



# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Spring Edition



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## Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agenda for all meetings 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 held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December Councillor Gareth Piper was welcomed back to the Parish Council, following co-option at the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Annual Grants were considered at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and it was agreed that Milton Damerel Gardening Society, Newsletter, Parish Hall and The Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council would receive grants as in previous years. Requests from outside organisations were written to and informed that it is the policy of Milton Damerel Parish Council only to award grants to local community organisations.

Councillor Robin Julian attended the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and informed the Parish Council that a further cut in the budget of two and a half percent would affect services further. Libraries that were uneconomical to renovate could be closed. Due to adverse weather conditions and emergencies Councillor Robin Julian was unable to attend any other meetings. The funding of £500 that the Parish Council requested through Councillor Julian for Public Footpaths (P3) was granted. This was put with the 'earmarked fund' held in the bank account for the Pathway 16 Boardwalk which has now been completed. The total cost of the boardwalk was £2554.94 plus VAT Milton Damerel Parish council contributed £1200.00 and Devon County Council paid the balance.

The step Back in Time Fund for young people has a balance of £183.02 Grants can be made from this fund to help young people of the Parish undertake special activities, such as volunteering at an event at home or overseas. Applications in writing can be sent at any time to the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk, outlining the project for which the grant is requested.

At the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January the annual precept was considered and the Budget figures discussed in November and December were confirmed. The precept was set at £3506.00. The Parish Councillors appreciate that this is quite an increase over previous years. For the past five years the precept has remained the same, not even a 'cost of living' percentage has been requested, consequently Milton Damerel Parish Council Funds are very low and there is no financial backing for emergencies. As this year there is no 'cap' on the percentage increase that a Parish Council can request it is deemed prudent by all concerned that the necessary sharp increase is made this year, as it seems in this financial situation of cutbacks being made by Government it is highly likely that a 'cap' will come into force in the near future, we might also be asked to undertake work previously done by the local councils. The precept is used for Annual Grants, grass cutting, hall hire for meetings, Insurance, Audit Fees, the Clerks salary and subscriptions. A financial report is given at each Parish Council Meeting.

Planning Matters: The application for the proposed storage and workshop building at Strawberry bank was withdrawn. Milton Damerel Parish Council have been consulted regarding the erection of Wind Turbines at, Babbington, Chilsworthy and Land at Down Farm, Thornbury .

An application for a Solar Voltaic Array at Worden Farm has been granted.

Details for all planning applications are available on Torridge District Council website; applications to be considered by the Parish Council are stated on the Agenda for Parish Council Meetings. If residents have any objections to applications they can convey them in writing to Torridge District Council or send an email to the planning department;

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  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2014



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**To Mary Carter of Moor View**, who celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> January

**To Iain Sharp of Lower Grawley**, who was presented with A-level Further Mathematics Award, Exceptional Achievement Award and Overall Academic Achievement Award at Petroc College's awards evening in January. He achieved 100% in five of his final exams and over 96% in ten exams. He is currently studying mathematics at Birmingham University.

**To David Fairbrother of Rosemead**, as Serjeant in the Holsworthy ACF and on the last night of being a cadet, was presented with Senior 4-star training badge, silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Cadet BTec vocational qualification and the Town Council 'Best NCO' shield for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

**To John Inman & Janey Kirby of Buttermoor** on their marriage on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**To Philip Reed of Gidcott Farm**, who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> February



## GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

### Goodbye & Best Wishes to:

**Dave Bright** who has moved from **Aveleigh**, Crossways

### Welcome to:

**Christian & Gail Whitley** who have moved into **Bluebell Barn, Milton Mill**.

*(So sorry we missed you for the last edition!)*

**Albert & Nellie Byron** who have moved into **Meadowsweet**.

**John & Debbie Radnedge** who have moved into **Aveleigh, Crossways**.

**Gary Holt & Tracey Goldsmith, Michael Holt & Ryan, Deya & Saffron Goldsmith** who have moved into **Costapacquet**



## OUR SYMPATHIES

### For those who been bereaved recently including:

**Norman Webber**, of **Whitebear Cottage**, on the recent loss of his sister, Lorna, who lived at **Whitebear Cottage** until moving to a nursing home. Also to Ron Gifford, her brother-in-law.

