

# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Spring Edition



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## Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held on 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.

**Planning Matters.** The Parish Council was consulted on the demolition of obsolete buildings at the rear of Milton Damerel Methodist Church Hall, on the retrospective application for the amended location of the solar photovoltaic array at Higher Woodford Farm and the listed building consent application for the installation of a biomass wood pellet boiler, flue, radiators and hot water cylinders at Milton House.

The application for 27 dwellings including 5 affordable homes at Town Farm was received too late to be considered at the January meeting however the plans were put on display on 28 January for residents to view and an Open Forum was planned when representatives of the developers agreed to attend to talk about the plans and answer questions. Information was to be available from Holsworthy Community Property Trust about affordable houses and their management and residents could put their views to the Parish Council but the application has been withdrawn for now and the Open Forum postponed. When the application is re-submitted the revised date for the Open Forum will be advertised with posters around the parish or if you require notification by email please let the clerk have your email address.

[The Step Back in Time Fund for young people has been boosted by a donation of £80 from the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Grants can be made from this fund, which has a balance of £183.02, to help young people of the Parish undertake special activities such as volunteering at an event at home or overseas. Applications can be sent at any time in writing to the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk outlining the project for which a grant is requested.](#)

**Setting of the Annual Precept.** At the meeting in January members confirmed the budget as proposed at the November meeting and the budget requirement was set for the fifth year in succession at £2350. This is to cover the running cost and grant giving commitments of the Parish Council and will be collected through the Council Tax bills.

The Brown Bag cardboard recycling service will start on 1st April. This bag will be collected along with the green box and bag on your regular weekly scheduled collection day. All flattened cardboard including egg boxes and printed cardboard such as cereal packets can be included in the brown bag but must have all sticky tape and staples removed first. The brown bags will be delivered in March to all households along with leaflets to explain the new arrangements. From 1st April cardboard will NO LONGER be collected in green wheelie bins. Residents can also put out small electrical items for recycling; these should be placed in an ordinary carrier bag inside or next to the green box/bag. All recycling must put out by 6.30am on collection day.

**Bus timetable changes.** The Parish Council have again been notified by Western Greyhound Bus Services of changes to various bus services with effect from 15 April 2013. These include the reinstatement of some journeys withdrawn in December. The 599 services from Bude to Exeter via Holsworthy has again been modified. The Parish Clerk can email a revised timetable if so required.

Devon County Council elections are due to take place in five electoral divisions including our own, Bideford South and Hartland, on 2 May 2013. To encourage as many people as possible to consider standing as candidates there will be a briefing event for prospective candidates and their agents on Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 7pm at TDC officers at Riverbank House Bideford. For further information contact TDC Senior Electoral Services Officer on 01237 428702.

**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](http://www.miltondamerel.com).

Roberta Jackson  
Parish Clerk  
21 February 2013



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**To Stanley Blight of Meadow View, Lower Grawley**, who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
**To Norman Webber of Whitebear Cottage**, who celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
**To Neil Stevens & Lizzie Daniel**, of 1, **Fore Street**, on the birth of their son, Caine on 10<sup>th</sup> February  
**To Sheila Daniel**, of **Woodford farm**, who celebrates her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013  
**To Sarah Harper**, of **Crossways**, who celebrates a big 'o' birthday sometime soon!  
**To Bobby Fairbrother of Rosemead**, who celebrated his 16th birthday on 27th February  
**To David Fairbrother of Rosemead**, who celebrates his 18th birthday on 9th April



### GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

#### Welcome to:

**Adela Webb & Sam** who have moved into **Littlejohns Cottage with Adela's Dad, John.**  
**Simon & Sue Ward**, who have moved into **East View Cottage, Venn Green.**  
**Mark & Brenda Keefe** and dad **Ken Keefe**, who have moved into **Garden of Eagles, Venn Green**  
**Colin & Pat Edwards**, who will be moving into Arden, Venn Green  
**Mark & Helen Elliott**, who have moved into **Rose Cottage, Shop Hill**  
**Tim & Margaret Morley**, who have moved into Higher Walland

#### Goodbye & Best Wishes to:

**Richard & Mags Morgan**, who have moved from **Rose Cottage, Shop Hill**  
**Steven & Jules Rothwell**, who have moved from **East View Cottage, Venn Green**  
**Brian & June Harding**, who have moved from **Garden of Eagles, Venn Green**



### OUR SYMPATHIES

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

**Malcolm Cameron**, of **Southerly, Gidcott Cross**, on the recent loss of his wife, **Ros.**

Milton Damerel Parish Council

### Have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk

To work 4 hours per week from home and monthly meetings in the Parish Hall  
 This is a varied and interesting position for someone with good administrative and IT skills

*For further details of the position contact the current clerk Mrs Roberta Jackson*

Application letters together with CV should then be sent to

Chairman: Mrs Grace Millman

or Vice Chairman: Mr Stephen Moyse

Closing date for applications 1 April 2013

*For contact detail please see the Parish Council report on page 2 of this newsletter*

## Chapel News – March 2013

**“RENEWAL & UPDATING.....”** - Work starts on the chapel buildings on 21st February and will be ongoing for several weeks. There will be demolition of the old primary school kitchen and toilets, and the old ladies toilet in the graveyard; re-roofing and flooring for the storage shed in the graveyard; re-plastering, new floor, decorations and heaters for the Schoolroom; re-roofing and plastering for the organ recess; re-roofing of the Kitchen & Boardroom and flooring for the Boardroom; and, new units for the Kitchen.

Whilst all this is progressing we will remain “open for normal business”. Sunday Services, Bible Study and Milton Monsters will continue regularly and we will be pleased to welcome you to any of these! We have, however, decided not to have an Easter concert or the Afternoon Tea & Cakes in March, as we are uncertain on what facilities may be still in use!

At the conclusion of the works we will want to “show off” our renewed premises and will be planning some events to celebrate.

**SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES** –. The Sunday Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, The last Sunday each month is Family Service for everyone (all ages!). 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. **Also see Junior News and other reports and events for Sunday Club.**

### Family Services:

**31<sup>st</sup> March EASTER DAY**

**Mr Chris Andrew**

**Also see “Easter Brunch”**

**28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Mr Roy Harris**

**26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Special Celebration Service**

**by the Sunday Club**

**BIBLE STUDY** – Since completing Genesis, we moved on to the Book of Exodus; we have, however, now taken a break from Exodus to follow a Lent study course for 5 weeks starting on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Again we are following one of the York Courses, titled ‘Glimpses of God, Hope for Today’s World’. The material includes listening to CD dialogue featuring Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Revd Professor David Wilkinson, and Rt Hon Shirley Williams, and then discussion on some pertinent questions raised in the dialogues. Although 2 sessions will have been completed by the time of the delivery of the Newsletter, 3 sessions remain and it is not necessary to have taken part in the first sessions – just come along for the next 3 sessions at 7.30pm on Monday evenings in the Kitchen. The topics for these sessions are: The Son who is The Way, The Truth & The Life; The God who shares our pain; and The God who calms our fears.

