any particular day, in any specified position or page or by its failure to appear at all, and they reserve the right to refuse to continue its publication regardless of terms and conditions of any order or contract. Trades Descriptions Act 1968—All traders are reminded of the needs to ensure that goods offered for sale by advertisements comply with all relevant provisions of the above mentioned act.

To advertise in this newsletter contact David on 01409 261577 for more details.

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 16th November 2012

WHAT'S ONa selection of local events in Holsworthy and North Devon

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Armistice Parade & Service of Remembrance	Sunday, 11 th November	
Holsworthy Winter Carnival:	Saturday, 17 th November	Contact Wendy Rogers 01409 254589
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.theploughartscentre.org.uk
Heartbreak Theatre present	Saturday, 1 st September – Open Air Performance at Hartland Abbey	
A Night at the Musicals Part 2	Friday, 7 th & Saturday 8 th September @ 7.30pm	
Alone in Antarctica. Felicity Aston (Solo trek last year)	Thursday, 4 th October @ 8pm	
Nicholas Nickleby performed by Gerald Dickens (great great grandson)	Saturday, 6 th October @ 8pm	
Ballet Cymru – The Tempest	Saturday, 13 th October @ 8pm	
Puppetcraft – Circle of Tales	Tuesday, 23 rd October @ 7.30pm Wednesday, 24 th October @ 10.30am & 7.15pm	
An afternoon of Balkan Circle Dancing with Balamouth	Sunday, 11 th November @ 3 to 6pm	
	Drama, classical music, opera, children's shows, popular music (including rock, jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts and community	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Queen's Theatre 60 th Anniversary Open Day Special Variety Show	Friday, 14 th September @ 10am @ 7.15pm	
Moscow Ballet – La Classique - Nutcracker	Friday, 2 nd November @ 7.45pm	
Festival of Remembrance	Sunday, 4 th November @ 2.30pm	
Orchestra of Welsh National Opera	Tuesday, 6 th November @ 7.30pm	
Barnstaple Music Comedy Society - Carousel	Wednesday, 14 th to Saturday, 17 th November @ 7pm Saturday, 17 th November @ 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

Coffee Morning St Peters Church	1 September	10:30am	7
Alpha	6 September	7pm	6
Walking parish footpaths	10 September	10am	22
PH AGM	10 September	7:30pm	
Coffee Morning Holsworthy memorial hall	12 September	9pm	7
Circuit Festival	14-16 September		4
Garden Show	15 September		17
Harvest Festival - Woodacott Methodist Church	16 September	3pm	7
Over 60s trips	18 September		19
Church cleanup	21 September	2-5	6
Ferret Racing, Bradford VH	22 September	7pm	7
Concert	23 September	7:30pm	4
Harvest Festival - Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	23 September	11am	7
Beetle drive	29 September	7:30pm	

Fun Skittles	6 October	7:00pm	
Harvest Festival - Holy Trinity Church	7 October	3pm	7
Walking parish footpaths	8 October	10am	22
Whist Drive	12 October	7:30 for 8pm	
Harvest Festival - MD Methodist Church	14 October	11am	7
Bring & share buffet tea	15 October	6:30pm	7
Concert	21 October	7:30pm	7
Church cleanup	26 October	2-5	6

Prize Bingo	10 November	7:30 for 8pm	
Walking parish footpaths	12 November	10am	22
Torridge male voice choir, Bradford VH	17 November	7pm	7
Whist Drive	17 November	7:30 for 8pm	
Church cleanup	23 November	2-5	6
Wine and Wisdom	24 November	7:30 for 8pm	
Concert	25 November	7pm	4

Regular Events

Open Chapel	2nd Thursday afternoon 2:30 - 5pm
Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Mobile Library	Tuesdays – each fortnight 2pm
MD & District Over 60s Club	1 st Tuesday of each month (not Jan)
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm
Gardening Society	1 st Wednesday of each month (not Jan) 7.30pm
Parish Council meetings	3 rd 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 th Sunday of each month 11.30am

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Start arranging, baking and picking entries for the Garden Show.

Mow on any day that it doesn't rain.

Weed at every opportunity.

Strim banks, verges and trim hedgerows.

Clear up all discarded green waste from the veg. plot and glasshouse, add to compost heap to

Continue mowing as necessary raising the blade a little by the end of the month.

Get on top of weeding while the weather allows.

Any remaining fruit crops should be gathered in.

Lift and protect any tender plants, Dahlias, Geraniums, Gladioli, Begonias etc.

Mow even if it is only once in the month.

If you use them top up your stock of dry logs.

GARDENERS DIARY

Prevailing weather conditions may alter the timing of certain tasks