All residents are earnestly encouraged to come along to the

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held in the Parish Hall on

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

Local organisations will present their reports.

It is also an opportunity for parishioners to raise any matters of appreciation or concern.

A speaker from Torridge District Council Planning Policy has been invited to present the new Draft Local Plan with particular emphasis on the implications of the Plan for rural communities, such as our parish.

Refreshments will be served.

## **Chapel News – March 2014**

**Revds Meg & Graham Slingo**, who are both Ministers in our circuit, firstly in the Bideford circuit (at Torrington), with Revd Meg serving in the Shebbear circuit, and then in the Bideford & Shebbear circuit, which has now changed its title to the Torridge Methodist Circuit, will be leaving in August to take up new appointments in Wolverhampton commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Farewell occasions will be announced in due course, which will occur probably in July; in the meantime, the Methodist circuit has invited the local members and people associated with our chapels, and indeed anyone who has appreciated their ministry, to contribute to farewell gifts. We will be having a donation box at our services throughout March for gifts.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**Make & Take Christmas Craft Stall** – The Sunday Club held a small Craft stall in aid of the charity Shelter in early S-December at Lizzy's Larder. A total of £40.50 was raised for Shelter. A big thankyou to Liz for making us so welcome, to those who came and supported it and especially to William and Harriet for helping with it.

**Methodist Carol Service** - This year our Carol Service was held in the informal setting of the Schoolroom. This was at the request of our preacher, Nancy Hall-Tomkin, but also because of so much illness around at the time, it was felt the Schoolroom offered most comfort and warmth. We were delighted with a wonderful turn out of people and thank those who helped with readings, etc. Also for the support of everyone. The offering amounted to £190, which has been forwarded to Action for Children. We were also surprised to have Santa make an appearance at the end of the service with small gifts for the children, 'sponsored' by the Parish Council. Mince pies, coffee and tea were served after the service.

**Christmas Family Service** - The Sunday following Christmas we held our own congregational led service. This is becoming a popular event, with everyone choosing their carols and favourite readings. This service was also blessed with a special piece of drama by the Allin Family called The Grumpy Shepherd; it was very well done. We were also delighted to welcome a Catholic family of 7 who were staying at Woodford Bridge.

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – Please refer to the Junior News page for the news from the new group which meets in the Schoolroom on Tuesday mornings. Contact Sheila Daniel 01409 261466.

**MILTON MONSTERS** – Please see Junior News page.

**A VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND** – Rev John Carvosso, with the help of Alan Randall, both from Torrington, gave an illustrated talk on a recent trip to the Holy Land. This trip was held in November 2013 with a group of 35 from the Torrington & Bideford area. It was good to have a reasonable crowd of people out on a very blustery, wet Saturday afternoon to see the excellent slides and video clips of Jerusalem and other well known places. The group visited the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea and Bethlehem amongst other places. Everyone enjoyed tea together. Donations amounting to £106.60 were received. We gave £43.30 each to the Baby & Toddler Group and the Bethlehem Bible College, and a remaining £20.00 to our property fund towards expenses. Our thanks to all who supported this event, who help served refreshments and gave such lovely food towards the tea.

**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 books of the Bible for study. Recently we have looked at Paul's letters to The Thessalonians and Timothy. We would be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to join us! A Lent Course starts on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March with Father Christopher Penn and Rev Meg Slingo to which everyone is welcome to come along.

### **CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH TO MAY 2014**

|  |                    |  |                        |
|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9th March                    | Mrs Grace Millman  | 27 <sup>th</sup> April & 4 <sup>th</sup> May | Mrs Lorna Dawe         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23rd March                  | Mrs Valerie Carter | 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> May      | Mrs Margaret Fishleigh |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March & 6 <sup>th</sup> April | Mrs Sally Piper    | 25 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Mrs Lilian Luxton      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> April      | Mrs Phyllis Piper  |  |                        |

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

**30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Mr David Ley**

**27<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Mr Duncan Withall**

**25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sunday Club Celebration**

**AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES - Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the Schoolroom from 3pm – 5pm**, which this time will be hosted by Waveline Dance Group with a guest appearance from Milton's Line Dancers. Stalls. Proceeds will be shared between the Parish Hall, the Parish & Methodist Churches.