Our group of up to 10, includes friends from other churches and neighbouring villages, We are very informal and inclusive – why not try us?

## CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH 2013 TO MAY 2013

MAR		APR		MAY	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Grace Millman	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Valerie Carter	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lilian Luxton
10 <sup>th</sup>		14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Gwyneth Johns	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Joanne Carter
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Mary Carter	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sally Piper
24 <sup>th</sup>		28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Ann Poole	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Christine Poole
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Valerie Carter				

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

**CHRISTMAS** – The Parish Carol Service held at the Methodist Church raised £185.00 for Action for Children, who forwarded the money to Holsworthy Children’s Centre. We thank all who supported this. The Sunday Club, with helpers, took part in a simple Nativity; thank you to Joseph – William, Mary – Adelaide, the Angel and star – Harriet, Innkeeper – Brandon. Also thanks to Katie – shepherd who lent us Sophie – the little lamb, the intrepid Kings, you know who you are! To Elsie Potter, our preacher, and Grace for playing. **Katie Allin & Sheila Daniel**

**“OPEN CHAPEL”** – The chapel will be open during the summer (after the works have been completed) on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoon of each month from 2.30pm to 5pm** for any-one 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.

**CONTACTS** – For further information or help please contact: Rev Meg Slingo, The Manse, Shebbear, Beaworthy, EX21 5SH (Tel: 01409-281262) Our Steward: Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355), Our Church Council Secretary: Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466), Our Caretakers: Steve & Sarah Weal (Tel: 261694)

## Holy Trinity Milton Damerel

Though it was some time ago I hope everyone enjoyed the Carol Service. It was an honour to have the Archdeacon conduct the service, thank you to all those who attended and contributed in some way. Well done to Richard Piper on winning the Christmas cake raffle which raised a handsome £130. for the church roof fund.

There has been little progress in getting a new Rector. Though there were two applicants from around the Diocese one pulled out so only one was available for interview. To provide Milton, Holcombe and Holsworthy with a proper choice it was decided to advertise the post more widely and the position is now advertised in the Church Times. We await responses.

The Services continues on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11.30. Fr Nigel Jackson-Steven will take the Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb with 24<sup>th</sup> Mar and 28<sup>th</sup> Apr tbc.

## Churchyard Gardening

The churchyard gardening continues and the willing band of volunteers have made a real difference to the state of the churchyard. This has been commented on by all visitors and is a credit to all who give their time. Thank you very much.

The big jobs for this year will be to progress with the hedge laying around the boundary which was recommended by the Diocese Advice Service as the odd bit of impromptu building repairs and keeping on top of the grass.

The dates for the spring church gardening are 22nd March, 26th April, 10th May and 24th May. If the weather looks foul then give Anne or John Binns a call to check it is still going ahead.

The times after Feb will be between 2 PM and 5 PM, if you can spare an hour or more (or less) sometime between these times you will be welcome and if you time it right there will be tea or coffee.

**Music Festival Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May**– Kelly College Tavistock have offered to put on a music festival to raise funds for the Church. Full details to follow but please consider keeping your diaries free that evening. We plan to have toilet facilities for this occasion in order to make our visitors comfortable.

**Milton Damerel Methodist Church**

**EASTER BRUNCH**

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**From 9.45am – 10.45am**

**Tea / Coffee & Goodies**

**Easter Makes**

**EASTER DAY FAMILY SERVICE**

**At 11am**

**With Chris Andrew**

**SUNDAY CLUB SPECIAL  
CELEBRATION SERVICE**

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**At 11am**

*Come along and join in with these  
family-centred events*

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**Abbots Bickington**

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington

Tel: 01409 241411

**Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Last Thursday of each month**

**10am – 12 noon Chapel hall**

**Warm welcome to all!**

## **JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS**

### **Milton Monsters**

We held our annual party in January, when Kelvin Isaacs brought along his disco music and organised games. Kelvin commented on how well everyone "joined in" and enjoyed it. Thanks to all who brought food for the Bring & Share Tea. We are grateful to Bond Oxborough & Phillips for their very generous gift of £100 for our funds, a big thankyou from all of us!



In February we met for Pancake Tea and members made decorated hearts and played games.

Our programme continues as follows:

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 5 – 6.30pm** in the Schoolroom (building work permitting)

**RED NOSE DAY BAKE, Easter Crafts.**

**Do something funny for money – Dress in Red, please**



**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April – Fencing**



**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May – Rounders, Beetle Drive & Pizza Making**



**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – Indoors or Outdoors Sports**

All at 5 – 6.30pm in the Schoolroom unless we let you know otherwise!

### **Sunday Club**

Members of the Sunday Club are going to see the musical – Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm at The Plough, Torrington. We are joining with other Young People from Torrington and Black Torrington for a fish and chip tea before the performance.

Easter Brunch – **Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March** in the Kitchen and, if possible, the Schoolroom from 9.45 through to 10.45am. Enjoy a treat out to celebrate Easter, we will be serving teas, coffees and other goodies. Some Easter makes for the young and young at heart. You are welcome to stay on for Easter Family Service with Chris Andrew at 11am or to leave, as you choose. We would love to see you!

There will be a Special Celebration Service by the Sunday Club on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** at 11am. Collection will be donated to Sunday Club funds. We will be delighted to have your support for this.

## Milton Damerel Methodist Church Sunday Club Report

On Monday morning of half term, Milton Damerel Methodist Church Sunday Club volunteered their time to the Bude foodbank.

Bude Foodbank which incorporates the Holsworthy satellite bank is located in the New Life Centre in Bude. Caring professionals and organisations give individuals and families in crisis vouchers, whilst other support is being organised. The vouchers can be exchanged for three days worth of groceries.

The Foodbank is purely charity led and relies on food collections from community groups, churches, schools and individuals.

The Sunday Club were warmly welcomed and soon set to work on the donations of food for that had been given for that day. Tasks included; checking best before dates, weighing food, sorting, stacking and putting together grocery packs. Luckily there was a balanced diet list to work from, as otherwise the Sunday Club had some interesting ideas in what they thought should go in the food parcels, mostly biscuits and chocolate!

Since April 2012 the Foodbank has helped local people in crisis with 4200kgs of food going to 396 adults and 234 children. An incredible number of people, that are local to us and could of gone for days without food, if it wasn't for this organisation.

The Sunday Club discovered they could help local people in crisis by giving a few items of food, particularly tinned meat, fish, tinned tomatoes, sugar, jams, squash and chocolate puddings and dropping them off to either the Foodbank direct, Bradworthy School or at Milton Methodist Chapel.

The Sunday Club would like to thank the Foodbank for a super morning and they hope to go back and help in future school holidays.

Katie Allin

Milton Methodist Chapel Sunday Club.



*All residents are cordially invited to attend the*

**Milton Damerel**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

to be held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 17 April at 7.30 pm

The speaker will be

**Matt Edworthy** from the Biosphere Reserve

Who will talk about the North Devon Nature Improvement Area Project  
and how the Parish might get involved.

