



*Happy Christmas  
and all Good Wishes for 2014*



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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 are displayed on the notice boards no later than the Thursday before the meeting. Anyone is welcome but the public are not permitted to take part in discussions, however time is set aside on the agenda of all meetings for public comments.

At the Parish Council meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Edgar Pett resigned as a Parish Councillor, a letter of thanks has been sent to him by Parish Council Chairperson Grace Millman. Edgar has agreed to remain as the 'Snow Warden'.

Cheques for Annual Grants that were agreed to at the Parish Council Meeting in November 2012 for Milton Damerel Gardening Society, Newsletter, Parish Hall and The Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council have now been sent out.

Requests for annual grants 2013/2014 have been received, applications will be notified if they have been successful after the Parish Council Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Planning matters: An application has been applied for a proposed storage and workshop building on land at Strawberry Bank. Milton Damerel have been consulted in respect of Planning applications for wind turbines, the locations being Land at Youldon, Sutcombe, South Arscott, Holsworthy Beacon and Northcott, Sutcombe.

The planning application for an extension at Buttermoor was granted. The application for a Wind Turbine at Down Farm, Thornbury was refused, but the application for the Turbine at Babbington, Chilsworthy was granted permission.

P.C.S.O Raquel Rowe attended the Parish Council Meeting in September where she reported on several thefts in the area, and asked all parishioners to ensure they keep their valuables under 'lock and key'. Raquel also reported the increase in sheep rustling in the area and informed the council about the 'Farm Watch', which works on the same principals of 'Neighbourhood Watch', the association was in dire need of volunteers. It was also reported that there has been an increase in telephone calls to the vulnerable with requests for pass words etc for fraudulent use. Please be aware of 'scams' and protect all the vulnerable parishioners that you might know.

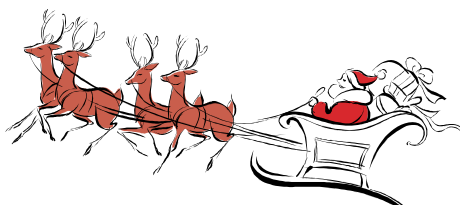
Councillor Julian Robin has attended meetings in August and October, at the meeting in October he reported that all council budgets are being significantly cut for the financial year 2014/2015. It is envisaged that Parish Councils might in the future be liable for more costs, although no definite decisions have been made. It is with this in mind that the Parish Council will need to consider increasing the precept for 2014/2015. This will be discussed at the next parish council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. Milton Damerel Parish Council has not requested an increase in the precept for six years

Public Footpaths (P3) funding: Councillor Julian Robin informed Parish Council that further funding might be available, a Grant for £500 was requested, and this will be used towards the cost of repairing the 'Boardwalk' if the application is successful.

Finally as 2013 draws to a close the Chairman, Councillors and Parish Clerk of Milton Damerel Parish Council wish all Parishioners a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

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, paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side. Copies of the recent Parish Council meeting agenda and minutes are now available on [www.miltondamerel.com](http://www.miltondamerel.com)

Lorraine Buttery  
Parish Clerk 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013





## CONGRATULATIONS!



**To Thelma Johns** of Rose Cottage, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in September

**To Ann Poole** of Glencoe, Venn Green, who celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 29<sup>th</sup> October and also as the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of a 5 generation female line, her Mum, Mrs Phyllis Pickard at 94, her daughter, Jeanette at 48, her grand-daughter, Victoria at 24, and great-grand-daughter, Amelia just 2 months.

**To Phyllis Piper**, of Parkfield who celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 20<sup>th</sup> November

**To Steve & Kate Moyse** of Rossmay, on the birth of their son, Edward Jake on 24<sup>th</sup> September

**To Gareth & Sally Piper** of Wonford Meadow, on the birth of their daughter, Felicity Jane on 11<sup>th</sup> October

**To Kevin Hookway & Hazel Cholwill** of Beech House, Holsworthy Beacon, on the birth of their son, Ryan David on 25<sup>th</sup> October

**To Marc & Samantha Garrett** of Higher Walland, on the birth of their daughter, Darcy on 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**To Don & Maureen Roomes** of Viewfield, Shop Court, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 16<sup>th</sup> November

## GOOD-BYE & WELCOME



### Goodbye & Best Wishes to:



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

**Patricia Footman** who has moved from Cross Cottage.

**Ashley & Sally, Thomas & Rachael Vallance**, who have moved from Gratton Hill

**Mike & Kay Brown** who have moved from 4, Downs View

### Welcome to:

**Barbara Slee** who has moved into Treetops, Holsworthy Beacon

**Jim & Jan Coffin** who have moved into Cross Cottage, Fore Street.

**Lee & Nina McLean, Bradley, Harvey & Corey** who have moved into 4 Downs View, Venn Green

## THE GARDEN SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

Like any club the Garden Society needs to attract new members to replace those who move away or due to ill health or age are no longer able to attend meetings.

We hold 8 meetings plus a show each year in the Parish Hall, members are an assorted bunch of amateurs who generally enjoy the informal approach with officious claptrap kept to a minimum, each meeting has a different theme ranging from a garden quiz to dowsing with many subjects in between.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month except January (too cold) July, August (too hot) and in September we hold the show, meetings commence at 7-30pm and after refreshments we generally wind up around 9-30pm. Please come along to any meeting and see what we do, your first visit is free and you can be sure you will learn something of future use.

## Chapel News – December 2013

### A Message from Rev Meg Slings ....

Dear Friends,

We are now in the season of Advent. Churches and others will be waiting and preparing for the celebration of *Immanuel - God with us*. So on that thought I want to share some thoughts with you written by Mary Foxwell Loeks.

*Immanuel means a restored relationship. When sin entered the world, there was a real sense in which the holy God was prevented from being with the men and women he had created. The God-man had to come in order to bring about a reconciliation. It is because of the death and resurrection of the Immanuel that we can know that God is with us. Immanuel means there is One who knows how we feel, who identifies with us. Sometimes God gives a hint of his kind of empathy through another person. Immanuel means we do not have to feel alone.*

*God With Us, your promise, first offered in the darkest times, gave hope. And you are still with us in our darkest times. Our hearts are grateful, Immanuel.*

God Bless, Meg.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Make & Take Christmas Craft Stall** – On **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 3.30pm**, the Sunday Club and helpers have a stall at Lizzy's Larder, Blackberry Farm. This will be for the charity, Shelter. Come along, make something Christ-massy to take away, a card, gift tags, decoration, etc., Free of charge, but please put a donation of your choice in the pot for Shelter! 80,000 Children will wake up homeless this Christmas. Yes, that's in this country. Many will be in cramped B&B accommodation. Please come along, every little helps!