**EASTER CRACKED! - Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April** – The Schoolroom will be open from 9.30am to 10.45am for fun activities, food, coffee, etc. All ages are welcome. Indoor egg hunt. Donations for Children's Hospice SW.

**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: 261355)

## **Church Notices**

From Fr Christopher; If you know of anyone who needs me to visit, day or night at home, hospital or hospice please don't hesitate to call – I am more than happy to visit. Phone me at any hour, day or night, on 07941735318.

**'Lent Lunches'** – Every Monday in Lent at the Rectory (Holsworthy). Come and share in a bowl of homemade soup and a roll followed by tea or coffee. These are an opportunity for fellowship and any donations made will go to a charity.

**Church Electoral Role:** If you want to take an active part in the Life of the Church, be a PCC Member, Church Warden, Church Officer (Treasurer Secretary etc) then you need to be on the Electoral Roll. To do this you must complete an application form by 17<sup>th</sup> March. Applications available from the Church Wardens. More details are on the Church notice board inside the porch and list of the current Electoral Role..

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) will be held in early April in the Church.

### **Forthcoming Services**

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

#### **March**

Morning Prayer– **9<sup>th</sup> Mar 14** 11.30 AM

Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 14** 11.30 AM

#### **April**

Morning Prayer Palm Sunday– **13<sup>th</sup> Apr 14** 11.30 AM

Holy Communion Easter Sunday – **20<sup>th</sup> Apr 14** 11.30 AM

Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **27<sup>th</sup> Apr** 11.30 AM

#### **May**

Morning Prayer– **11<sup>th</sup> May 14** 11.30 AM

Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **25<sup>th</sup> May 14** 11.30 AM

### **Church Gardening**

The snowdrops are up and in flower with some daffodils just coming through. The snowdrops moved last year to the front of the church wall, either side of the Lytch Gate, have done well with small clusters of them making a show all along the wall. Worth the trouble of transplanting last year and I'm sure they will fill out and put on a show each winter.

If we ever get a let up in the weather, dates for gardening or church tidy up are below. As ever all are welcome and your time and efforts were greatly appreciated and noticed by many last year so please continue to support when you can.

cont...

Give Anne or John a ring if the forecast looks bad just in case.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March between 2- until dusk

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Apr between 2- until dusk

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Apr between 2- 6PM

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May between 2- 6PM

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May between 2- 6PM

## PILATES

Pilates was created by a gentleman named Joseph Pilates, in the early 1990's and incorporates a lot of Western forms of exercise. Having experienced how Pilates has strengthened my own core and spine, improving my own posture I wanted to teach and share the benefits of Pilates to other people.

Pilates can improve your posture, muscle tone and flexibility, core strength and joint mobility, as well as relieve stress and tension. Pilates exercises can teach you how to strengthen your core centre and with the correct use of muscles how to support and protect your spine. Pilates is suitable for people of all ages and can be a gentle low impact or a vigorous high impact form of exercise.

I teach a level suitable for people of all ages and fitness abilities. I find people enjoy Pilates because it improves both their mental and physical wellbeing. We are a very friendly group of people enjoying improving our bodies through Pilates exercises. A very warm welcome would be given to anyone who would like to come along and enjoy the benefits of Pilates or see what Pilates can do for you.

Our class is held on **Monday mornings in Milton Damerel Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, from 11.00am – 12.00pm.** Need to wear loose comfortable clothing nothing restricting to movement, and a non slip mat.

For more information contact Di Sluggett on 01409 281637, mobile 07790988420, or

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## LENT COURSE

**Starts on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
in the  
Schoolroom with  
Father Christopher Penn  
&  
Revd Meg Slingo**

Father Christopher is to choose the material for this course.

We extend a welcome to all interested in joining with us!

## AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
3pm – 5pm**

**Hosted by Waveline Dance Group  
With guest appearance from  
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**Enjoy good company, good food & fun  
Proceeds for Milton Parish Hall and Parish &  
Methodist Churches**

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for fun activities, food, coffees, etc.  
Indoor Egg Hunt.**

**Donations for Children's Hospice SW  
All ages are welcome**



## JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS

### Milton Monsters & Sunday Club

The Annual Young People's Party was held in January with Kelvin Isaacs as MC. As always, he did a great job! This year we were joined by some young people from Torrington Methodist Church. Local young people invited friends to come along so a good number was present. A lovely Bring & Share tea was shared and enjoyed by all. Expenses were paid from Monster Club funds.

Milton Monsters had a visit from PCSOs Beverley Bray and Raquel Rowe in the autumn.



We are looking to change with changing times and conditions. We have not arranged regular club meetings for the present but are preparing some special events for a much wider age range. Craft Club has always proved popular in the past so we are preparing a **cooking session** for the Easter holiday for **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10am till 12 noon**. This will be held in the Schoolrooms and will include simple cooking for little ones accompanied by a parent in the lower room and more advanced cooking in the large room for the older age group. There will be a planning meeting for this on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** to be held in the Schoolroom and anyone who would like to be involved is most welcome. We also wish to say an official welcome to Ann Hamilton-Clark, a teacher, who has now joined our small team of helpers. Thanks also to Nicky Martin for offering help with the cooking.

We hope Jackie will soon be back with us following a terrible car accident, we wish her well and we are also very thankful to see Nicky Wrighton getting back to normal, we have really missed her over the past months.

**New Baby & Toddler Group** – We meet on a Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12 approximately, at the Methodist Schoolroom. Attendance has been good with 9 children, so far, all from Milton Damerel, coming along regularly. We would be delighted to have others from the surrounding area to join us, we are a very friendly bunch! Cost is £1.50 per family, with fruit, biscuits and hot chocolate proving popular refreshments. High point of the session is always the song time with thanks to Kate who keeps us in tune!! We have been delighted to receive £43.30 from the Methodist Church at a fund-raising event recently and have also received a wonderful gift of £100 from a local person, for which we are very grateful. We are hoping to get some play mats with this. We have been on a first trip out to Splash in Bude. It went really well, everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to Penny, who came along to help!. For more details contact Sheila 01409-261466.

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## PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



**Affordable Housing ..** Following the update in the last edition, the Parish Council discussed at their January meeting ideas for alternative sites for affordable housing development. Then ... in late January we were advised that Drew Construction have submitted an updated planning application for the Milton Town sites. Torridge District Council planning officers will now engage in further enquiries with Drew Construction to establish the application is valid. When these are complete the application will be registered on the Council's web-site and the consultation process with relevant bodies and the public will commence. At this stage the Parish Council will advertise the **date and times for public sessions at the Parish Hall** enabling parishioners to view the plans and raise queries, to be followed by an open meeting when representatives of Drew Construction will present their proposals and take part in a question and answer forum.

**Please look out for the posters  
which will be displayed around the parish.**

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.

## Eating out - The New Inn, Roborough

Whilst Roborough is a little further away for a meal, The New Inn was recommended to us via some friends.

It's a 16th Century Inn, so expect a more rustic feel and charm, and is cosy without being cramped. A roaring fire sets the scene for a relaxing night.

The main bar is in the middle of the Inn. On the night we went there the local men were in good cheer with pint in one hand and dog lead in the other!!

The food is excellent, and large. The fish hung over the edge of the plates, steak were succulent and cooked perfectly. We did however make the mistake of ordering multiple onion rings... they were around 4" diameter, loads in a large bowl. Essentially one bowl for two people or even three!! As a family of four, we cannot recall ever being beaten by onion rings!!

As it was my birthday, the pub offered a free drink which was a pleasant surprise.

Only thing to be aware is there's limited parking around the pub so I suggest arriving early. On street parking nearby would be ok, however the narrow roads and the locals vehicles may require a bit of a drive around to find a suitable space, but don't let this put you off, you're guaranteed a great night out.

[www.thenewinnroborough.co.uk](http://www.thenewinnroborough.co.uk)



## A WINTER OF COMPLETE INACTIVITY

I started to write this article on the 5<sup>th</sup> February when I was yet again housebound due to the high winds and rain which have been regular occurrences throughout the winter, this was the day that amongst other things the rail line through Dawlish was destroyed.

