



Milton Damerel Newsletter

Summer Edition



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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. 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 application to regularise the minor amendment to the access at Ley Farm, they also considered the retrospective application for a log cabin as a temporary agricultural workers accommodation at Brendon Fields, Holsworthy Beacon. The Parish Council has also been consulted on the application for the erection of a single wind turbine (77m to blade tip) formation of vehicular access track and associated infrastructure at Babbington, Chilsworthy which is in the parish adjacent to Milton Damerel. There has been no further information regards the withdrawn application at Town Farm but it is intended that an Open Forum will be held should it be re-submitted, this will be advertised around the parish and email notification will sent to those who have requested it.

School designation for free school transport. Following a hasty consultation at the end of 2012 and despite many objections Devon County Council has voted in favour of 'Option One' making Sutcombe the designated school for free transport from many areas of Milton Damerel for all new pupils from September 2014. However younger siblings and children already at Bradworthy would continue to get free transport to Bradworthy.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 17 April 2013. The meeting which was well attended was chaired by Grace Millman who updated the meeting on Parish Planning progress. Mike Jackson outlined the function of the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) with Devon County Council and reported on works done over the last year including drainage works on Butterfly Lane, replacement of a broken stile with a self closing gate and repairs or replacement of finger posts. Reports from local organisation were presented by the Newsletter Group, Parish Hall Committee, Gardening Society and Neighbourhood Watch who were all in receipt of Parish Council grants. Reports were also given on behalf of the Over 60s Club, the Methodist Church Sunday Club and Milton Monsters. The guest speaker was Matt Edworthy from the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve who gave an interesting talk on the North Devon Nature Improvement Area (NIA) Project, restoring and recreating wildlife habitats and helping to improve the management of watercourses. The area has important populations of two of Europe's ten most threatened species – the marsh fritillary butterfly and the freshwater pearl mussel. Matt also talked about non-native invasive plants especially Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam, sightings of which can be reported via a smart phone apps. For those without smart phone technology, he sent reporting instructions to the Parish Clerk that can be forwarded on request.

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 15 May, this was a very short meeting where the Councillors elected the Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve for the following year. Cllr Grace Millman was elected the Parish Council Chairman and Cllr Stephen Moyse was elected the Vice Chairman.

The Annual Return and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2013 have been audited, approved and signed by the Parish Council. The accounts show £1146.01 to be carried forward to the new financial year, of which £89.32 is ring fenced by the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme and also ring fenced is £183.02 being the balance of the Step Back in Time fund for young people. The accounts have been available for inspection by Electors and their representatives up to 31 May 2013 as legally required and advertised on the notice boards. The Annual Return has been submitted to the Audit Commission for certification, after which, copies will be displayed on the notice boards.

A Parish Paths Partnership grant has been received by the Parish Council to pay for the repair to the ladder stile on footpath 16 at Whitebear Cottage which is due to be completed very soon. The balance of the grant is to contribute to the cost of the boardwalk through the copse also on the same footpath which the Devon County Council Rights of Way officer agreed would be provided as soon as his budget would allow.

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 May 2013



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Charles & Elizabeth Bellew of Bluebell Cottage, Abbots Bickington, who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 15th June

Also their Son **Adrian, and Catherine** will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 4th June.

To John Galbraith & Gayna Blewett of Verlon, Venn Green, who were married on 9th April

To Neil Stevens & Lizzie Daniel, of 1, Fore Street, for their wedding on 1st June

To Steve & Tracy Dunmore of 3, Fore Street, on the birth of their daughter, Mia, on 12th May

To Bradley Howells of Glencoe, Venn Green, representing the Tarka Group of Young Farmers in the recent South West Brains Trust.

To Rose Haynes on successes at Devon County Show for Hampshire Down sheep – 2nd & 3rd prizes for ram lambs and 5th for a ewe lamb.

To Gary & Karen Flack of The Cottage, Shop Hill on the birth of their son, Henry James, on 18th February



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Welcome to:

William & Cheryl Wickett who have moved into Southerly, Gidcott.

Steve & Sam Keyworth, Ryan and Abigail who have moved into Meadow View, **Milton Town**

Paul & Jackie Wills who will be moving into **Meadowsweet Cottage, Woodford Bridge**

Goodbye & Best Wishes to:

Malcolm Cameron, who has moved from Southerly, Gidcott



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently including:

Audrey Edwards & family of **10 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon** on the recent loss of their husband and dad, **Alan**.

Chapel News – June 2013

A Message from Rev Meg Slingo

Hello Everyone, I wanted to share some reflections with you by Julie Ackerman.

Spring is the time of year when God reminds us that things are not always as they seem. Over the course of a few short weeks, what appears hopelessly dead comes to life. Bleak woodlands are transformed into colourful landscapes. Trees whose naked arms reached to heaven all winter, as if pleading to be clothed, suddenly are adorned with lacy green gowns. Flowers that faded and fell to the ground in surrender to the cold rise slowly from the earth in defiance of death. The faithful arrival of spring every year teaches us that no situation is hopeless with God on our side. No matter how bleak the landscape of life may look. God can and does transform it into a glorious garden of colour and fragrance.

Julie Ackerman for me and I hope for you has embraced within these reflections what as Christians we embrace and rejoice in at Easter time and throughout our time on earth. The disciples were hiding, yet things were not as they seemed. The tomb was empty. Jesus was not dead. Jesus is Alive. Death could not hold Him. God is into transformation. As we remember Easter and the Promise of New Life we also may we keep believing and receiving from God; in the same way as the disciples did at Pentecost when God the Holy Spirit came in power and encouraged them in their faith journey.

May you all be blessed and encouraged in your life and faith journeys.

Meg

“RENEWAL & UPDATING.....” - Work continues on the chapel buildings, and hence the school lane and work areas are ‘out of bounds’ by reasons of health and safety for the workmen and visitors. Whilst all this is progressing we have remained open for Sunday Services, Bible Study and Milton Monsters.

We are planning a **‘celebratory week-end’** to show off the updated premises when the work is complete. This will be from **Friday, 19th – Sunday 21st July**, but as yet full details have not been finalised; it is hoped to hold a young people’s event on the Friday, a special ‘Afternoon Tea & Cakes’ on the Saturday, special Sunday Morning Service and a Concert with the Culm Valley Crusade Choir in the evening.