*Local organisations will present their reports*

*It is also an opportunity for parishioners to raise matters of concern*

Light Refreshments will be served

## St PETERS CHURCH, THORNBURY

### PLOUGH SUNDAY

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan we celebrated a very old tradition of Plough Sunday, we had a lovely service, 3 local young farmers clubs were represented and took part in the service, Clawton, Woolsery & Buckland Brewer. We had a plough in the church, kindly sourced and transported by the Chandler Family, an 'antique' plough share kindly loaned by James & Rachel Poole of South Wonford. After the service everyone enjoyed locally made pasties and some mulled cider. Thank you to everyone who came along to join us.

### SOUP & ROLLS FOR LENT

Following our success with Soup & Rolls for Advent – thank you to everyone who supported our 3 Saturdays; a very sociable time was enjoyed by all, plus the tasting of some new flavours for some. A total of £162 was raised for church funds.

So, we will be open again for SOUP & ROLLS on SATURDAYS, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 12 noon til 1.30 pm at St Peters Church. There will be a raffle, plus tea and coffee.

**COFFEE MORNINGS** – St Peters will be re-starting their monthly Coffee Mornings on the first Sat of each month. The first one being on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am til 12, cakes, raffle, bric a brac, friendly chat and coffee – please pop along and join us if you can. May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### RECYCLING & RAISING MONEY!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our bag collection – we managed to collect nearly 40 bags, which weighed in at 200kgs – an excellent amount, which has resulted in a £100 donation for St Peters Church, Thornbury. Thank you again, and we have another collection booked for Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May, so if you are planning a bit of spring cleaning/clearing out please remember us. I will have the bags very soon, or you can just pop your items into a bin liner and leave at St Peters, or pass on to me.

You can recycle Adult & Children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and bags, but please no bric a brac.

For more info call me on 01409 261312 or email [liz@kingsfordfarm.plus.com](mailto:liz@kingsfordfarm.plus.com)

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** – thank you to everyone who supported the Carols on the Green evening in Thornbury, we had a wonderful turn out, a good sing song and raised £120 for the Devon Air Ambulance, many thanks to Peter Fry for providing the music, Thelma Priest for the hospitality, Gillian Hughes for providing the Mulled Wine and to everyone who brought along mince pies for us all to share.

**EMBRACE** – the collections from St Peters Carol Service and Christmas Day service was donated to Embrace the Middle East – a charity undertaking some very worthwhile work, a total of £189.05 was raised from the service collections – many thanks to everyone who supported this.

Liz Priest



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## PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW - UP



**Affordable Housing ..** A significant planning application for 27 houses at Milton Town, incorporating 5 affordable homes, and including the 10 houses previously approved on the western side of the site, was notified and advertised in late January. This application was subsequently withdrawn by reason of "technical matters requiring resolution before the application can be considered" and the Open Forum, arranged by the Parish Council for 13<sup>th</sup> February, was postponed.

Subject to resolving these matters, Drew Construction, the developers, intend re-submitting the planning application, which will be duly advertised, and the Open Forum will be re-convened, including presentations by the developers and with opportunity for questions from those attending.

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

Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk (contact details are shown on Page 2) about any issues in the Plan, with offers of volunteering to take forward some of the tasks in the action plans, or for an update on progress with actions not mentioned above.

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### Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library stops fortnightly on Tuesdays in Milton Damerel at Lizzy's Larder 14.00 - 14.45.  
The first scheduled date in January will be the 15th.

Further information can be found at <http://www.miltondamerel.com/library.htm>

## Walking Parish Footpaths

The new programme for the Inter-parish footpaths walks is set out below:

11 March	Milton Damerel	Meet at Lizzies Larder
8 April	Pyworthy Walk	Meet at Village Hall Car Park
13 May	Bude Canal Walk	Meet at Lower Tamar Lake
10 June	Bradworthy	Meet in The Square
8 July	Chilsworthy	Meet in Village Hall Car Park
12 August	Bude Canal Walk	Meet at Zealand Nature Reserve

All walks will have a leader who may decide on the day, that if conditions are unsuitable for the proposed walk, to change the route. These walks are intended to check on the current state of the footpaths and will therefore be walked at a casual pace. Everyone is welcome but please be aware that some paths will be wet and muddy, especially after all the recent rain, and suitable footwear and clothing is advised. All walks will start at 10.00 and aim to finish by noon.

For further information contact Michael - 01409 261196 or Robert - 01409 254211

Our own footpaths have a couple of problem areas at the present time. The stile across from Whitebear Cottage is broken on the lane side and awaiting repair. Please take care if using this route. Footpath 15 through the back of Whitebear Farm is still faced with very deep mud due to the continuing wet weather and an alternative route is recommended.

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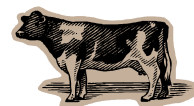
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### HELPING OUT THE NEXT GENERATION

As a father and as a solicitor I am personally and professionally concerned for my children's and my grandchildren's future. I was one of the baby boomer generation. Whether one left school at 15, 16, 18 or went on to university, a job was there for the taking. Houses were able to be bought on 3 times income, and the introduction of cheap package holidays in the sun meant that everyone could enjoy themselves.

Not so today. The avarice of bankers, individuals and countries living beyond their means, and a globalisation of the employment market have all made the path of financial and housing stability a very difficult one to tread. Parents are now having to do all they can to assist their children and, in particular, help them get onto the property ladder.

The Office for National Statistics' figures show that the average cost of a house in the UK increased from £229,000 in January 2012 to £233,000 by December. The average cost of a new house in December stood at £226,000. But only one in every forty buyers was able to lay their hands on a 95% mortgage. The average loan to value is currently 80%. On a property selling at £200,000, your average buyer has to find £40,000.

So how is this to be funded? Well, young couples are primarily delaying the start of raising a family. They are living in rented accommodation for many years longer than my generation did. Many remain living in the family home for a number of extra years. All this is done to put money aside for the deposit. And if that is not enough, that is when the bank of Mum and Dad steps in. I've not seen any relevant statistics on the amount of parental help given, but I imagine it is considerable.

Gifts from parents to children may have tax implications either now or in years to come. Lifetime gifts can, in a number of circumstances, be subject to capital taxes, and in particular inheritance tax - so do check the position before committing yourselves. Lifetime gifting can be a really useful tool for inheritance tax planning. When doing your will, you should look at appropriate planning, and this is where your solicitor can be of very great help.

That is why I remain very concerned at the inroads made by DIY wills and unregulated will writing organisations in such a complex area of law. I note that industry experts are now giving fair warning. They say that will writing is so unregulated that it leads to DIY wills they describe as "unreliable" and too opportunistic and badly trained will writers in the unregulated sector abusing consumers with their rogue businesses. The Legal Services Board is now to recommend to the Lord Chancellor that such practices should be regulated.