**Methodist Carol Service** - will be held on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11.00am** with Mrs Nancy Hall-Tomkin  
Collection for Action for Children

**Christmas Family Service**—will be held on **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am** arranged by local congregation when we choose our favourite carols and favourite readings, followed by coffee/tea & biscuits

**HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEK-END** was well supported for the decorating and contributions of flowers, produce, etc., and both the Sunday Service and Monday evening Harvest Thanksgiving were well attended. The proceeds for the week-end, including the auction of produce, exceeded £406.77. Thank you to all for your support and generosity.

**BIBLE STUDY** – A group meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom 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!

### CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2013 TO FEBRUARY 2014

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Mrs Sheila Daniel	19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Mary Carter
8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Lilian Luxton	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs Valerie Harris
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Sarah Weal	16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Mrs Christine Poole
5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Ann Poole		

**“Free to Good Homes!”** – Surplus to requirements:

- a stainless steel double drainer sink unit
- a compost bin.

Contact Steve & Sarah Weal

**FAMILY SERVICES** – The last Sunday each month is Family Service for everyone (all ages!). We are delighted to welcome anyone able to come along.

<b>29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
<b>Family Christmas Service</b>	<b>Mr Roy Harris</b>	<b>Mrs Vivienne Sherrif</b>

**SUNDAY CLUB** – Despite being only a very small number we were able to send off 4 shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse. These boxes of gifts for poor children cost around £13 -£15 to pack and send. Ours went with those collected at the Rock Solid Youth Club, Chilsworthy. Thanks to those who gave items to send.

Well done, to Harriet and William Allin, who recently received an award each from Community Action Through Sport (CATS). Nominees had to have done a minimum of 5 hours community service. Harriet and William spent a morning litter picking from Venn Green down to the Church and also helped at the Bude Food Bank sorting tins and packets and packing food boxes.

**NEW BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – The group meets on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am till 12 o'clock in the Schoolroom. Our official start was on 5<sup>th</sup> November, and we are grateful for the support and help of Beth Simmons from Bluecoat Children's Centre, Torrington. Holsworthy Children's Centre are also very supportive and have offered us the use of the toy library for 6 months, free of charge. We are also grateful for gifts of toys, etc., and wish to thank those who have given so many lovely items. We now have a plentiful supply. The Mums, Grans, helpers and children are a very friendly group and welcome others from around the area. The cost is £1.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> child per session, an extra 50p for other siblings. We are happy to lend out toys for just a small donation to the funds. Phone Sheila (261466) for further details.

**MONSTER CLUB** – We are looking forward to a visit by the Community Police on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, from 5pm – 6.30pm. members will be able to get their finger prints done, go into the police van, try the walkie talkies and ask their questions. We might even put a few of them in hand cuffs! We are not meeting for December but our party will in January, date yet to be fixed.

**PILATES** – are held each Monday morning 11am till midday in the Schoolroom. A slow but sure series of exercises, which strengthen the core muscles, give a full body work out and aid good posture. Our tutor, Di Sluggett, is a fully trained instructor. Contact Di on 281637 for further details.

**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)

*We wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas and 2014.*

### St Peter's Church, Thornbury

Thank you to everyone who helped support our recent Bag Collection – we raised a fantastic £140, which is really wonderful, please keep collecting as we will be arranging another collection in May.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – Thank you to everyone who helped decorate, prepare and provide refreshments and produce at St Peters for our harvest festival celebrations in September, and to those who purchased the vast array of produce. This year we supported 2 charities at our services and we are delighted to report that we have been able to donate £75 to both the Church Urban Fund and Farm Community Network, both charities do some wonderful work in very different areas of life.

**SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING** - Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Coffee Morning at St Peters Church on Saturday 7th September. Particular thanks go to the Bradford Bell ringers who came along and rang the bells for us, it is the first time in many years the bells have been rung and it was wonderful to hear them. We raised a total of £110.52, and £55.26 will be donated to the Devon Historic Churches Trust who have helped and supported St Peters so much in the past. The other £55.26 will go towards paying for our Bell repairs!

**OCTOBER COFFEE MORNING** – although not a huge turnout we still managed to raise £71.25, plus we received a very generous donation to which we are most grateful.

**COFFEE MORNING** in Holsworthy Memorial Hall, we have been allocated a Coffee Morning for Wednesday, 12th February 2014, so please pop the date in your diary, if you have a couple of hours to spare to help we would be very grateful or if you are able to donate a cake or two that would be wonderful, 9 am til 12 noon.

**FOOD BANK** – did you know you could donate items for the Holsworthy Food Bank at St Peters Church? There is a basket at the back of the church where you can leave items at anytime during the week and they will be collected and passed on the Holsworthy Food Bank. Items most needed are:- long life juice, long life milk, sugar (500 g or 1kg size) tea (40 or 80 bag size), coffee (100g size), tinned meat, biscuits, sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes and tinned rice.

## Holy Trinity News

### From the Rectory...

Isn't it a wonderful feeling when you ask something of someone and they say 'yes'?

Did you know that the very first Nativity Play took place in a small Italian town called Greccio and it was created by St. Francis of Assisi about three years before his death. Thomas of Cellano tells us what a wonderful experience this was about how the hillside was filled with torch light as they made their way to the site, how the forest and the rocks echoed back the singing of the Friars as they sang joyful praises to God.

All of our Nativity Plays in our schools and Churches have grown out of this tradition started by Francis, but why is it so important for us to remember and acknowledge the birth of Jesus? After all we don't celebrate the day he started his ministry or the day of his first miracle or even the day he received the ministry of Baptism by John in the river Jordan.

The reason that Christmas is such an important festival is that it is in that humble hovel of a cattle shed, filled with the smell of livestock it was at that moment, the instant that the baby Jesus took his first human breath of air, that life changed for all of creation. Nobody in that town of Bethlehem, other than Mary and Joseph and a few Shepherds who happened to be near by, knew of the significance that this new life had brought to the world. Even to this day, regardless of what people believe or choose not to believe, that moment in time changed the face of humanity.