Throughout the week-end ... an **Exhibition of Photos** .. and we are hoping there are many photos in personal possession around the parish that can be offered to us for copying and display. [Either providers will kindly allow us to copy or will provide copies of photos they have.] We are looking particularly for photos about the chapel and school – school days, weddings, christenings, special events, celebrations, etc. Also it is hoped we can borrow back again old school report books which are held at Records Office in Barnstaple.

Please contact Lilian (261355), Sheila (261466) or Grace (261251) with offers of photos.

SURPRISE VISITORS – The Monday evening Bible Study group were pleasantly surprised by visitors just recently. Mary & Michael Cawthorne, from Kent, were staying at the Woodford Bridge Leisure Complex and decided to come and join us for 2 bible study meeting plus Sunday morning service. They were a great encouragement with lots of practical bible knowledge.

With their 2 daughters, Ruth and Sarah, Mike & Mary had served as teachers and missionaries in Pakistan for several years. In that time they made friends and earned the respect of village elders and colleagues. Mary, with the two girls, accepted the great sacrifice of living in ‘purdah’. This was the state of seclusion in which Moslem women were required to live, not allowed out of the house without a male relative as chaperone, and being more or less confined to a private family room. Mary could not be seen out alone in the bazaar and was required to take on a servant to get shopping for local food and do the cooking for the family. Circumstances changed along the way allowing Mary to resume her teaching career; she used to report to home churches ‘You have to live among them and know that God has sent you there’, she explained, ‘to realise that you really love the people with all their strange ways and that you are willing to overcome all difficulties involved’. They began to even enjoy the simple life style without all the pressures of Western society.

Mike & Mary left us with 2 copies of a book titled ‘Reaching for the Crescent Moon’, their story of life and exploits in Pakistan, written by their friend, Helen Rogers. Some of us have thoroughly enjoyed reading it and are delighted to have met such a brave and faithful couple.

Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church

COFFEE MORNING

Last Thursday of each month

10am – 12 noon Chapel hall

Warm welcome to all!

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE TO AUGUST 2013

JUN		JUL		AUG	
2 nd	Wedding Flowers	7 th	Mrs Margaret Stannard	4 th	Mrs Katie Allin
9 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	14 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	11 th	Mrs Mary Carter
16 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper	21 st	Mrs Sarah Weal	18 th	Mrs Anne Poole
23 rd	Mrs Grace Millman	28 th	Mrs Valerie Carter	25 th	Mrs Lilian Luxton
30 th	Mrs Valerie Harris				

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!). 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.

Family Services:**30th June****Local Arrangement****28th July****Rev Peter Whatton****25th August****Mr Jim Wood**

BIBLE STUDY – A group of 7-10 meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the kitchen for Bible Study. We are an ecumenical group, drawn from Milton and neighbouring parishes, self-lead our studies and select the books of the Bible for study. We would be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to join us!

“OPEN CHAPEL” – The chapel will be open during the summer (after the works have been completed) on the **2nd 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 News

Music Festival – The Summer Serenade music concert provided by the students from the music department at Kelly College, Tavistock, was a great success. Despite a heavy down pour of rain and hail stones in the afternoon the evening was bright and fresh with over 60 attendees in the church. The concert was superb, the talent on display by the children was impressive, 8 musicians 7 pupils between the ages of 11 and 15 a teacher lead by the musical director, Andrew Wilson performed a wide range of music. From flute, violin, solo and duet vocals they regaled us with some wonderful music, Opening with Swan Lake, The Blue Danube, Cats Duet to name but a few; All this rounded off with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No1, or better to known to us all, Land of Hope and Glory. I don't think the church has heard the like in a hundred years or possibly 800 years. Our thanks go out to Andrew Wilson, the director of music and his eight very gifted and clever musicians.

Thanks also go to those who brought something to add to the light refreshments which with these additions turned out to be quite a big supper. The whole event raised just under £400 on the night but I know a couple of people have sent a donation as they couldn't attend which will push the total to over the £400 mark.

Final thanks to all those who attended, I hope you had an enjoyable evening and you donations will help make a very good start towards the cost of roof repairs.

*More Holy Trinity News next page***St. James Parish Church****Abbots Bickington****Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington****Tel: 01409 241411**

Church Gardening

Church gardening continues and with the recent mild spell and a drop more rain the grass is well away. Last month many of the snowdrops were removed from overgrown clumps and moved to be replanted around the front entrance and Lytch gate. I hope they come up next year and make a good display. With the grass growing like mad an extra day each month has been arranged for anyone willing and able to offer help. This will be on a Thursday evening roughly part way between the usual Fridays before the 4th Sunday.

By way of thanks and to raise funds the July gardening afternoon will be finish with a BBQ, as last year. Gardening Times for the summer are Thursdays between 6-8 pm and Fridays between 2 and 6 pm

Specific dates for the summer are:

Thursday 6 Jun and Friday 21 Jun

Thursday 11 Jul and Friday 26 Jul (BBQ on Friday evening)

Thursday 6 Aug and Friday 23 Aug

There are a couple of fuel containers at the church one for 2 stroke and one normal unleaded, if you bring your own power tools to help with gardening then please use these to top up your fuel. It is already very kind of you to give your time let alone the fuel so it is available to replace what you have used.

There has been some progress in finding a replacement rector but I am requested by the Bishop not to make any statements at present.

Church Open Afternoon and Tea

On Sunday 23 June between 3 and 5 PM, there will be an open afternoon at Holy Trinity. The chance for everyone to come and have a look around the old church, see a little more of the historic building, it does date back almost 800 years. A number of very historic artefacts will be on display many of which have been locked away for years and not seen. Afternoon tea will also be available a selection of cakes scones jams and honey.

BRADFORD SCHOOL - Thank you to everyone who supported the Cider & Pasty Quiz at Bradford Village Hall on 26th April, we had a staggering 23 teams and raised £851 for the Friends of Bradford School – which is a wonderful total. Some of this money will go towards paying for the After School sports clubs which take place each week, and helping to provide transport for trips for the whole school. Many thanks for your support, it is much appreciated.