Couples living together outside marriage have very few legal rights when it comes to a share in property ownership. Yet the simple solution of putting wills in place, which could solve the problem at the stroke of a pen, is simply ignored. 58% of Britons haven't bothered with a will at all. The average age of a will maker is 57 years. Frankly, complacency and "putting off the evil day" are risks not worth taking.

So get your will done now. And ask yourself this question: "If I had died last night, would my will have been correct?" My colleague Sharon Piper is here to help you, and can be contacted at Busbys on **01288 35 9000**.

**John Busby**

**Busbys Solicitors**

**Bude & Holsworthy**

## For those who like it spicy.

Bayleaf ,  
Queen Street,  
Bude,  
EX23 8AY

Something a little more exotic this time.

The Bayleaf Indian Restaurant boasts an extensive menu of delicious Indian food, Starters, Signature dishes, Specials, Charcoal Sizzling dishes, and a very interesting "Create your own Curry", there are English dishes also on offer, the restaurant has a modern interior and a very friendly atmosphere.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

Despite the wintery weather 16 members turned out to our December meeting where Maggie Rogers talked about growing and harvesting willow for weaving, she explained that if the established plants are cut down to around 30cm in the autumn they will produce a mass of young growth up to 2m or more the following summer particularly if growing in wet conditions.

Once removed the young colourful stems, she brought several examples in varying shades of red, brown and yellow, should be allowed to dry for a few weeks when they will become more flexible and not break when woven.

Several members had a go producing either a star shaped base or a wreath ring both ready for additions to turn them into Christmas themed decorations, my wife just added some twists of ivy to turn her star into a decorative hanger.

There was no meeting in January, February brought a visit from very experienced local gardener Dave Hopkins who talked about growing vegetables, it was very interesting having a speaker who has to cope with the same wet condition as ourselves, he explained how many times he sowed Lettuce, Beetroot and Carrots last year with no success which was a relief to many of us who thought we were doing something wrong.

Dave is a local character and gave us a lot of home spun tips including the use of potato water to control slugs and aphids while rhubarb leaves can be used to control everything from Club Root to the Cabbage White caterpillar, to find out how he tests whether the soil is warm enough to sow in you must ask someone who was at the meeting.



Our next meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup> when Rob Meredith will give an illustrated talk on organic gardening including cultivation, pest management, companion planting, crop rotations and some Biodynamic methods, I have asked him to detail how we can naturally control the invasion of slugs.

In April Diana Lee a qualified medicinal herbalist will talk on medicinal weeds describing incredible uses for plants we don't like, with tasters on offer and a few items on for sale.

Paul Rendell 'Dartmoor Paul' will be our May speaker talking about 'Wild Plants of the West Country'. Paul is a professional guide to Dartmoor contributing articles to magazine as well as having written a book centred on Dartmoor and its environs.

## WHITEBEAR DAFFODILS

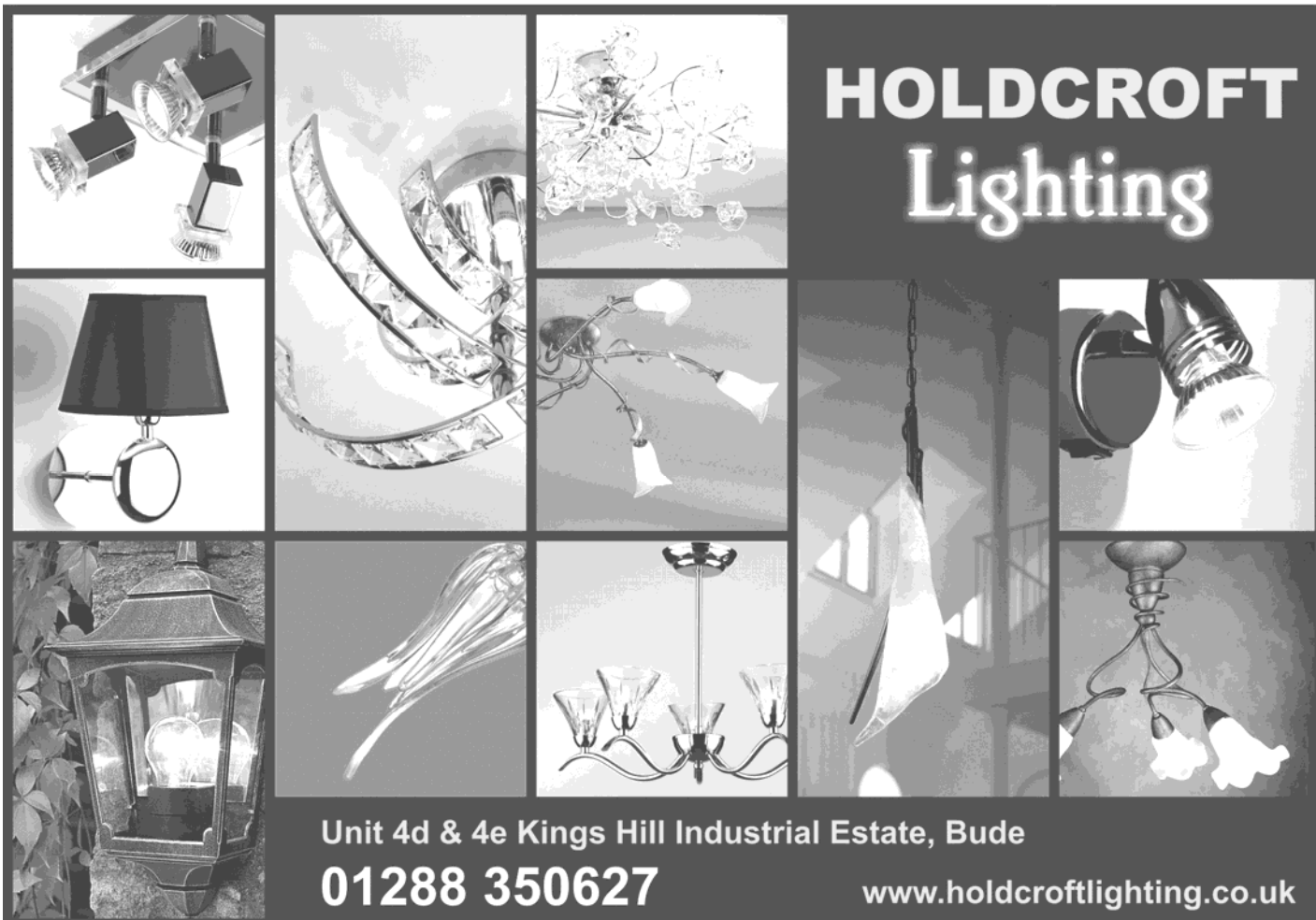


Norman Webber, his father and sister moved to Whitebear Cottage in 1971. He bought a bag of daffodil bulbs to brighten their garden. He planted them – he is a very good gardener!