That first Christmas marked the time that God said 'yes' that he had heard the cry of his people and was giving them, if they wanted to accept it, a fresh start, a new beginning the opportunity of a fresh and intimate relationship with their creator through the mystical Word of God that had now become flesh and bone just like you and me.

That first Christmas was a new beginning for mankind in its relationship with God. Jesus came into the world that we might have life in all of its fulfilling wonder. This Christmas let us give thanks for that time when the world recognised that it couldn't live without the creative influence of God, asked for His help and he said 'Yes' by giving us a way back to him, in the form of a small vulnerable baby who grew to be Jesus, the Light and saviour of the world.

Have a wonderful, peaceful and Holy Christmas.

Your priest and friend  
Fr. Christopher



### Forthcoming Services

Carol Service -	Tuesday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 7.30PM
Christmas Eve Family Service –		<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 7 PM
Christmas Day Eucharist	–	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 11.30 AM

An additional service will be introduced from the New Year, a non-Eucharist Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at the usual time of 11.30.

### January Services

Sunday Service– **12<sup>th</sup> Jan 14** 11.30 AM  
 Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **26<sup>th</sup> Jan 14** 11.30 AM

### Church Gardening

The pace of activities throughout the summer has been slow to reduce with the mild autumn keeping the grass growing and still needing cutting. Special thanks to all who assist and in particular Steve Moyse for his continued dedication in turning the grass around the church into a sward that rivals that found in SW19. (Keep going Steve it will soon match Wimbledon Centre Court)

Weather dependant the future Dates are:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December between 1- until dusk

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January between 1- until dusk



A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
With Bradworthy Choir  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30PM at Holy Trinity Church**  
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine to follow

**Holsworthy Beacon  
Methodist Church**

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am**

**CAROL SERVICE**

**Led by Clifford Nosworthy**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Last Thursday of each month**

**10am – 12noon Chapel Hall**

(Please note – not December)

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### St Peter's Church, Thornbury

**CHRISTINGLE MORNING** – Saturday, 7th December at Bradford Village Hall there will be a Christingle making morning from 11 am. Everyone is invited to come and make Christingles for our Christingle Service taking place on Sunday 8th December. There will be SOUP & ROLL LUNCHES available plus some stalls, cakes, fair trade. Please come along and join us. Any offers of help gratefully received, please contact Liz 261312

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at St Peters Church, Thornbury Sunday, 8th December at 9.30 am

**CAROL SERVICE** at St Peters Church, Thornbury Sunday 22nd December, 6.30 pm followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at St Peters Church, Thornbury 11 am – everyone welcome.



## *Use it or Lose it* *Anvil Corner Weekend only*

I Want to inform you that Devon County Council, as a result of further requirements to meet difficult financial targets, will shortly be going out to consultation on some proposed changes that will affect our recycling centre.

### Opening Days Reduction

Due to the low level of usage, low tonnages of waste handled and relatively high costs, DCC are consulting on proposals to only open Anvil Corner on Saturdays and Sundays (10am to 6pm during April-September and 10am to 4.30pm October to March.)

If these changes are approved by Devon County Council and the council members it will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

## PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



**Affordable Housing ..** Since the new application for a larger development at Milton Town was withdrawn by Drew Construction in early February 2013 we have been awaiting notification of a re-application, but to date, no further progress has been made.

With the assistance of Sue Southwell, Community Council of Devon, and Rachel Webdell, Torridge District Council, the Parish Councillors have initiated a review to find out whether there are alternative proposals we should be progressing towards the ambition of providing affordable housing within the parish. Such proposals may include different site(s) for a development and seeking out other partners to work with the Parish Councillors to develop a scheme. The housing needs survey was completed 4 years ago and would require updating if the conclusion from our review is that there is a way forward.

If anyone wishes to comment on the above, including anyone with land they would be prepared to see used for affordable housing, please contact any of the Parish Councillors (see Page 2) or Sue Southwell (01392 248919) and give them your comments.

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.

## MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

An extra summer coach trip was arranged for October, when we visited Taunton for shopping. The summer trips have been well supported and a 'free' coach will be funded from the 'profits' for the Christmas Dinner trip to Durrant House Hotel followed by Christmas shopping in Barnstaple arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Club normally meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall – new members very welcome to come along, but PLEASE NOTE there is no meeting in January, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February for the New Year's Party with bring and share tea.

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



**From The Holsworthy Post 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 –**

**Looking Back 50 years ago to 9<sup>th</sup> November 1963**

*"Holsworthy Carnival has received a magnificent start with the receipt of £427 19s 6d from the sale of sixpenny tickets by the three candidates (for Carnival Queen). On Saturday night it was announced that Joyce Jones of West Youldon, Chilsworthy, the youngest child of Mr and Mrs Richard Jones, has been chosen."*

Miss Joyce Jones is now Mrs Joyce Jollow of 12 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon; in 1963 the Carnival was held on a Thursday evening. Family and friends of candidates for the position of Carnival Queen sold six penny tickets and the candidate having sold the greatest number of tickets was elected Queen, with the other candidates elected as the Queen's attendants.





## **QUIZ NIGHT AT MILTON DAMEREL GARDEN SOCIETY**



In December the Society is holding a General Knowledge quiz based on a gardening theme.

This quiz is aimed at everyone who has a garden, a lot of horticultural knowledge is **NOT** necessary.

Entry is £1 for members £2 for all others with mince pies and tea or coffee in the break.

Teams of four though these can be assembled on the night.

There will be 5 rounds of 10 questions'

First prize Duck dinner with two bottles of wine for the runner ups.

Parish Hall on 4th December at 7-30 pm. and is open to everyone from anywhere.



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Rex or Denyse (Workshop) Penny or Sue (Petrol Forecourt)

## A Tale of Two Christmases

by Jim Smith

It is the worst of times. It is the best of times.  
The Christmas you have depends upon you.  
May you be blessed to follow the Light and choose the right.

### A Christmas Poem

**C** is for Credit Cards that make buying a breeze.  
**H** is for your Headache when your cards are seized.  
**R** is for Remembering everyone on your list.  
**I** is for feeling Insulted when your gifts are dissed.  
**S** is for feeling Stressed when you're on the fly.  
**T** is for the Truckloads of presents that you buy.  
**M** is for your Massive debt that soars into the sky.  
**A** is for the Awful feeling that you've gone astray.  
**S** is for your Sorrow and the tears you'll shed today.