We will be holding a COFFEE MORNING on Wed 17th July at Holsworthy Memorial Hall, 9 am til 12 – any donations of cakes/savoury goodies would be very much appreciated or pop in and join us for a coffee on the morning. Proceeds for Friends of Bradford School.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, THORNBURY

ANNUAL CIDER & PASTY WALK will be held on Sunday 16th June – Fathers Day - an ideal place to take Dad after his Sunday lunch!! This year it will be held at Vaglefield, by kind permission of Chris & Helen Heard, start time between 3 pm and 5 pm. Please book tickets with Sara by Wed 12th to help with catering, 01409 261105

May Coffee Morning – thank you again to everyone who supported and donated for the May Coffee Morning a total of £118.17 raised for Church Funds.

June Coffee Morning – Sat 1st June – as this is the Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation we have decided to celebrate with a **Coronation Coffee Morning**, at St Peters Church, from 10.30 til 12, we will have the usual Bric a Brac, Raffle, Cakes and Produce, but we will also have some guest stalls joining us, so please come along and support us and bring along any Coronation Memorabilia you may have.

The Bells at St Peters are in need some repairs in order that they are safe to be rung, so on Sat 6th July our Coffee Morning will be specifically to raise much needed funds towards the repairs of the bells. We will again have our usual stalls of Bric A Brac, Raffle, cakes and produce along with some more 'guest' stalls, so please come along and join us, we very much hope to have the bells ringing on that morning as well. If you are interested in finding out more about the bells or possibly becoming a bell ringer, please come along and see what you can learn.

Bag Collection – thank you everyone who again supported this venture for St Peters, we managed to collect 230 kgs of clothes, bags, curtains etc we resulted in a donation of £115 for St Peters. Please start saving again as we will no doubt have another collection before the end of 2013!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BRADFORD

Flower Festival and School Art Exhibition will be held Friday, 14th June to Sunday, 16th June. (Friday 14th from 11am to 9pm; Saturday 15th and Sunday, 16th from 11am to 5pm, followed by Songs of Praise at 6.30pm on Sunday, 16th. Refreshments daily from 11am.

ABBOTT'S BICKINGTON CHURCH

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Fete 2013



It is with great sadness that we have to announce that we will not be having a fete this year. Despite many offers of help on the day, we have not had anyone offer to join the committee to help organise it and it's really too much work for two people to do.

We would like to keep it going as it is very popular, so if you can spare a little time each month to have a meeting / correspond via email and plan ahead we would be delighted to hear from you.

Terry 261775 & Rose 261577

Walking Parish Footpaths

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

10 June	Bradworthy	Meet in The Square
8 July	Chilsworthy	Meet at Village Hall Car Park
12 August	Bude Canal Walk	Meet at Zealand Nature Reserve
9 September	Pyworthy	Meet at Pyworthy Village Hall
14 October	Bradworthy	Meet in The Square

The walks continue to be supported with numbers varying according to the prevailing weather conditions but please be aware that the nominated leader will always turn out, come rain or shine.

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 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

Hopefully by the time that you are reading this article our own broken stile on FP16, opposite Whitebear Cottage, will have been repaired. If anybody is out walking our footpaths and notices any sort of problem, please advise one of the Parish Councillors.

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PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW - UP



Affordable Housing .. regrettably there has been no further progress to report.

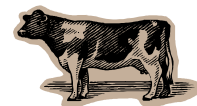
For more information on the Parish Plan 2008 – please refer to the Plan delivered to every household. If you have recently moved into the Parish and have not seen a copy, please refer to the relevant section of the web-site: www.miltondamerel.com

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



Senility Prayer.

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Revised Council Tax Bills 2013/2014

Torridge District Council issued, on 17th May, revised Council Tax Bills for 2013/2014, as the majority of Parish Council charges, included in the initial bills were incorrectly calculated.

Those of you with 'beady eyes' will have seen that the revised bills are also incorrect in the statements made under a column headed '% Change', although it must be emphasised that the financial figures are correct and the amounts quoted for the annual and monthly payments are correct.

Your Parish Councillors approved a precept of £2350 for 2013/2014, and this level of precept has remained unchanged for the fifth year in succession. Imagine our horror then to see that the original issued Council Tax Bill suggested that we had requested a 8.4% increase in the precept. – our Parish Clerk was one of the first respondents to contact Torridge about this!!

When the revised bills arrived, incredulously the % Change for Milton Damerel was still recorded as an increase of 8.4%. Exchange of correspondence with Torridge officers has confirmed that the correct figure for Milton Damerel for % Change should be -1.1. For a 'C' band property the Parish Council charge for 2012/2013 was £11.75 and for 2013/2014 the charge is £11.62, a reduction of £0.13 or -1.1%.

TDC have apologised for the repeated error and are currently investigating how this has occurred with their software supplier. It is not yet decided whether a further revision of the bills will be issued to Milton Damerel parishioners, but as the amounts to be paid are correctly stated, the revised bills issued in May are deemed to be legal. My personal response has been, if at all possible, to avoid incurring further costs and not to issue again, but parishioners will be informed through the Newsletter!

Grace Millman

County Council Elections

At the elections on 2nd May 2013, Alison Boyle, the Devon County Councillor for the South Bideford & Hartland division, was unsuccessful in her bid to be re-elected. Alison has worked with the Parish Council, often attending our meetings, to report on and receive comments on matters of concern, particularly, the state of our roads and winter planning. She also organised, for Parish Councils in her division, occasional sessions with DCC Cabinet leads and officers to discuss highways and winter planning proposals. The Parish Council have conveyed its appreciation of her work over the last 4 years.

Councillor Robin Julian, the UKIP candidate, was elected for our division and, continuing with previous practices, has been invited to attend our Parish Council meetings.

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WILL WRITING REMAINS A JUNGLE

It is difficult to know where the Justice Secretary Chris Grayling is coming from. He is a prominent Minister in a Government which keeps telling us it is the champion of the consumer. After the banks went off message for a couple of decades, and did their own thing, the world economy was brought to its knees. Proper regulation became the order of the day - with appropriate enforcement regimes in place.