Each year they multiplied their bulbs and in 1972 he started planting in the hedges up to Whitebear Farm and down to the Parish Hall. He did this for 23 years....and each year we have a wonderful, much commented on, display of daffodils in the Spring.

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*If by reading this, brings a hint of a smile,  
Then I'll consider my efforts to be more than worthwhile.....*

1.

This is about a young lad, just starting to earn a living.  
This is what he said ....  
"I asked the boss if he had any advice".  
"Yes lad", said his boss, "listen carefully, I won't say it twice.  
Listen to what I say, make sure you understand  
No workers of mine", he said, "has time on their hands".  
I kept thinking about what he said, I couldn't understand  
Why he wouldn't allow us time on our hands.  
Anyway I happened to be passing this second-hand shop  
And there right inside I saw this Grandfather Clock  
My, I thought, I'll buy that if I can.  
I think it will fit nicely inside of the van.  
So I bought it and tied it securely in place  
It didn't seem to take up valuable space.  
The very next morning. Going to work my car broke down,  
Just when in the evening I'd promised to take my girlfriend to town.  
But my good natured Boss, he heard of my plight.  
He said, "Lad, if you're careful you can have the van for the night".  
It was proper in the van, plenty of room  
You could stand, sit or even lie down.  
We forgot all about going to town.  
Mary & I were cuddled up having a really nice time  
Until that ruddy Grandfather clock, he decided to chime.  
What a racket, and the vibrations gave us one heck of a fright  
You see we were not expecting that that time of night  
Mary's face went as white as a sheet  
And she was stiff as a poker from her head to her feet.  
I was a bit concerned that she didn't shout  
Her lips were moving but nothing came out.  
But when the shock wore off, then she began to scream and shout  
She started kicking the side of the van, and slinging things about.  
She went over and shook her fist at the clock  
Her eyes were sticking out like organ stops.  
Then she turned on me, and said "which is it to be?  
You get rid of this clock, or it's goodbye to me."  
But I said, "Mary, Mary, let me explain if I can  
How the boss won't allow us time on our hands."  
What she said, with a look of disgust,  
"You wear a watch on your arm like the rest of us."

So I took the clock back to the shopkeeper, and explained  
what had taken place  
How in anger I smashed my fist in its face.  
He took one look at the clock, and said 'Glory Be'  
Then he turned around and glared at me.  
"Well," he said, "you've certainly made a right mess."  
He said "The more I look at it, I feel quite depressed."  
He said, "I'm afraid you'll have to learn to pay for your sins  
And in future refrain from doing these things."  
I said, "I know, I know, the condition of the clock concerns you  
But if he had kept his trap shut, he'd still be like new."  
"Well", said the shopkeeper, "perhaps the clock thought it  
wrong  
when he saw what went on  
But couldn't take part in the fun."  
"Look," said the shopkeeper, "what's been done has been  
done".  
And he said, "I'm afraid you'll have to pay quite a hefty sum.  
Look", he said, "I have an eight day clock in a mahogany case."  
He wasn't very hopeful, I could tell by the look on his face.  
I said, "Look, an eight day clock is not a bit of good to me.  
You see I'll only use it five days a week, so the other three  
days would be wasted you see."  
He looked at me, a mixture of amusement and shock.  
"I suppose," he said, "you never thought about a cuckoo clock.  
Now", said the shopkeeper, "you can't keep making the same  
mistake  
So the advice I give, I advice you to take."  
He said, "you can't expect me to keep taking it back".  
So he said, "if the clock you take when next on a date  
You cover its' face with a sack  
You know the old saying 'out of sight, out of mind'  
You cover its face and you'll find it won't chime."

2.

This elderly couple, called Bessie & Burt,  
I had a chat with Bessie, she was ironing Burt's shirt.  
She said "I'd like to get Burt to town, to get measured for a  
suit,  
But he is so stubborn, he refuses to take off his wellington  
boots."  
She said "I know it sounds daft, you'll probably laugh,  
But he only takes them off for bed, or when having a bath,  
Burt's Mum used to tell me the little things he did,  
How he rode his bicycle far too much as a kid".  
Bessie said "You see we have no family, no children that we  
both would have liked"  
And she said, "I don't care what the Doctors said,  
I shall always blame that ruddy push bike".

## Chocolate Easter egg nest cakes



Brilliant to make with little children over the holidays, these easy chocolate crispy cakes are a perennial favourite.

### Ingredients

- 225g/8oz plain chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 50g/2oz butter
- 75g/3oz cornflakes
- 36 mini chocolate eggs

### Preparation method

Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.

Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water, (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.

Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.

Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.

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## Simmel cakes



- Makes: 15
- Prep time: 15 mins
- Cooking time: 30 mins

Moist, moreish and really easy to make, the wholemeal flour adds a great texture without making the cake heavy

### Ingredients

- 175g (6oz) Butter, cubed
- 225g (8oz) Self-raising wholemeal flour
- 1tsp ground cinnamon
- 1tsp ground mixed spice
- 100g (3 1/2oz) Light muscovado sugar
- 125g (4oz) mixed dried fruit
- 125g (4oz) chopped dried apricots
- 454g packet marzipan
- 3 medium eggs
- 150ml (1 1/4pt) milk
- 5tbsp apricot glaze

### Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas 4. Grease and line a 17x27cm (7 x 11in) rectangular tin. Put the butter into a heatproof bowl and microwave on high for 1 min until it's melted.

Put the flour, cinnamon and mixed spice into a large bowl. Stir in the light muscovado sugar and then add the mixed dried fruit and dried apricots. Coarsely grate 100g (3 1/2oz) marzipan and add to the dry ingredients.

Crack the eggs into a jug, pour in the milk and mix together with a fork. Pour in to the dry mixture with the melted butter and stir together with a large spoon to combine.

Spoon the cake mixture into the prepared tin. Bake for 30 mins until well risen and firm. Insert a cocktail stick into the centre, if it comes out clean, the cake is ready.

While the cake is cooling, warm the apricot glaze in the microwave on high for 30 secs, brush over the top of the cake. Cut the cake into 15 squares.

Roll out the rest of the marzipan to a rectangle the same size as the cake. Use a flower shaped cutter to cut out 15 marzipan decorations. Place a marzipan flower on top of each piece of cake, then press a sugar coated chocolate egg on to finish.

## NEWSLETTER FINANCES 2012

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. The financial statements are set out below

	£.	£.
<b>Receipts during 2012:</b>		
Advertising (Annual payments from September 2012) <sup>NOTE</sup>	1019.25	
Personal donations	14.00	
Grant – Parish Council	100.00	
Subscriptions for Newsletter	<u>0.00</u>	
		<b><u>1133.25</u></b>
<b>Payments during 2012:</b>		
Printing	1130.00	
50 <sup>th</sup> . Edition Social:	<u>101.45</u>	
		<b><u>1231.45</u></b>
<b><u>Net loss for the year</u></b>		<b><u>-98.20</u></b>
<b>Funds in hand at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012:</b>		
HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	1354.35	
Cash & Cheques held .....	<u>143.75</u>	
Total	1498.10	
Subtract net loss for year	<u>- 98.20</u>	
<b><u>Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012</u></b>		<b><u>1399.90</u></b>
Represented by: HSBC Treasurer's Account	1399.90	
Cash & Cheques held	<u>0.00</u>	
	<u>1399.90</u>	

**NOTE:** Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, include the advertising revenue 'in advance' for 2 editions – March & June 2013, valued at £480.50.