A consequence of the foul weather was the decision to cancel that night's Garden Society meeting so I spent an hour e-mailing or telephoning all the members most of whom indicated that once night fell they had no intention of venturing out again, the thought of sitting in the hall trying to hear a speaker over the sound of a hurricane blowing was not an attractive one.

### LOTS OUTSTANDING.

Like many of you I am not just behind in the garden but haven't actually been able to start any of my winter tasks and not least of the neglected items are the lawns which are looking very long, green and lush so will take two, three or more cuts to get them back to normal but even if we do get a few dry days I wouldn't dare venture onto the lawns the mower wheels would do a lot of damage to the soil and bring mud to the surface.

From November onwards I normally cut back, prune and trim everything from overgrown shrubs, die back on herbaceous to my fruit trees, this year I haven't touched any of them so if it does stop raining at some point I will have a lot of catching up to do though the forecasters are saying there is no improvement in sight during February.

I am very glad that I only planted garlic in the autumn anything else would have rotted off, the garlic has come up but I do not expect the usual excellent results I get.

### WHEN CAN WE START.

I am loathe to suggest any tasks in the garden until we have at least a fortnight's drying weather which may mean it will be April before we start sowing and planting, at this point it is difficult to believe it will ever be dry again but it will change and then it will be a mad dash to get everything done not least trying to break up the soil for planting, that will be a job and a half after lying wet for so long it will have set into a close approximation of concrete.

I am rather pleased that in November the Garden Societies speaker extolled the virtues of Hostas, well he would he worked at Bowden Hostas, having some wet spots, that now describes the whole garden I could do with some extra foliage and have ordered three plants plus some grasses and ferns.

There is quite a large space to fill so one of the Hostas I ordered is a giant one called Empress Wu with enormous blue/green leaves and pale Lavender flowers on a plant that should achieve over 6' in height and even wider, that will help to fill the space and the plant is too tough to be eaten by slugs, the American Halo and Orange Marmalade that I also ordered are both large growing with variegated foliage.

The grass is one called Imperata Red Baron which to match its name has red leaves and again enjoys wet conditions along with the giant fern Matteucia Struthiopteris Jumbo I have ordered which grows up to 7' tall, my final was Miscanthus Gold Bar a bamboo like grass originating from New Zealand growing to 3' tall with leaves prettily horizontally striped in gold bands.

I'm just hoping when they arrive the weather will be a little better for working outside and that my enthusiasm for gardening will have returned.

Bill Wrighton.

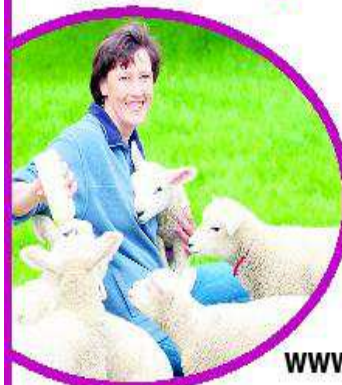


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### Dog owners "Do you know"

Living as most of us do surrounded by farm land those of us with dogs often let them exercise on our local fields, did you know though that leaving any dog faeces on the ground could cause abortion in cattle. The disease is caused by a single-cell parasite called neospora caninum, which lives in both dogs and cattle but only reached full maturity and reproduces in its canine host. Once transmitted to cattle it can result in abortion or the birth of premature, impaired or infected calves. There is no vaccine and no treatment and the only way of eliminating Neosporosis from a herd is to cull infected animals, just think how you would feel if it were your dog that had to be put to sleep because it was infected, a cows life is just as important to the farmer and there is a financial loss as well. Generally people know very little about it and have little thought that their dog might carry the parasite - especially as there is no obvious impact on the dog itself, however they can unwittingly spread it to cattle, where the results can be devastating, and that's why it is important for people to clean up after their pet when out walking in the countryside - especially on pasture land, if dog waste is left in situ, not only can cattle contract the parasite from grazing, but it can also potentially get into grass silage, in that instance the risk of spreading the disease to many more animals is significantly increased.

Spring is almost on us and soon lambing will be in full swing, remember keep your dog under control, sheep worrying is a problem to many farmers, even the smallest of dogs can do a lot of damage if it chases pregnant ewes, the stress of being chased could cause the ewe to abort her lambs. Even the quietest of dogs can become a sheep worrier, and remember if its seen running free and not under control amongst livestock the farmer has a right to protect his livestock.