Yet Mr Grayling is the man who has just rebuffed the call of the Legal Services Board for the proper regulation of Will writing. Such was the weight of evidence of the need to bring in such regulation, that the LSB and the client watchdog the Legal Services Consumer Panel thought it would be a “given”. Given concrete evidence that there is profound “consumer detriment” in the Will writing market, Mr Grayling remains unmoved. He does not consider regulation to be the “best solution”. Instead of making Will writing a reserved legal activity, he thinks further efforts should be made to see whether other measures can be put in place “before resorting to reservation”.

Legal commentators are scratching their heads in disbelief. Des Hudson, Chief Executive of the Law Society, spoke for many when he said “Consumers have been let down by this deeply disappointing decision. We provided plenty of evidence to the LSB, demonstrating that consumers are at real risk from certain unregulated Will writers who can be incompetent, untrained and uninsured.” The failure of the Ministry of Justice to act enables unregulated providers to “carry on writing wholly unsuitable Wills, leaving consumers without any recourse when they go wrong as a result”. Other commentators agree this bizarre decision not to regulate makes poor sense, given the impressive amount of evidence of detriment to consumers.

Sadly, attempts at voluntary regulation of Will writers made over the years have simply not worked. Incompetent and unregulated Will writers have continued to prosper. Catastrophically, it is only after death, when the Will is put into effect, that such incompetence comes to light.

This leaves members of the public with a stark choice. Either run the real risk of having a bad Will done by an unregulated provider - and suffer the consequences further down the line, and most probably after death. Or, ensure that a Will is done by a regulated provider.

Whilst the Government remains intransigent, I think the only sensible choice if you need to do a Will is to have a solicitor write it for you. A solicitor has the necessary qualifications and training. They are backed by a regulatory system without equal, underpinned by a compulsory compensation system in the unlikely event anything goes wrong.

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Torridge District Council has set up a partnership project with Wessex Home Improvement Loans to provide affordable loans to eligible homeowners to fund essential repairs, adaptations or improvements to their properties (maximum interest rate 4%, typical 4.2% APR).

Wessex Home Improvement Loans is a not-for-profit organisation offering loans on behalf of Torridge District Council. The service is free and a loans adviser makes home visits to anywhere in Torridge to ensure everyone has access to finance to ensure their home is warm, safe and free from structural disrepair.

People may not think to call the council if they are struggling to fund essential repairs to their homes. It can also be scary borrowing money however there are no hidden charges or early repayment penalties.

For further information call Torridge District Council on **01237 428848** or visit www.wrcic.org.uk.



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In March, Rob Meredith, gave an interesting talk based on his organic smallholding where he grows a whole range of common and not so common vegetables using cardboard to combat weeds and pests are taken care of by animals especially ducks.

Diana Lee spoke to us in April about medicinal weeds using a slide show to ensure we knew which weeds she was describing.

Diana is a very highly qualified medicinal herbalist who showed a wide range of weeds and how to extract remedies from them, though there did seem to be a lot aimed at increasing or reducing the body's waterworks.

May saw a visit from Paul Rendell, aka Dartmoor Paul, who talked to us through a very comprehensive slide show of 'wild plants of the west country' many of which were new to our members including some Paul would not even disclose the whereabouts of.

The last meeting of our spring programme will be held on June 5th at Gratton where we are invited to inspect the 200 grape vines planted some years ago which it is hoped will produce a harvest to make wine this summer.

The garden show which was such a success last year is scheduled for September 14th and given a better summer we are hoping for an even larger entry with new categories added to cater to an even wider range of pastimes and hobbies.

Bill Wrighton.

PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR.....

Here are examples of calls to be wary about, should you be targeted....

.. about council tax band for your property...

A company is targeting elderly residents telling that they can save them potentially £1,000's as they are possibly in the wrong council tax band. The company infer they are calling on behalf of the local District Council, but when challenged directly by one or two of the callers they back down and refuse to directly respond. They are asking for money up front and are quite persistent.

The advice from the council is that anyone who considers they might be in the wrong council tax band should call them and they can signpost onto a free service for review of their valuation and therefore banding.

..about 'Helpline' and telecare-type services...

A company who identify themselves as "Helpline" and offer to install Telecare-type services. When asked about cost the enquirer was told "not to worry about things like that". Contact is made several times from various people in the company who change the dates and times for their proposed visit, which is suspicious. You are advised to take great care if contacted by this company and perhaps not to answer the door to these people if/when they call.

Please take care in responding to these type of calls.

Summer Recipes

Kids Recipes

Pork, leek and apple burgers

A great value, healthier alternative to fast food

Ingredients

- 450g lean minced pork
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 2 leeks, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 Bramley apple, peeled and grated
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 x 85g pack sage & onion stuffing mix

To serve:

- burger buns
- salad garnish
- 4 tbsp hamburger relish



Method

1. Heat the oil in a pan and gently fry the leeks for 5 minutes until softened. In a large bowl, mix the leeks, mince, apple, egg and stuffing. Season and stand for 15 minutes.
2. Preheat the grill to medium. Shape the mix into 4 burgers. Grill for 6-8 minutes per side until cooked and no pink meat remains.
3. Serve in a bun with salad and relish.

Adults Recipes

BBQ'd Salmon and New Potato Kebabs

Fire up the charcoal – this fresh and seasonal dish is super-simple to prepare and even easier to cook.

Ingredients

- 4 salmon steaks
- 1kg bag of baby new potatoes, cooked until soft and cooled
- 240g bag of Big Leafy salad
- 1 pack of vine ripe tomatoes
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 20 mls olive oil
- 1 bunch thyme
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into wedges
- BBQ skewers (if you want to use wooden skewers make sure they are soaked in water before using)
- 4 pieces of thick tin foil
- Salt and pepper to taste



Method

1. Fire up the BBQ.
2. Whilst the BBQ gets hot to make the kebabs skewer the cooked new potatoes alternating with pieces of onion.
3. Rub each salmon fillet with a little olive oil then lightly season with salt and pepper. Prepare the 4 foils by evenly placing thyme, a little oil, then half a lemon and vine ripened tomatoes in each.
4. When the BBQ is hot place the salmon skin up on the grill, and grill for 3 mins or until it is nicely seared. Remove from the grill and place 1 fillet, skin side down, on each of the pieces of foil. Wrap up then place back on the BBQ (in the coolest part) and cook for 12-15 minutes until cooked through and the fish flakes easily with a fork
5. Whilst the salmon is cooking put the potato kebabs on the BBQ until nicely charred and piping hot
6. Once the salmon is cooked place some lettuce on a plate and put the salmon and all the juices over the salad (the skin can be removed at this stage) then serve with the potato kebabs.