The Newsletter has continued to be favoured with the support of a number of advertisers, from within the parish and neighbouring parishes and towns. The Parish Council kindly gave an annual grant of £100, and loyal supporters have given a few personal donations. The various forms of community support enable the continued delivery of approximately 220 copies, free of charge, to each household in the parish and in Abbots Bickington.

The Dec 2012 edition of the Newsletter, was the 50<sup>th</sup>. Edition and this was celebrated with a social evening on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nov for past and present group members and helpers.

We record our sincere thanks to all our supporters and to those who deliver your newsletter to your doorstep, and to Nicola Wrigton for independently examining our records and accounts.

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## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

The Bring & Share social for the unveiling of the wall hanging at the Parish Hall in December was the final event in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations calendar and enjoyed by all who attended. Grace Millman as the Chairman of the Celebrations Committee did the honours and pulled the cord to reveal the splendid framed embroidery of the parish map and very fine cross stitched photographic depictions of the Parish Hall, Church and Chapel. The masterpiece was undertaken by Anne Binns, Lesley Self, Melanie Richardson and Eileen Wooller.



The final accounts are reproduced below with grateful thanks to Sara Lawes for checking the accounts and to everyone who made the Milton Damerel Diamond Jubilee Celebrations such a great success.

### Milton Damerel Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012 Final Summary of the Accounts

#### INCOME

TDC Councillors Community Grant for Milton Damerel	£275.00
TDC Councillors Community Grant for Abbots Bickington	£25.00
Donations	£175.28
Two Coffee Mornings	£177.50
Carol Singing	£64.56
Net Raised on Quiz	£45.00
Lunch Ticket Sales	£686.00
Net Raised at Unveiling Event	£26.00
	£1,474.34

#### EXPENDITURE

Lunch including TV, Free Draw, Cake & Wine	£585.68
Free Children's Event including Activities & Tea	£145.35
Decorations & Disposable Tableware	£48.92
Printing of Invitations, Tickets, Menus, Newsheets, Quiz+Display	£49.25
Embroidered Wall Hanging	£106.36
Gardening Society Diamond Jubilee Cup	£83.78
Donation Milton Damerel Parish Hall	£250.00
Donation Milton Damerel Methodist Church	£50.00
Donation Milton Damerel Holy Trinity Church	£50.00
Donation Abbots Bickington St James Church	£25.00
Donation Step Back in Time Fund for young people	£80.00
	£1,474.34

The Milton Damerel Diamond Jubilee Celebrations bank account with HSBC was closed with a nil balance. There is no cash in hand.

*Checked and found correct by S.K. Lawes 07/02/13*

### **Christmas Competition.**

There were no entries received for the Christmas Competition. The number of Christmas Trees was 19

## WINTER HIBERNATION IS OVER

Perhaps it is just as I get older but this has felt like a miserable winter trapping me indoors though the lowest temperature so far was only -5c and that was just an odd night so it has been mild or at least plants think so, in early February many herbaceous plants were shooting and the Daffodil bulbs coming out.

It has been very very wet, even now I hesitate to step on the ground let alone take any machinery onto it, you would have thought some of the cruel winds might have dried it out but there hasn't been two dry days together.

### STARTING VEGETABLES.

After the inactivity of the winter now is the time to get out in the garden taking advantage of any dry days to complete tasks such as pruning, moss killing on paved areas and start mowing if the ground dries out enough to get onto the lawn.

It is getting late for pruning but as long as plants haven't put on leaves it is better done now rather than being left until next winter although it does mean fruit trees will produce a lot of young thin shoots (I call them water shoots) in the spring which will need removing during the summer so as not to take over the tree.

Potatoes should be chitting in a light frost free place to be planted out when the shoots are around 1" long, usually late March/early April for early varieties late April for main crops remembering to ridge the soil up around the foliage when it gets to 6" tall or if a frost is forecast.

Shallots and onions sets should be planted out in March simply push them into firmed soil leaving the top exposed but give them a twist as you push them in which can help to prevent the roots from pushing the sets out of the ground. Garlic should ideally have been planted in the autumn, October time but it is worth trying a few cloves now planted 2" to 4" deep which may not give you large heads in the summer but with some reasonable weather should produce a useable crop.

Any bare root planting, moving plants or lifting and splitting herbaceous should be completed before the end of March otherwise the sap starts to rise greatly increasing losses, the problem is of course that the ground is very wet making it difficult to work the soil and while you should heel in plants do not use too much pressure or you might exclude all the air from the soil killing the plant.

### INDOOR SOWING

There is a lot that can be done outdoors but even more indoors be it a glasshouse, polytunnel or a light windowsill where early sowing of many vegetables such as lettuce, leeks and brassicas can be made then pricked out into trays or pots when they have formed two leaves.

Broad beans can be sown into pots or large plugs now, just fill the container with lightly firmed compost then push a bean into each and cover with a little more compost, plant out as soon as the roots can be seen at the bottom of the pot, it is too early to sow runner beans leave those until May but you can start sowing summer bedding plants in March.

Now is a good time to feed daffodils, just a sprinkle of growmore or similar will give them strength to produce an even better display of blooms next year.

If you have some large clumps of snowdrops now is a good time to lift and split them creating new clumps elsewhere or even giving a few away.

I noticed an article in 'The Garden' magazine from the RHS stating that a Dutch University had been commissioned to show that chemical weed control on hard surfaces was harmful to the environment, it seems that the Government wished to justify prohibiting their use.

The results good or bad depending upon your point of view compared burning, brushing, hot air scorching and hot air treatment against the use of Glyphosate (Round-Up, Clinic or similar) the non-chemical controls scored worse because of their heavy use of fossil fuel, their contribution to climate change, their contribution to landfill and their adverse effect on water quality so I will continue to recommend the use of chemicals in the future.