### The True Christmas Poem

**C** is for the Christ child lying in a manger.  
**H** is for the Holy One who saved us all from danger.  
**R** is to Remember Him who died that we may live.  
**I** is to Inspire us that we may always give.  
**S** is for joyful Songs and sacred hymns that praise.  
**T** is to Thank the Lord for showing us the way.  
**M** is for the Miracles that bless us each day.  
**A** is for the Almighty who always puts us first.  
**S** is for the Shepherd who guides us on earth

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## Walking Parish Footpaths

Despite a somewhat drizzly morning we had twelve people turn out for our last walk of the year, here in Milton Damerel. The conditions were an eye-opener for our town based walkers who were amazed at the volumes of water running off the fields and swelling the streams and made it easy to understand how flooding can quickly occur. The walks will resume in February with the provisional programme being:

<b>Monday 10 February</b>	Chilsworthy Canal Walk.	Meet at Chilsworthy Village Hall
<b>Monday 10 March</b>	Pyworthy Walk.	Meet at Pyworthy Village Hall
<b>Monday 14 April</b>	Milton Damerel Walk.	Meet at Milton Damerel Parish Hall
<b>Monday 12 May</b>	Bude Canal ( Long Walk)	Meet at Lower Tamar Lake car park

The confirmed programme will be available for the Spring newsletter but in the meantime anybody wishing to take part should confirm the start location with either Robert – 01409 254211 or Michael – 01409 261196. Everyone is welcome but please be aware that some paths may be wet and muddy, depending on the weather, and suitable footwear and clothing is advised. All walks will start at **10.00am** and aim to finish by noon.



## Attention Attention Snow or no snow we are having a "Snowman Competition"

So get your constructive thinking hats on and build a "Snowman" it can be built of any material and be any thing you like.

We want it to be fun for all the family so there is only one class and that is  
A Family Class.

(no age limit you can be 9 or 90 younger or older)

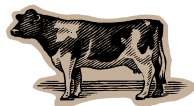
Judging will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014 so have your snowmen out ready to be judged by mid-day.

Entry Forms will be available in the New Year from Blackberry Farm Shop (Lizzy's Larder) & Horrells Ford Garage.

Closing date for entries Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.

### Bradworthy Primary Academy News:

Saturday 7th December 2013	Bradworthy Christmas Lights Switch On 4.30pm
Tuesday 10th December 2013	Pre-school Christmas Party (in the Memorial Hall)
Wednesday 11th December 2013	KS1 Nativity in the Church 11am
Friday 13th December 2013	School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th December 2013	KS2 School Christmas Play - in the Memorial Hall start approx 2pm
Wednesday 18th December 2013	School Play Evening in the Memorial Hall start 7pm
Thursday 19th December 2013	KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December 2013	School Play Evening in the Memorial Hall start 7pm
Friday 20th December 2013	Carol Service in the Church 2pm approx
Friday 20th December 2013	Bradworthy Primary Academy Breaks Up for the Christmas Holidays
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## I MUST GO DOWN TO THE SEA AGAIN

"I must go down to the sea again..." so the poem goes that we learned at school oh so many years ago. But we were not bitten by the sailing bug until many years later.

A holiday programme featured "Leader" a converted Brixham sailing trawler, it offered a hands on sailing experience for the totally inexperienced with all cooking done for you. We had just reached the stage in life when we could once again take a holiday without children and this seemed ideal, so we decided to "go for it" and we were well and truly hooked!

Sometime later, after several different types of sailing holidays we discovered The Jubilee Sailing Trust. Based in Southampton and run as a charity they operate two tall ships", The Lord Nelson and Tenacious. Both ships are specifically built to offer sailing to both disabled and able bodied crew, the ships regularly sail out of various UK ports, take part in the tall ships races (frequently winning) and in winter visit ports further a field such as the Mediterranean, The Canary Islands and The Caribbean.

After a few trips as general voyage crew being generally involved in handing sails, rope pulling (lots of) taking the wheel, mess duty, all under the watchful eye of the permanent crew of 10, and also "buddying" other voyage crew with varying disabilities ie; wheelchair bound, deaf, blind, or various mobility problems we have both become watchleaders. Essentially the ship operates 24 hrs a day and so has four watches each watchleader is responsible for up to 10 voyage crew. This involves helping them to settle in on board and "learn the ropes", making sure they are in the right place at the right time with appropriate clothing and correct safety harnesses etc.

If you are going on watch at 8pm it may be the tail end of a glorious sunny day but by midnight the temperature will have plummeted and it might be wild wet and windy and you might well need a hat and gloves!

Everyone on board gets the opportunity to go up the mast. We have seen blind climbing with guidance from the permanent crew,

seen the very determined climb using just their upper body strength having lost the use of their lower limbs. The result of seeing what some can achieve after only a few days out of their usual comfort zone is amazing and frequently tear jerking. Even the wheelchair bound gets hoisted up to the crows nest.

The ship brings people of all ages and all walks of life together in a way that doesn't happen elsewhere. On one trip two girls of 16yrs who had never met were inseparable at the end of the trip, one was from Motherwell and the other from a very posh boarding school in Hertfordshire, totally different lifestyles and opportunities, it opened the world up in different ways to both of them. On another trip two lads from the North East, one with M.S and the other his carer were amazed when on night watch on a starry night that the same constellations were visible in the Canaries as you could see on Tyneside!

The thrill of suddenly being surrounded by a pod of dolphins on a brilliantly sunny day as they swim under the bow sprit and you can see them under the clear waters. Watching the sunrise on the early morning watch and feeling its rays become ever warmer. The sense of achievement when you manage to stay upright in a force 8 gale! Oh and also dealing with sea sickness but enough of that! all together makes a great experience.

Starting in October 2013 the trust started a new challenge. Their ship The Lord Nelson is now sailing round the globe calling at many ports around the world offering the sailing experience to disabled people across the world, helped by sponsorship from sail training associations around the world. Also being joined by people from the UK along the route. We have already booked our passage, sailing out from Recife in Brazil and up the eastern seaboard of America to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Just need to save up!

Jim & Melanie Richardson (Mount Pleasant)

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## THE END OF A GOOD GROWING YEAR

It may have been a little late arriving but we did have some warm sunny weather which produced better crops than we have seen for the last few years with onions drying out naturally ready for storing rather than going soft and runner beans cropping into October.