Information (slightly amended!) received by the Parish Council from:

HOLSWORTHY UNION REMEMBRANCES 1914 -1918

With the advent of the Centenary Commemorations of the First World War just a little of a year away, Holsworthy Museum is beginning to pull together a major project which has been under way for almost seven years.

In 2006/07 we began a small project to record and research (in detail) the 36 names of those men lost during the 1914-1918 War who appear on the Holsworthy War Memorial. Subsequently this project has been enlarged to cover all the parishes that formed the old administrative unit known as the Holsworthy Union at the time of the 1914-1918 war.

The Parishes included are -

Abbots Bickington, Ashwater, Black Torrington, Bradford, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Clawton, Cookbury, Halwill, Halwill Junction, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Holsworthy Hamlets (which includes Anvil Corner, Chasty, Blagdonmoor, Holsworthy Beacon, Burnards House and Chilsworthy), **Milton Damerel**, North Tamerton, Pancrasweek, Putford, Pyworthy, Sutcombe, Tetcott and Luffincott, Thornbury

Over 180 men were lost from the Holsworthy Union during the First World War, though many of their names do not appear on a local memorial. Through exhaustive research we have been able to identify every named individual on every memorial, as well as uncover an additional 50 names. Each individual has been identified positively and the circumstances regarding their death researched – for many this has been an extensive process with little more than a surname and initials on a war memorial to start with... Each individual (who has an identified grave) has a photograph of their headstone (whilst currently each individual from Holsworthy town memorial who has no known grave has a photograph of their name taken from their respective memorial – Menin Gate, Tyne Cott etc). In addition, census records and all available sources (including parish records, local newspapers and so on) have been trawled to enable the creation of a biography for each individual from birth to death.

In addition to the above primary research project –

- Photographs of each known local memorial are being taken (including the numerous small chapels within the Union), and photographs of family headstones (on which are recorded the loss of a brother/son etc) have been taken.
- Photographs of every CWGC Headstone for each individual (who has a known grave) have been obtained.

Preliminary work has also been completed on compiling an incomplete list of all individuals from the above parishes who served in the armed forces during the conflict. Sources used in the compilation of this list include -

- Local Rolls of Honour - usually deposited in local churches (such as Sutcombe and Holsworthy Methodist Church), but also found on some war memorials (such as Halwill Junction, Clawton and Thornbury)
- Mentions within newspapers or published sources
- Daily/Weekly Casualty Lists
- Surviving Service and Pension Records

Holsworthy Museum and our project “Remembrance 1914-1918” are a part of the Imperial War Museums First World War Centenary Partnership - a network of over 1,000 local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations led by IWM (Imperial War Museums). Together, we will present a vibrant global Programme of cultural events and activities, and digital platforms which will enable millions of people across the world to discover more about life in the First World War. In addition, we also have the support of Devon County Council’s Devon Heritage Centre.

In Our Plan. is our intention to involve the Parish communities throughout our project and, importantly, to focus on the educational value of our research by producing a “Remembrance 1914-1918 Education Pack” for distribution to all local schools in the area, as well as the opportunity to visit the museum during the commemorations and to promote engagement between pupils and the project. A primary focus of the project is to produce a Book of Remembrance containing biographies of

every individual lost from the Holsworthy Union and to present a copy of this book to every School, Parish Council, Church, Chapel and Library throughout the Union.

We would really like to be able to promote a 'Remembrance 1914-1918 Partnership' with every school and parish council throughout the Union and hope that you will be interested in becoming a part of this, allowing us all to work together on creating an amazing piece of work.

We really would like to involve every community in this project and to create a sense of 'Parish Ownership' for the memorials within the parishes and particularly to allow everyone to have the opportunity to not only rediscover the stories behind the names on our war memorials but also to help us discover and preserve the stories, experiences and artefacts of those who survived.

This important project will take many man hours to complete and is a major undertaking by Holsworthy Museum, fortunately we are 'ahead of the game' in many respects, having been working on the project for some years, however, there is still a huge amount of work to be completed.

The majority of funding for this project will, it is hoped, be provided by a substantial Heritage Lottery Fund Grant (to be met with a proportion of match funding) and, in preparation for commencing our Grant application process we would really like to ask for *Parish Councils support, which has been given by letter supporting the project.*

We have created a dedicated email address for this project - Holsworthy1914-1918@hotmail.co.uk and would be more than happy to receive any questions, thoughts or ideas you might have about our quest as well as hearing from anyone with an interest in becoming personally involved in the project. (Letters can also be delivered to Holsworthy Museum). We have also created a dedicated web site - www.holsworthy1914-1918.com - which we hope to be able to use to keep all our supporting partners up to date with our progress and activities as well as being a point of contact for interested parties.

We really hope that you feel you can support our project and help us to create a project that will become part of our heritage, and ensure the many names on our war memorials, and the people behind those names, are never forgotten.

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Designation of School for Milton Damerel (see Note at Foot of Page)

[Otherwise described as Closure of West & East Putford School]

Since mid-December, Parish Councillors have been very 'exercised' about the review of school designation for children of Milton Damerel, which was, in our opinion, inappropriately incorporated, by Devon County Council's School Organisation (Policy) Manager, into a consultation about future school designation for children of West & East Putford. Householders in the Parish received the consultation letter from DCC and a Parish Council circulation encouraging householders to respond to the consultation.)

Our objections were raised with DCC Councillors for this area, the Lead Cabinet member for Children's Services, the Leader and the Chief Executive of the County Council. Despite the many objections submitted.....