Bill Wrighton

**MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL NEWS****Charity No. 281123**

A Committee Meeting was held at the Parish Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Future Events were organised. If anyone is interested in learning how to play **Whist**, Mary Carter (261 248) is again having a practice evening, at her home, on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30.** Mr Bill Wrighton has kindly offered to be our new question master for the Wine and Wisdom. Our next Committee Meeting will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.30.**

**EVENTS REPORT.**

**CAROL SINGING. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012. 6.30pm £141.30** was collected and sent to **Children's Hospice S.W.** This was a really enjoyable evening, the weather being good helped. All singers were in good voice. Thanks to all who joined us. Also a big thank you to every one who came to their door and donated and appreciated the singing. The Mince Pies and Fairy Cakes that greeted us, was a nice surprise. Hopefully the Parish Hall Committee will be Carol Singing again this Christmas. It has been decided though, that it will be split between two evenings, as it did get a bit late to knock on doors.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** It was nice to have a few new players. A good evening. Profit £55.55

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** Another good evening considering some regulars were absent. Profit £69.64

**FUN SKITTLES. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013. 7.30pm.** An enjoyable social event. Highest scorer was Marion Wooldridge with 64, winning couple was Marion and Jim Wooldridge with a score of 111. We make sure everyone has at least 2 games and the losing teams from the first game, play in a final. The winners of this group was Katie and daughter Harriet Allin, with a score of 79. The wooden spoon was taken by Sara Lawes. Profit was £75.60

**FUTURE EVENTS****All Proceeds for the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated.**

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** £2.00 per person.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** £2.00 per person.

**WINE & WISDOM. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** Teams of 6. £5 per person. Couples and Singles, welcomed, we can make up teams on arrival. **PLEASE BOOK.**

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm.** £2.00 per person.

**BINGO. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013. 7.30 Eyes down for 8.00pm.**

**COFFEE MORNING. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 10o/c to Midday.** At Westfield, the home of Michael and Roberta Jackson. (261 196) All welcomed, Come and introduce yourself if you are new to the Parish. Bring and Buy, Raffle.

**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.**

**Whist Drives** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

**Milton Damerel and District Over 60 Club.** 1st Tuesday of each month, 2.30pm. New Members Welcomed. A social afternoon. Enquiries Mrs 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](mailto:mdgs1@live.co.uk)

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

A Pair of black fleece gloves, was found on the path at the Parish Church after the Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Ring Lesley 261 294, if they are yours.

**LINE DANCING**  
**At Milton Damerel Parish Hall**  
**Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm      £2.00 per session**  
**Tel: Lesley 261294 or Mary 261248**

## MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

The Christmas Dinner was held at the Royal Hotel in December, when 59 members and friends, who support the summer coach trips, came along. We went on to Barnstaple for Christmas shopping afterwards.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 members of the Club attended and thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Lions Club Dinner in the Holsworthy Memorial Hall.

The February meeting was our Annual Party and get-together when there was a very good attendance of 18 members and a Bring and Share Tea.

At our March meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be planning our summer trips for 2013.

Please note the AGM will be held during our May meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Club meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday on the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall – new members very welcome to come along. Enquiries to:

Mr Les Yelland – Chairman

Mrs J Daly – Secretary

Mrs June Vanstone - Treasurer

## Fete 2013



We don't have a date yet but we are hoping to hold another fete this year. However we are in desperate need for people to help organise this years fete and to assist us on the day.

If you can help in any way please contact

**Terry 261775 or Rose 261577**

Previous fetes have been very enjoyable, so if you live in Milton Damerel and have not been to one, please come down!!

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*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

## Bogus Trades-people and Officials

Your co-ordinators have just recently received a timely reminder from the police with regards to the security of property and cold calling by persons seeking work or small jobs possibly in an attempt to gain access to your property. There have been recent instances in Barnstaple and Holsworthy offering gardening services and similar. Should you be contacted in this type of way please pass the details to the police or your co-ordinator on the usual numbers. If anybody is in need of such services there are numerous adverts in this newsletter from local trades-people who will be most pleased to deal with your problems. Now that the weather is improving and we are outside more, could we remind residents to secure their homes, garages and sheds when they are absent from their properties and even when working outside out of sight of their entrance doors. It only takes a few seconds for a sneak thief to access an open door or window and make off with your valuables. Let us not forget that the security of your property and yourself is of paramount importance.

## Sheep Worrying

Sheep worrying is again on the increase and has become a serious problem in the Northam Burrows Country Park area. Whilst this is somewhat outside our immediate vicinity our own Parish does face the problem from time to time. It is therefore timely, with Spring hopefully around the corner, to remind people that if they are exercising their dogs, please keep them under control and on a short leash when walking through fields where there is livestock.

## Scams

Also, at this time of year, all sorts of scams seem to come into play with the sole intention of trying to get hold of your bank or credit card security details. Please be vigilant and remember that the banks and building societies do not ask you for this information as they already know it. If you have any doubts whatsoever with whom you might be dealing, always ring them back on a telephone number which is known to you and not a number provided by the enquirer.

## General

Since the last issue of this magazine, and from the responses of Milton Damerel residents to its contents, there have been a number of occasions when there have been queries raised regarding the activities of your NHW co-ordinators and particularly, the very useful NHW information that is published in each edition of the magazine. The published information is normally received direct from the Police or our PCSOs, via meetings which the co-ordinators attend or in some instances from the vigilance of our own members. Your co-ordinators are always ready and willing to discuss and act upon any points, or information that may arise regarding security, suspected potential or actual criminal activity that may be of concern to residents. A proviso here being that any serious or urgent problems, such as criminal activity taking place or the culprits close by (for instance), should in the first instance be reported to the police as appropriate on 999 or 101, and then secondly to NHW.

Your co-ordinators are working hard to enrol each and every household into the NHW organization and to this end, steady progress is being made. Please feel free to discuss any NHW items with your co-ordinators or PCSOs, the names and contact details appearing at the head of this article.

## Rural Policing Update:

The below thefts have occurred since December 2012:

**Ashwater:** 200 Litres of red diesel; off road 125cc thump star motorcycle with gold wheels; concrete cartwheel ornament; milk and various food items

**Pyworthy:** 5x 25 kg Harpers cattle food; cast iron water drainage manhole cover approximately 40-50kgs; equestrian equipments (2x wooden traditional style jump wings, 2x pink plastic jump wing blocks, 2x purple plastic jump wing blocks); 1x wooden gate 5' and 8x sheep hurdles

**Halwill Junction:** Flambank site chest armour guard fuel/chemical storage chest; generator  
Theft from a motor vehicle, a handbag was taken.

**Bradworthy:** Copper cylinder and piping stolen from out buildings, cast iron poles, barbed wire

At one of the thefts a suspect was seen described as - white male aged between 17-20 years old, with black hair, wearing black/grey trainers.

**Putford:** Metal post box

**Clawton:** A quantity of power tools and fuel

In addition, further information is listed below.

### Pyworthy

Theft of motorcycle **WA60FXW** was stolen from a lay-by between Holsworthy to North Tamerton Road which occurred between 2140hrs 5/1/13 – 1900hrs 10/1/13.

### Pancrasweek

Theft of motor vehicle, registration number is **B945KGW** Blue Ford Estate model Granada.



## PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

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

**PCSO 30099 Raquel Rowe**

### USEFUL WEBSITES

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

Recent correspondence received

#### Planning, planning, planning

Recently a planning application was submitted for 27 houses on land near Town Farm. It has been withdrawn, at least for now, but there was some confusion about comments dates etc. The following general information may be helpful.