I had planted some Dahlia Bishop of Landaff in a raised bed in an area I don't visit that often but in late September I was amazed at how much they had grown and how colourful they were.

### THE AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED.

Even if we haven't yet had a frost tender plants will have pretty much given up by now, short wet days are not conducive to growing bedding plants, runner beans, marrows etc.

Most can be consigned to the compost heap but Dahlias and Chrysanthemums should be cut down to 6 - 9" lifted and placed initially upside down in a cool but frost free building preferably with lots of glass to let light in, after a few weeks when they have dried out place them right side up in boxes and cover the roots with dry peat or compost.

Plants growing in pots can similarly be cut back then moved indoors and left for the compost to dry out.

### AUTUMN PLANTING.

Garlic and winter onion sets can still be planted out, the sooner the better but up to March they will have time to produce a crop next summer.

If you have a dry sheltered spot in the garden ideally one that gets some sun then you might try sowing some Broad beans, sowing them direct will allow them to decide when to poke their heads out of the ground.

December is the month to sow Onions indoors in hot conditions to germinate them but they should then be grown on much cooler to plant out in April, traditionally prize winning Kelsae Onions are sown on Boxing Day though this may be due to it being the first day off for working men in the North of England where some of the largest plants are grown.

Tender bulbs/corms such as Canna Lilies, Begonias, Gladioli should be gathered in before frost get too harsh, cut off the top growth and clean off the old roots complete with soil, place the bulbs in cool frost free conditions out of direct sunlight.

### WILL IT DRY UP.

So far the autumn/winter has been very wet but so mild that the grass has continued growing rapidly which has certainly left me with a problem, having missed mowing opportunities in early November I have been watching the grass getting to a length where my mower will struggle to cut it, I am just hoping we might get a frost to slow it down and some dry winter days when I can mow at least twice to get the lawns back under control.

Another weather dependant task I dislike in the autumn is the removal of the Coolglass off the glasshouse, I apply this white shading material in the spring very easily with a garden pressure sprayer when the sun is burning hot through the glass but removal has to be with a dry cloth when the glass is bone dry and not many days filled that criteria in November.

It is a good idea to do some pruning before the worst of the weather arrives, roses should be reduced by around a third, hedgerows trimmed while they and the wildlife are dormant, shrubs trimmed so they are narrower at the top to shed off snow and fruit trees winter pruned doing it in the spring tends to encourage rapid unrequired new growth.

Bill Wrighton.



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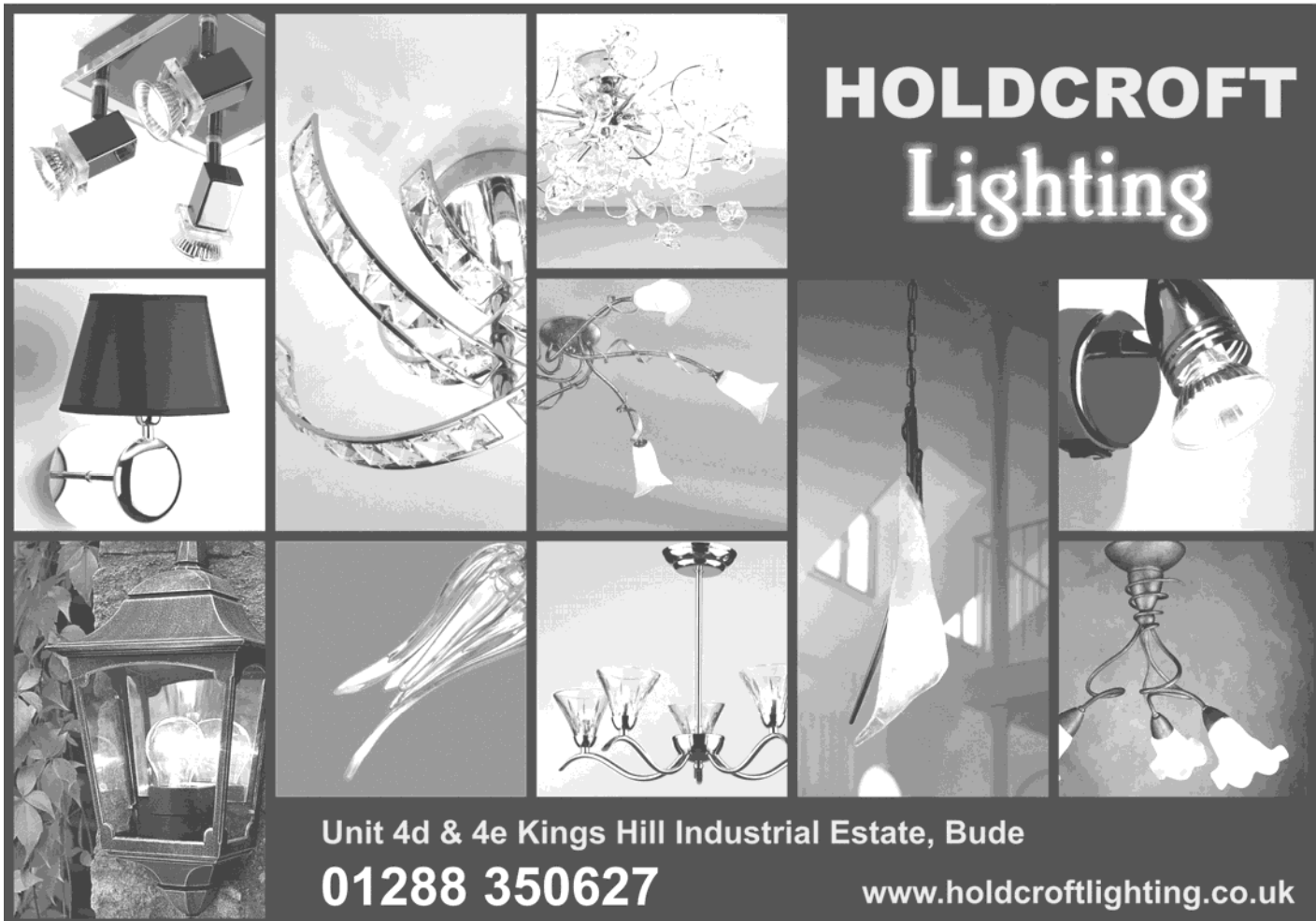
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# The Milton Damerel Gardening Society

This years Garden Show in September was a tremendous success reflecting the good growing year we had though not the all entries were from outdoors with a large entry of Arts an Crafts including culinary delights on plates and in jars.