At the Devon County Council Cabinet meeting on 13 March 2013, it was resolved:

- (a) that in light of the review of changes to designated areas arising from the closure of West and East Putford Primary School approval be given to the division of the area for that School with the northern part being offered to Bradworthy Academy and the southern part to Sutcombe Primary School; the designated area of the latter being extended to include the village and surroundings of Milton Damerel (i.e. Option 1);
- (b) that, accordingly, approval be sought from the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator to an in-year variation to the designated area of Sutcombe Primary School;
- (c) that no change be made to the Education Transport Policy in order to maintain the current equity of entitlement and that free transport on designated school grounds be available to Sutcombe from the newly extended area but not to Bradworthy; excepting that any free transport provision currently provided to pupils attending Bradworthy School continue whilst they attend that School and, subject to eligibility, be also provided for any late applications for that School for September 2013 and to any siblings of any pupils currently attending Bradworthy School.

A copy of the report and minutes can be accessed at: http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/councildemocracy/decision_making/cma/index_exc.htm

Following receipt of this decision, the Parish Councillors have continued to offer their support to the Headmaster & Governors of Bradworthy School in their objections to Devon County Council (and other statutory agencies concerned, such as the Office of the School's Adjudicator) on the process followed and the above decision, to remove our (Milton Damerel) school designation from Bradworthy Academy. Most importantly we consider the decision is to the disadvantage of the parish's future children of primary school age.

(NB This change of designation does not extend to the Gidcott and Holsworthy Beacon parts of our Parish – children in these areas were not designated to Bradworthy Academy, but other schools neighbouring their location.)

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Bradworthy Primary Academy News

19th June 2013	Sponsored Walk
3rd July 2013	Sports Day - Weather Permitting!
22nd & 23rd July 2013	Reserve Day (Sports)
24th July 2013	Leavers Assembly
	Summer BBQ
25th July 2013	School Breaks Up for the Summer Holidays
5th Sept 2013	Back to School
25th Oct 2013	School Photos
Week Commencing 28th Oct 2013	Half Term

MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

Summer trips programme for 2013:

16 th April	Trago Mills	16 th July	Newquay
21 st May	Charlestown	20 th August	Looe
18 th June	Lyme Regis	17 th September	Dunster & Minehead

Club meets on 1st 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

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Statistically we must be due a summer

The last 6 summers have been very poor following cold miserable winters and during the last year we seem to have lurched from one record breaking and depressing month to another, the coldest, the wettest, the windiest and 2012 was rated as the worst summer for at least 50 years.

Is it any wonder that gardeners are scratching their heads over what to grow having seen their bedding plants fail and sowings of vegetables just not germinating, I sowed carrots, beet and spinach 3 times last spring with no success.

Success at last

Although temperatures have generally been well below average the last couple of months have been dry and having put polythene mini tunnels over my raised vegetable beds i have been much more successful with sowings of a variety of vegetables, whilst autumn planted garlic and onion sets are trying to push the polythene off the hoops.

Frost free tasks

Given any degree of reasonable weather the more tender vegetables should now be planted including courgettes, marrows, runner beans, pumpkins etc. Whilst dahlias and other bedding plants can be put into their final positions where hopefully they will flourish to give a summer long display of colour (fingers crossed)

Tomatoes in the glasshouse should be well developed by now and need weekly attention to tie them to their supports, remove side shoots and feed, they should then produce edible fruit in a few weeks time.

Outdoor tomatoes such as French cross or gardeners delight can be planted out in sunny sheltered positions in rich peaty soil where they will produce bumper crops given a warm sunny summer.

Early outdoor Chrysanthus can be planted in their final flowering positions either in open ground or in large 10" (25cm) pots.

Late indoor Chrysanthus can be transplanted into 6" (15cm) pots when they have filled their smaller pots with root and stood outside until fully rooted when they need to go into their final 10 ltr pots. They will need bringing indoors before the first frosts to flower November/December.

All Chrysanthus need stopping when young to produce 4 to 6 side shoots which for sprays can be left to develop naturally or for large individual blooms side shooted to leave just the leading bud.

Pests

There is already quite a lot of greenfly around indoors but personally I have yet to see any whitefly which along with red spider I would class as the worst and most difficult pests to eradicate, there are numerous products which will effectively destroy greenfly and if applied weekly they will quickly stop the breeding cycle.

Whitefly breed so rapidly that you need to apply pesticides every 2/3 days but always follow the manufacturers instruction.

We grow lots of bedding plants, several thousand in fact but no matter how careful we are there always seems to be at least one disappointing crop. This year the problem has been the small begonia Sempervirens which thrived last year but from day one have been dying, why, we have yet to ascertain but fortunately they have recovered and are now healthy though we have probably lost 20% of the 1000 we were growing. I feel the problem may have been the lack of light when they were first potted

Happy gardening
Bill Wrighton



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

A Committee Meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Monday 13th May 2013. Future Events were organised. We discussed, once again, having a painting session in the Kitchen of the Hall and any other areas that need doing. This is an area that the Parish Hall Committee must keep on top of.

For those who supported us in Waitrose 'Donation Box' Thank You. We have received a telephone call to say £290 will be coming our way.

EVENTS REPORT.

WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 16th March 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm. Profit £48.59

WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 20th April 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm. Profit £97.80. Well supported.

WINE & WISDOM. Saturday 27th April 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm. Profit £289.05. A excellent turnout, with 11 tables. Our new Question Master, Mr Bill Wrighton, did exceptionally well, everyone agreed that the questions were interesting and varied. Kate Moyse and her team of friends won, with a score of 82. Second was Janet Elliott team, just behind with a score of 80. (No need to say who came bottom....mention no names. Someone has to).

WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 18th May 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm. Profit £49.40

BINGO. Saturday 25th May 2013. 7.30 Eyes down for 8.00pm. Profit £124 ,(a small turnout, but an enjoyable evening)

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

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

WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 15th June 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm. £2.00 per person.

BEETLE DRIVE. Saturday 22nd June 2013. 7.30pm. Family Fun, table game to suit all ages £2.00 Adults, £1.00 Children, 11 and under.

WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 20th July 2013. 7.30 for 8.00pm. £2.00 per person.

WALK. Thursday 1st August 2013. Start 6.30pm Moor View Farm. £5.00 Adults, £3 Children. A leisurely walk, in a group, followed by Pasty and Cider at Moor View Farm. Dogs welcome on leads.