1. The Planning Dept., T.D.C., send letters to households likely to be affected by the proposal informing them of the application and giving a date by which comments should be submitted to them by.
2. A notice appears in the local paper (e.g. Holsworthy Post) if it is a significant proposal, giving guidance of when to submit comments by.
3. A notice is put up on the actual proposal site. This should have the date it was put up and the date for comments to be submitted by - usually 21 days. No unauthorised person should remove this notice and anyone considering doing so should bare in mind Planning Officers do, on occasions, take a photo when the site notice is put up.
4. Notice and information is posted on the internet at [www.torridge.gov.uk/planningonline](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/planningonline).

It is best to submit comments by the indicated date. Though comments will be looked at right up to the point of the decision it is not always clear when this will be. The Planning Dept. will have a date by which it aims to make a decision but this can be affected by other factors e.g. workload, whether it is a matter that a Planning Officer can decide alone or if it has to go to a committee, which may add to the timescale.

It is helpful to make it clear, when writing a letter, if you are actually objecting, supporting or just commenting. The Planning Dept. presents nos. of objections, nos. of comments etc. It is also helpful to print your name under your signature.

The Planning Dept. advise that only comments relating to material planning considerations will be taken into account in reaching the decision. They list just some examples, such as, loss of privacy, overbearing impact from development, impact on the character and appearance of an area, traffic, loss of light, overlooking, noise, access, parking etc.

Anyone can submit their opinion on any planning application regardless of where it is or whether they are directly affected or not.

Thank you Terry.

The Cottage on Common Moor  
East Putford Holsworthy  
Devon EX22 7XP

29.12.2011

01409 241005

Planning application 10933/2012/Ful. Planning Officer Lewis Andrew.

Dear Sir

I am very concerned that permission to build a Premier Inn, Brewers Fare and McDonalds on the land, which is Moreton Park Woods, has been applied for. This woodland is opposite Atlantic village and is the last remaining woodland in Bideford. Bideford is termed the "little white town" but quite honestly this is fast becoming a fallacy.

The woodland is a haven for wildlife, Dormice, Bats, Hedgehogs, Common Toads, Butterflies and others. The trees, although deemed only as "of local interest" are beautiful, in fact it is a joy to walk through this area of mixed plantation.

This site has been identified by the council for the strategic expansion of Bideford but how can it possibly be right to erase our last little woodland in Bideford simply to erect buildings which we do not need and which are totally and completely unnecessary.

Please sign the petition, [petitionbuzz.com](http://petitionbuzz.com) ([savemoretonwoods.com](http://savemoretonwoods.com)) if you are opposed to the destruction of such a beautiful area and write or email your local planning officer.

Thank you

Yours Truly

Lorraine Drake

Lorraine Drake

P.S. We now have only 2% ancient woodland and 13% overall woodland left! The average in Europe is 37%.

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celandine	hyacinth	wood anemone

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## WHAT'S ON ..

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

## Holsworthy .....

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Evening with Richard Digance	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.30pm	H.A.T.S.
Rotary Club 2013	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 7.30pm	Tel: 01409 253826
The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townwomen's Guild Dramatic Society & their startling original production of	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm	<a href="http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk">www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk</a>
Events and contacts for other venues in North Devon ....		
	<b>Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular &amp; Special Workshops for Children and Adults</b>	
Workshop: English Patchwork	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March 10am – 4pm	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 <a href="http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk">www.ploughartscentre.org.uk</a>
Film: Les Miserables (12A)	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm	
Workshop: Making Handmade Books	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm	
Workshop: Costumed Life Drawing for Children	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March 3pm - 5pm	
Film: Lincoln (12A)	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March @ 5pm & 8pm	
Streetz Dance Crew (Charity evening for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital & the Plough)	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 7pm Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March @ 3pm	
Joseph & His Technicolour Dreamcoat	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm	
	<b>Drama, classical music, opera, children's shows, popular music (including rock, jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts and community events</b>	
Don Pasquale – Swansea City Opera	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.30pm	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 <a href="http://www.northdevontheatres.org.uk">www.northdevontheatres.org.uk</a>
The Merry Widow – Barnstaple Amateur Operatic Society	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March – Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm (Sat @ 2.30pm)	
Shakespeare4Kidz – The Tempest	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am & 1.30pm	
The Owl Who was afraid of the Dark	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am & 1pm	
Coppelia – Moscow Ballet – La Classique	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7.45pm	
Shaolin Warriors 'Return of the Master'	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7.45pm	
Fame – The Musical	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May to Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm (Sun @ 2pm)	
Poldark	Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7.45pm	

Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be emailed to [mdnews@miltondamerel.com](mailto: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 17th May 2013

Soup & Rolls Saturday, St Peters, Thornbury	9 March	noon - 1:30	8
Parish Footpath Walks	11 March	10am	10
Whist Drive	16 March	7:30pm	22
Church yard clean up	22 March	2pm-5pm	5
Soup & Rolls Saturday, St Peters, Thornbury	23 March	noon - 1:30	8
Parish Footpath Walks	8 April	10am	10
Whist Drive	20 April	7:30pm	22
Church yard clean up	26 April	2pm-5pm	5
Wine & Wisdom	27 April	7:30pm	22
Over 60's AGM	7 May		23
Church yard clean up	10 May	2pm-5pm	5
Parish Footpath Walks	13 May	10am	10
Music Festival, Tavistock	17 May		5
Whist Drive	18 May	7:30pm	22
Church yard clean up	24 May	2pm-5pm	5
Bingo	25 May	7:30pm	22
Parish Footpath Walks	10 June	10am	10
Parish Footpath Walks	8 July	10am	10
Parish Footpath Walks	12 August	10am	10
Easter Brunch	31 March	9:45am - 10:45	5
Easter Day Family Service	31 March	11am	5
Sunday club special celebration service	26 May	11am	5

**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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm
Gardening Society	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (not Jan) 7.30pm
Parish Council meetings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Last Thursday of each month 10am
Methodist Morning Service	Sundays 11am
Parish Church Holy Communion	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month 11.30am

**March 2013**

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**April 2013**

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**May 2013**

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Sow seeds indoors including Tomatoes.

Prepare veg. plot warming soil with cloche if possible.

Mow lawns at the first opportunity.

Complete pruning/cutting back especially roses.

Clear all rubbish out of glasshouse and clean glass.

Start weeding/digging beds and borders.

Sow outdoors inc. Brassicas, Peas, Parsnips, Lettuce, Spinach etc.

Mow at fortnightly intervals.

Treat algae on hard surfaces with Armillatox.

Treat weeds with Glyphosate on dry still days.

Sow Runner Beans indoors.

Plant Tomatoes and Cucumbers in heated glasshouse.

Plant late indoor Chrysanthemums in large pots outdoors.

Plant early outdoor Chrysanthemums in their flowering position.

Mow regularly.

Weed and feed lawns.

Sow successional crops outdoors e.g. Peas, Carrots, Lettuce etc.

Sow Swedes.

Plant Tomatoes and Cucumbers in unheated glass.

Late in month plant out Dahlias.