In total there were 305 entries in the 54 catagories that is some 30% up on the 237 in last years show which was also a record breaker, even the weather shined on us (or at least it didn't rain) attracting a very large crowd to view the entries after judging and awards ceremony while enjoying the refreshments on offer.

Just for clarification and to answer a question from a parishoner the Show is an open event and entries from far and wide are welcomed, society meetings are similarly open certainly not restricted to just local residents, everyone is welcome and some new members would be very much appreciated.

Our October meeting was entertained by Mike Bell who discovered the joys of growing Bamboo in his youth in Birmingham, he retired to Bodmin and set up a National collection of the plants.

Having been to Japan to see these plants growing in there natural habitat he was very knowledgeable and illustrated his talk with slides and examples particularly some pieces of Bamboo that were over a foot in diameter, he also explained spreading and clump forming species the former being ones to avoid unless you have a very large area to fill.

Bowden Hostas represented by Peter Savage paid us a visit in November where the beauty and size of hostas was demonstrated by a series of projected photographs along with clarification of their growing needs, native habitat and background information about the company and how it managed to win 9 Chelsea Gold Medals

Our December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is to be a light hearted evening with a (not too technical) quiz, questions set by one of our members, 5 rounds of 10 questions with a break in the middle to enjoy mince pies and tea or coffee.

Entry to the quiz will be the same as our normal meetings, £1 for members £2 for others, with a duck dinner as the first prize and two bottles of wine for the runner up.

We then take a break until February 5<sup>th</sup> when Dave Usher will tell us all about soil, how it was formed and how to use it.



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Overall it has been a fantastic year at Blackberry Farm.

Lizzy and her staff won the Super service award at the North Devon Food and drink awards and came a close second in the top local producer and best specialist retailer category. The award was presented by Michael Caines. There was a special mention too for Kaya who received a number of nominations for her Funtastic Farm tours.



Mike meanwhile has done exceptionally well showing his cattle. He has already won the championship at the Royal Cornwall calf show with his baby beef and was Reserve champion at Liskeard. He is off to the National Primestock and Royal Smithfield in the next couple of weeks so fingers crossed for more trophies.

We had lots of fun earlier in the year taking Rosalind Sharp and two of her friends to the Holsworthy Prom in the horse and cart. The girls spent a lot of time decorating the cart in prom colours allowing us to arrive at the Falcon in Bude in true style. We were all really chuffed when we won best arrival.



Kaya and her friend got second at Bradworthy carnival with their impression of Jessie J singing Pricetag and had great fun writing out and hanging pricetags all over the cart.

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## Handy guide to local services in North Devon and Torridge

A new, easy-to-use guide of public and community services is available this week (from 13 November) from selected outlets across North Devon and Torridge.

The North Devon and Torridge Directory has been produced by The North Devon Access to Services Project, funded by Devon Council.

It includes information on a wide range of services, covering everything from community transport and health to education and care services which are available in the area and how to access them for advice and support.

A limited number of printed versions of the directory, for people who do not have access to the internet, will be available at local libraries, doctors' surgeries, council offices or CAB. It is also available online at [www.northerndevon-sevices.co.uk](http://www.northerndevon-sevices.co.uk)

Project Manager Tim Lamerton said: "We really hope that people will find that the Guide is a useful reference point in helping them access services they need and perhaps services they did not know existed before."

Devon County Council Leader John Hart said: "This handy directory contains all of the useful contact details people need to access services in their area. I think people will find this an invaluable guide and I'm pleased Devon County Council has been able to support this project."

Not-for-profit services in the local community which would like to be included in the online version should contact [tim@ndvs.org.uk](mailto:tim@ndvs.org.uk) or [jo@ndvs.org.uk](mailto:jo@ndvs.org.uk).



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The evidence showed that the other driver, a young male, was travelling at hugely excessive speed. He was trying to get some cigarettes from a Barnstaple garage before it closed for the night. Primary responsibility for the accident rested with the old lady. His level of contributory negligence was high.

The young man suffered minor leg injuries. He pretended the injuries were severe. He claimed he was just about to start work as an industrial abseiler on skyscrapers in London Docklands, working for his brother. His claim for lost earnings was enormous. The whole claim was well into six figures.

I acted for the defendant insurers. I smelt a rat. I suggested they pay for covert surveillance and follow the young man. The results were impressive. He was filmed doing strenuous bench squats in a gym. He was caught leaving Barnstaple police station having answered bail on a charge of car theft. As he left the station, he sprinted across the road and vaulted the wall into the park on the opposite side of the road. The video was sent to his solicitor. The case settled for £2,500 a few days later.

A few days ago I was reminded of this case whilst reading the legal press. Mrs Barbara Fari tripped and fell on an uneven pavement in the London Borough of Haringey. She twisted her knee, and sued for £750,000. Liability was admitted and an offer of settlement made of £7,500. It was rejected. She and her husband then made fraudulent witness statements claiming her life had been drastically altered by the injuries.

Another rat was smelt. Undercover surveillance showed she had wildly exaggerated the effect of her injuries. She was a mistress of feigning pain and discomfort whilst being examined by orthopaedic surgeons. Near home, however, she appeared to be miraculously pain free. The Judge considered her claim to be worth no more than £1,500. However, he struck out the claim as an abuse of process. A High Court Judge then jailed her for 3 months for contempt of Court, staying the sentence to allow her a brief time to appeal. Her husband received a 2 month jail sentence suspended for 12 months. They were ordered to pay the Defendant's costs of £100,000.

The message is clear. Courts will no longer tolerate deliberately fraudulent behaviour by claimants. Taking the proverbial bicycle pump to inflate the size of a claim could now lead to imprisonment. Genuine claimants with proper claims need have no fear. Justifiable claims will continue to lead to appropriate compensation.

**John Busby**  
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## Starry toffee cake squares

### Cooking time

**Prep:** 1 hr, 15 mins - 1 hr, 30 mins

### Skill level

Easy

### Servings

Makes 24 squares

These cakes are fun for the kids to make and ultra-cute to look good too

## Additional info

Freezable

### Ingredients

- 200g butter, plus extra for greasing
- 200g golden syrup
- 300g self-raising flour
- 200g light muscovado sugar
- 3 medium eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 4 tbsp icing sugar
- half a 454g pack yellow marzipan

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### Method

Preheat the oven to fan 140C/ conventional 160C/gas 3. Grease the sides of a Swiss roll tin, about 32cm x 23cm x 2cm, with butter. Place the tin on a sheet of non-stick baking parchment and draw round it with a pencil. Cut along this line so you are left with a piece of parchment the same size as the tin base. Press it into the tin.