FUN SKITTLES. Saturday 7th September 2013. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. £2.00 Adults, £1 Children, 11 and under. Refreshments available. BYO Wine or Beer.

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 3rd 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 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: billwrighton@hotmail.com

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.

NOT CLAIMED A Pair of black fleece gloves, was found on the path at the Parish Church after the Carol Service on 17th 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**

Knotweed & Himalayan Balsam

Information received from Matthew Edworthy

Northern Devon Nature Improvement Area Outreach Officer (H/T)

North Devon Biosphere Service

"I've heard back from my colleague about the local monitoring of knotweed, and wish to encourage you to also help with national monitoring of that species but also Himalayan Balsam by using the plant tracker website.

Whether you are reporting locally or into the national scheme, you will need 3 things. (i) Date of when you saw it (ii) The location of where you saw it as a grid reference (iii) A digital photo(s) showing the extent of where the plant is growing and something that is more of a still life allowing your identification of the species to be verified – you need to download these onto your computer. Then you are all set.

I think your P3 walkers could cover a lot of ground and help map the invasives in the parish as they do their P3 work. It wouldn't add much complication.

Once armed with your information you can proceed as follows:

(i) National reporting:

Use the plant tracker website <http://planttracker.naturelocator.org/>. It is easy to use. To enter a record, click the 'add record' tab at the top, then fill in the form, upload the relevant photos and use the map to 'click' where you saw the species. Clicking on the map will create the 'spatial ref' data automatically. You then just need to add date, enter your e-mail and press submit. Job done.

(ii) Local Reporting

I have asked around with the highways people to double check. Yes, blue posts mark knotweed on the highway verge. They sometimes get a different coloured top when they have been treated. The person to report sites to is ian.hyde@devon.gov.uk. He deals with the knotweed spraying contract so he can add new sites or will be able to check if they are already on the list. I think that a grid reference is sufficient.

I hope the good folks of Milton Damerel can help us map and eventually deal with these pernicious plants."

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[Matt gave a very interesting presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting]

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 Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196
 Holsworthy Beacon: Jackie - e/m – jacdee1999@yahoo.co.uk

Property Marking

Following a very informative presentation by Beverley Bray and Emma Tomkies, two of our PCSOs, which the co-ordinators attended in April, we felt that it would be appropriate to remind people of the options which are available. So why should we consider marking our property? Whilst items such as electrical goods can be easily replaced this is not the case for items of sentimental value. Should you unfortunately become the victim of a burglary would you be able to accurately describe the 'lost' items to the police and insurance company? Every year the police actually recover £1000's of property that they cannot return to their rightful owners simply because they are not able to match it up to the descriptions of the missing goods. Articles which are marked in some way are also much more difficult to dispose of and this in itself will act as a deterrent to thieves.

A very effective way of property marking is to use your postcode in conjunction with your property name or house number e.g. The Cottage AB22 7XX. How you actually do the marking will depend on the item concerned and whether the marking is to be visible or hidden. Obviously a visible marking will be more of a deterrent but we appreciate that this is not always desirable. Ultra-violet marker pens leave an invisible mark but this needs to be renewed annually as the mark will degrade due to wear and light exposure. Engraving by mechanical means or etching using a chemical solution is permanent and suitable for metal, glass and ceramic items. Tamper resistant labels are difficult to remove and usually leave a mark which is detectable under ultra-violet light. Property marking solutions are becoming more popular and are suitable for almost any item. These solutions contain microdots which are not visible to the naked eye but contain a reference number registered to you. Again, these dots show up under UV light. One such system which you may have come to your attention as it is frequently used in public buildings and farms goes under the name 'Smart-Water'.

Taking photographs of valuable or sentimental items is also a good idea. Whilst an article may be difficult to fully describe verbally a picture records all the detail. With most people having digital cameras or mobile phones with built-in cameras, this is now an easy action to take, however its recommended that you save the pictures separately from the PC (in case that also gets stolen). Save the pictures to a CD and keep that safe, perhaps at another property so that in the event of a fire, the items can also be used for insurance purposes.

Having taken one or more of the above actions, there is one last thing to consider. There is a nationwide FREE National Property Register which is used by the police throughout the country when trying to return recovered property. Further details and information can be found on their website at 'www.immobilise.com' (or from a link on the police website), and many of the security devices mentioned above can also be purchased for reasonably modest sums.

Our PCSOs have access to engraving equipment and will be happy to come to your home help and advise with property marking. They have also been trained in general security matters and will be able to give an appraisal and recommendations for your home and buildings. To arrange any of these matters please contact them through the 101 number, email or ask your co-ordinator for an introduction.

SGT Pennie Channing and PCSO Emma Tomkies will be doing a Skydive from 15,000 feet over Devon on the 18th of July, in aid of The North Devon Hospice and to celebrate that SGT Channing has been at Holsworthy as the Team Leader for 10 years. They are hoping to raise over £1000 for this charity and would appreciate any donations that you might feel able to give. To add to the fun they will be doing the Skydive dressed as "Superheros". Anybody wishing, can donate via the internet on www.justgiving.com/Pennie-and-Emmas-Superhero-Skydive or by speaking to any member of our Neighbourhood Beat Team.

Rural Policing Update:

The below thefts have occurred since March 2013:



**DEVON & CORNWALL
CONSTABULARY**

- **Chasty:** Yamaha quadbike; Alpina sit on lawn mower, Items were taken from insecure barns.
- **Clawton:** A quantity of logs
- **Pyworthy:** 1x Hilti recipco saw, 2x Hilti cordless TE6A drills, 1x Hilti laser level.
- **Bridgerule:** 1x Plastic flamingo ornament and concrete light house garden ornament; Iron metal squatting dog ornament on spike
- **Pancrasweek:** 2x tonne draper jack with two axle stands
- **Hollacombe:** A quantity of eggs from the honesty stall; Wolf generator, 3 x bails of shavings, 1x bag of dengi light and 1x bail of haylage.
- **Cookbury:** 8ft Bronze statue of flying ducks
- **St Giles on the Heath:** Shed Burglary 2x Grey ornamental eagles, 2x black American clocks in mounted cases, 1x stuffed owl in mounted glass cabinet, 5-6 collectors ceramic teapot in various patterns.
Stanley screwdriver set in grey case and long nosed pliers – wire cutters-pliers
This was taken from a secured garden shed. Offender unscrewed the screws from a lock door.
- **Ashwater:** Tower scaffold; theft from honesty box 4 x dozen eggs
- **Broadwoodwidger:** 700 litres of heating oil, 600 litres of heating oil
- **Daytime Dwelling Burglary** A substantial amount of jewelleryes (Entry gained by forcing ground floor kitchen window)
- **Chilsworthy:** Cladding metal sheeting; Echo petrol strimmer, Jonseed IPT 13 ride on mower and Husquavana chainsaw
Gained entry through a garden shed by climbing in through an insecure window, ride on mower located in the garden.
- **Milton Damerel:** 30x Sheep hurdles and sheep race system
- **Bradworthy:** Shed Burglary
(1x Wilstow double ATV galvanised mesh trailer bed size approx. 2.5m x 1.5m, 1x fox trap, 25 litres red diesel, 2x plastic diesel containers, 4x bags blue circle cement (25kg), 1x cripple tool, 1x steel post driver, 1x monkey fence strainer, 2x myti-lite foot trimmers, 1x food scoop, 3x chicken carrier crates, 2x tie down ratchet straps, 1x trailer light board, 1x spare wheel/tyre, 3x storage boxes containing bolts/nuts/screws/bits, 1x tarpaulin.
A substantial amount of heating oil
- **Putford:** Car exhaust and air filter
- **Sutcombe:** Going equipped for stealing
The two men were arrested in connection with this incident, as well as the shop burglaries in Bradworthy and damage to Sutcombe Parish Hall.

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

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 17th August 2013

WHAT'S ON .. a selection of local events in Holsworthy and North Devon

Holsworthy

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
The Right Honorable Gentleman	12 th September – 21 st September Bookings from 26 th August	H.A.T.S. Tel:01409 253826 www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
Events and contacts for other venues in North Devon		
	Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular & Special Workshops for Children and Adults	
Illyria present Babe the Sheep-Pig	Saturday 2 nd June @ 5pm Open Air at Castle Hill, Filleigh Wednesday, 28 th August @ 5pm Open Air at Hartland Abbey	
Miracle Theatre present Waiting for Godot	Friday, 21 st June @ 7pm Open Air at Hartland Abbey	
The Military Wives Choir with Ploughcapella	Friday, 28 th June @ 8pm At RHS Rosemoor	
Heartbreak Productions present Alice – An Extraordinary Adventure	Saturday, 29 th June @ 5pm Open Air at Hartland Abbey Thursday, 22 nd August @ 5pm Open Air at RHS Rosemoor	
Plough Youth Theatre presents The Wizard of Oz	Wednesday, 3 rd July & Thursday, 4 th July @ 7.30pm	
Puppetcraft presents Nobody Rides The Unicorn	Friday, 5 th July 10.30am & 1.30pm Saturday, 6 th July @ 1.30pm	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.ploughartscentre.org.uk
Illyria present The Mikado	Wednesday, 31 st July @ 7pm Open Air at Vicarage Garden Torrington Thursday, 22 nd August @ 7pm Open Air at Hartland Abbey	
Illyria present As You Like It	Saturday, 3 rd August @ 7pm Open Air at RHS Rosemoor	
Cambridgeshire Touring Theatre present Treasure Island	Friday, 9 th August @ 5pm Open Air at Castle Hill, Filleigh Tuesday, 13 th August @ 5pm Open Air at Hartland Abbey	
Heartbreak Productions present Romeo and Juliet	Sunday, 18 th August @ 7pm Open Air at Hartland Abbey	
The Pantaloons present A Midsummer Night's Dream	Wednesday, 21 st August @ 7pm Open Air at Castle Hill, Filleigh	
Heartbreak Productions present Dracula	Saturday, 31 st August @ 7pm Open Air at Vicarage Gardens, Torrington	
	Drama, classical music, opera, children's shows, popular music (including rock, jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts and community events	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Sarah Anne Westcott Dance Studios present Dance 2013	Saturday, 6 th July @ 2pm & 7pm	

What's on Diary

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Church Gardening	6 June		6
Parish Footpath Walks	10 June	10am	8
Coffee Morning, Abbots Bickington Church	12 June	10-12	7
Coffee Morning, Westfields C/o Mr & Mrs Jackson	13 June	10-12	22
Flower Festival and School Art Exhibition, Bradford	14-16 June		7
Whist Drive	15 June	7:30	22
Annual Cider & Pasty Walk	16 June	3-5pm	6
Church Gardening	21 June		6
Beetle Drive	22 June	7:30	22
Church Open Afternoon and Tea	23 June	3-5pm	6
Coronation Coffee Morning, St Peters	1 July	10:30- 12	6
Parish Footpath Walks	8 July	10am	8
Church Gardening	11 July		6
Coffee Morning, Holsworthy Memorial Hall	17 July	9am - 12	6
Methodist Chapel Celebratory Weekend	19-21 July		4
Whist Drive	20 July	7:30	22
Church Gardening	26 July		6
Walk	1 August	6:30	22
Church Gardening	6 August		6
Parish Footpath Walks	12 August	10am	8
Church Gardening	23 August		6
Parish Footpath Walks	9 September	10am	8
Fun Skittles	7 September	6:30	22
Parish Footpath Walks	14 October	10am	8

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) 2.30pm
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

June 2013

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Complete all outdoor planting of tender bedding and vegetables .
Ridge up late potato rows.

Sow more rows of vegetables to maintain a regular supply including peas, spinach, cabbage etc. And salad crops.

Lawns will need regular mowing unless we have a drought.

Treat lawns to kill weeds and moss following packet instructions carefully.

Get the B.B.Q. out and ready to light.

July 2013

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Stay on top of weeding or they will take over.

Enjoy the fruits of your labours removing ripened vegetables before they get old and inedible.

Take the time to stand or sit back and admire your handiwork.

August 2013

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Enjoy the wonderful weather !!!!