Put the butter and syrup into a small saucepan. (If possible, place the pan on some scales first and note the weight before pouring in the syrup). Gently warm the pan over a low heat until the butter has completely melted, then stir well to combine. Remove from the heat and cool for about 15 minutes.

Tip the flour into a large bowl with 1 tsp salt. Stir in the muscovado sugar with a wooden spoon. Beat in the cooled syrup and butter until mixed. If you find this hard to do, ask an adult to help. Crack the eggs into a jug. Pour in the milk and beat with a fork. Now pour this into the bowl with the flour and sugar and stir until the mixture is smooth.

Pour the mixture into the tin and tap gently on the work surface to level it. Put it on a baking sheet larger than the tin. Bake for 40-50 minutes until risen and firm in the centre. Check the cake is ready by getting an adult to press it with their finger. It should be firm and springy.

Ask an adult to remove the tin from the oven, then leave it to cool for 10 minutes. Use a round-bladed knife to trim any cake that has come over the sides. Run the knife inside the sides of the cake tin, tip the cake onto a wire cooling rack and leave for 2 hours or until cold. Then slide the cake onto a board and trim off the four edges so you have a 30cm x 20cm rectangle. Cut lengthways into 5cm wide strips.

Mix half the icing sugar in a cup with a drop of warm water to a thick paste, using a teaspoon. Set aside. Sift a little icing sugar onto a worktop and divide the marzipan into three. Roll each piece into a ball. Make a dent with your thumb in one of the balls and, using a cocktail stick, drip in a few drops of red colouring. Knead the ball until evenly coloured. Repeat with a second ball and green colouring. Leave the third ball plain. If you don't want to get the colour on your hands, wear clean kitchen gloves.

Dust some more icing sugar onto the worktop and roll out the balls to the thickness of a £1 coin. Using a small star cutter (or try other shapes, such as holly), stamp out eight stars in each colour. Dab a blob of icing on each shape and stick six along each cake strip. Cut between them to make 24 squares.

Dust the top of the cakes with the rest of the icing sugar. Arrange on paper plates, covered in cling film, or in pretty boxes.



## Christmas Tree Cupcakes

Here's a forest of sparkly, festively adorned trees topped with silver and gold stars. All they need now is a pile of gifts underneath them... You'll need to be reasonably confident with a piping bag for these, but practice makes perfect!

### Equipment

- 1–2 muffin tins, lined with 12 brown paper cupcake cases

Large piping bag, fitted with a medium star-shaped nozzle

A good buttermilk sponge is the foundation to many a wonderful cake. Master it and you're on your cake-baking way

Makes 12 cupcakes

### Ingredients

- 175g unsalted butter, softened
- 200g caster sugar
- 2 whole eggs and 1 egg yolk, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 225g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda



### 125 ml buttermilk

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Cream together the butter and sugar until light and creamy. ( Gradually add the beaten eggs, mixing well between each addition and scraping down the side of the mixing bowl from time to time. Add the vanilla.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda and add to the mixture in alternate batches with the buttermilk.

Mix until smooth, then divide the mixture between 12 cupcake cases, filling them two-thirds full.

Bake on the middle shelf of the preheated oven for about 20 minutes, or until golden, well risen and a skewer inserted into the middle of the cakes comes out clean.

Remove from tin and leave to cool

#### **For the decoration**

1 quantity [meringue buttercream](#)

- Green food colouring paste
- Edible green glitter
- Coloured sugar balls

Gold and silver sugar stars the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. Decorate with some [meringue buttercream](#)

## Meringue Buttercream

This meringue buttercream can be piped or spread onto cupcakes to make fabulous, dramatic toppings

Makes enough for 12-16 cupcakes

### Ingredients

- 200g caster sugar
- 3 egg whites
- 250g unsalted butter, softened and chopped

### 1 tsp vanilla extract

#### Method

Put the sugar and egg whites in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Whisk until it reaches at least 60°C (140°F) on a sugar thermometer.

Pour into the bowl of a freestanding electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment (or use an electric whisk and mixing bowl). Beat until the mixture has doubled in volume, cooled and will stand in stiff, glossy peaks – this will take about 3 minutes.

Gradually add the butter to the cooled meringue mix, beating constantly, until the frosting is smooth. Fold in the vanilla and use immediately.

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

A Committee Meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Future Events were organised. We are pleased to report that the outside of the Hall has now been repaired where needed and repainted. Our next project is to concentrate on the Skittle Alley.

We would like to remind parishioners that this is your Hall and can be used for any private event. Our rates are very reasonable. £5 per hour for the Hall with the Kitchen. £10 for the use of the Skittle Alley. (up to 4 hours)

**EVENTS REPORT.**

**FUN SKITTLES. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013.** Profit £63. One again a good evening.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013.** Profit £64.10

**SOCIAL PUDDING EVENING. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013.** Profit £137. A really good social, everyone enjoyed the quizzes and of course the puddings....

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013.** Profit £55.10

**SNOWMAN DRIVE Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013.** Profit £95. Great fun for children of all ages.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013.** Profit £75.60

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

**CAROL SINGING Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.** The last two years have been very enjoyable. We will meet at Venn Green, at 6.30 sharp, calling at Crossways/Strawberry Bank area on to Milton Town and lastly Holsworthy Beacon. All welcome to join us in the singing. Our charity this year, for the collection received, will be donated to **The East Devon Cystic Fibrosis Quality of Life Fund.**

**CHARITY WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.** £2 entry. All profit will be donation to the **East Devon Cystic Fibrosis Quality of Life Fund**, along with the profit from our Carol Singing. Please support.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.** £2 entry.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.** £2 entry.

**FUN SKITTLES Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.** £2 Adult £1 Child (11 and under) Teams of two, but please come if you would like to play, as we can make up teams on arrival. BYO Wine and Beer. Tea and coffee provided free.

**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. **(New Time 7.00pm for 7.30pm)**

**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](mailto:billwrighton@hotmail.com)

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

**Skittles**

Milton Damerel Men, Milton Damerel Ladies, also Thornbury Men Skittles Teams, play for the Holsworthy Skittles League, at the Parish Hall, during the Skittle Season.

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

## Man rules

At last a bloke has taken the time to write this all down

We always hear 'the rules' from the female side now here are the rules from the male side

These are our rules!

Please note. These are all numbered #1 on purpose!

1. Men are not mind readers.

1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.

1. Crying is blackmail.

1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one:

Subtle hints do not work!  
Strong hints do not work!  
Obvious hints do not work!  
Just say it!

1. Yes and no are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

1. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.

1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both.

1. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.

1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we...

1. All men see in only 16 colours, like windows default settings.

1. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a colour. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.

1. If we ask what is wrong and you say 'nothing,' we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.

1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear..

1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine...really.

1. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as football or motor sports.

1. You have enough clothes.

1. You have too many shoes.

1. I am in shape. Round is a shape!

1.. Thank you for reading this. Yes, i know, i have to sleep on the couch tonight.. But did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping...

Pass this to as many men as you can - to give them a laugh...

Pass this to as many women as you can - to give them a bigger laugh, because its true!

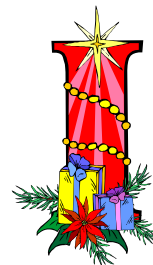


*Police Co-ordinators*

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 PCSO 30099 - Raquel Rowe } Tel: 101  
 PCSO 30103 - Beverley Bray }

*Local Co-ordinators*

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 Gratton: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277  
 Whitebear & Fore Street Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277  
 Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196  
 Holsworthy Beacon: Jackie Beckles – Tel. 261484



## Scams

With Christmas fast approaching it is timely to remind people to be on their guard against postal scams, which tend to come to prominence at this time of year. One seasonal regular is that a card, purporting to be from a parcel delivery company, is left through your door on the pretext of you not being available to receive a delivery. You are requested to phone a number to re-arrange for the delivery. The scam is that the phone number is a premium rate line or even an overseas number which either way is very costly to you, and of course, there is no parcel. If you receive any such cards, especially from an unknown delivery service, please exercise caution. If you are expecting a delivery then check with the sender to find out which parcel service they have used. If the card is a scam, please report the matter to Trading Standards on tel: 08454 040 506, so that action can be taken to stop it.

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Scams come in many formats but please remember that crooks are after your bank and credit card details. There should be no reason to divulge this personal information to anybody unless you have instigated a telephone or on-line purchase and in these instances you will know who you are dealing with. In all other situations keep the information secure, and remember, the banks and card companies will have no need to ask you to verify such details as they obviously already hold the information.

## Sheep Worrying

Sheep worrying is again on the increase in the Holsworthy area. Whilst this has not been a particular problem of late in this Parish, it is 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.

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## Vehicle Security

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas, it is timely to remind people to be careful when out shopping and leaving articles in the car. Please take extra care to make sure that anything left in the vehicle is in the boot, out of sight and that the car and boot are locked. This may seem like stating the obvious but vehicles are still being found, when our PCSOs have done spot checks in car parks, to have been left unlocked.

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Our PCSO's have asked us to pass on their thanks to everybody who has responded to the various requests for information that have been put out over the past twelve months. They also join with us, as this will be the last newsletter this year, in wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas, Safe and Peaceful New Year.

## Rural Policing Update:

The below thefts have occurred:

**St Giles on the Heath:** White Ford Transit Van

Vehicle Registration Number **PY05JVK**

**Ashwater:** Maroon/White Motorcycle BSA Bantam **JXY836**

2 x Galvanised Steel Gates

**Halwill:** 1x Galvanised Steel Gate

**Thornbury:** 2 x Stihl Chain Saw, 1x Stihl Petrol Strimmer,

1x Husqvarna Petrol Strimmer,

1x Husqvarna Telescopic Hedge Trimmer

### Milton Damerel

An incident was reported to the Police recently regarding a substantial amount of milk that was tampered with from the milking parlour. The milk tank lever was left opened allowing 5800 litres of milk to pour onto the floor.

### Christmas

Keep your doors and windows secure at all times

Keep presents and valuables away from outside view

Mark your new presents and valuables with your postcode. House number or name, so that they can be identified if stolen

Don't leave presents and valuables on display in your vehicle

Register your new valuable items on **www.immobilise.com**

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### 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  
Holsworthy Police Station



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Balthazar	Gold	Myrrh
Bethlehem	Joseph	Sheep
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Carols	Manger	Stable
Donkey	Mary	Star

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### 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 14th February 2014**



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

### Holsworthy .....

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
<b>Pantomine: Ali Baba &amp; the Forty Thieves</b>	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January – Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February @ 7.30pm Bookings from 28 <sup>th</sup> December	H.A.T.S. Tel:01409 253826 <a href="http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk">www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk</a>
<b>Events and contacts for other venues in North Devon ....</b>		
	<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>	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 <a href="http://www.northdevontheatres.org.uk">www.northdevontheatres.org.uk</a>
<b>Pantomine: Sleeping Beauty</b>	Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December – Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January – various times (see web-site)	
<b>Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra</b>	Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January @ 7pm	
<b>ABBA Re-union</b>	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February @ 7.45pm	
<b>Northern Devon Music Festival of Remembrance</b> (Music tribute remembering The Great War)	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February @ 6pm	
<b>North Devon Gang Show</b>	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February @ 7.15pm	
<b>Fiddler on the Roof</b> performed by West Buckland School	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> & Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February @ 7.30pm	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 <a href="http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk">www.ploughartscentre.org.uk</a>
	<b>Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular &amp; Special Workshops for Children and Adults</b>	
	<b>Please see web-site</b>	

### 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>

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Church Gardening at Holy Trinity Church	13 December	1pm onwards	6
Christmas Bingo Shebbear	14 December	6:30 onwards	7
Carol Singing (door to door)	16 December	6:30 onwards	22
Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church	17 December	7:30pm	6
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Carol Service at Methodist Chapel	22 December	11am	4
Carol Service at Holsworthy Beacon	22 December	11am	7
Carol Service at St Peters Church Thornbury	22 December	6:30pm	7
Christmas Eve Family Service - Holy Trinity Church	24 December	7pm	6
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Christmas Day Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church	25 December	11:30am	6
Christmas Family Service at Methodist Chapel	29 December	11am	4
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Walking Parish Footpaths	10 March	10am	11
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## 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
Parish Church non Eucharist Service	2nd Sunday of each month 11.30am

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