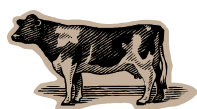
In brief the law is:

**1.** A farmer commits a criminal offence in threatening to shoot a dog, and also in actually shooting a dog, unless he honestly believed his livestock was 'in immediate need of protection' and that 'the means of protection adopted or proposed to be adopted were or would be reasonable having regard to all the circumstances'. So where shouting, throwing something or shooting over the head would be enough, then that is what should be done first to avoid committing an offence. (Criminal Damage Act 1971).

**2.** The dog owner can sue the farmer for compensation, and his only defence to killing a dog is he believed and had reasonable grounds for that belief, that either 'there was no other reasonable means of ending or preventing the worrying' or if the owner is not there, that 'there was no practicable means of ascertaining to whom it belongs'. He must also have reported the shooting to the police within 48 hours. (Animals Act 1971).

**3.** The dog owner commits an offence if (a) their dog is in a field with livestock worrying them, worrying means attacking livestock, or chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock or, in the case of females, abortion, or loss of or diminution in their produce; or (b) their dog is not under control in a field with sheep, even if he was not worrying them, but a police dog, a guide dog, trained sheep dog, a working gun dog or a pack of hounds are all excluded. (Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953).

So when out exercising your dog do keep it under control at all times, when walking through a field with sheep in it keep your dog on its lead, remember that a public footpath is only a footpath not the whole of the field and you and your dog should keep to the designated path and remember to take your poo bags with you and pick up after your dog.



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I work as a social work practice observer for Plymouth University and I became aware of the work of Hamoaze House when I visited to observe social work students in practice. I am always inspired to see people making positive changes to their lives so when I was offered a place to run the London Marathon, Hamoaze House became my choice of charity to fund raise for.



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Please pledge your support and give me a reason to cross that finish line. Donations can be made on the Hamoaze House website [www.hamoazehouse.org.uk](http://www.hamoazehouse.org.uk) or I will have a paper sponsor form for those who do not have access to a computer.

I have also started a blog on the website so do visit it and add your comments. On the day you can put in my name or race number into the Virgin London Marathon website interactive map and follow me around the course. The finish line can then be viewed on the red button if you have one on your TV.

Anne Binns

## Snowman competition



**Congratulations to Roberta Jackson who won our "Snowman Competition" and a big thankyou to those who entered.**

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IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On,  
LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out,  
OMMR: On My Massage Recliner,  
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ROFLACGU: Rolling On Floor Laughing And  
Can't Get Up  
TTYL: Talk To You Louder.



The last meeting of the year, in December, was a quiz night which was both interesting and amusing ably conducted by John Binns with garden related questions in five categories none of which were too technical.

Unfortunately the turnout was very poor with only 6 members and 3 visitors turning out so we could only manage to assemble 4 teams many of just 2 people, Lesley Self's table won the Duck dinner which they split between themselves.

There was no meeting scheduled for January whilst the February meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> was the day of the very bad gales, when Dawlish seafront was wrecked, so at 3 pm after discussing the situation with the speaker we elected to cancel the evening and rebook David Usher for our March meeting when he will speak about soil formation and treatment.

April sees a visit from the Tavistock Dowsing Society who will talk about this ancient method of locating water and if the weather allows we might even get the chance to try our hand at locating an underground aquifer.

We are in contact with a couple of possible speakers for our May & June meetings though as an alternative we have a film showing a method of covering raised beds and what pruning Clematis require, if he is free our local grape grower David Fisher will also give us a report on the results of the harvest after our visit last June, we will publicize the meetings at a later time.

## **Gardeners Diary.**

### **March.**

Try to get at least a cut or two off the lawns.

Sow Brassicas in general plus Broad Beans, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Tomatoes etc. read the seed packets for more information.

If the ground is still saturated sow indoors and grow plants on ready to plant out later.

As soon as conditions allow plant out Potatoes and direct sow Parsnips, Peas, Radish etc. if necessary cover the ground with polythene for a few weeks to help it dry.

Complete cutting back especially roses before new growth emerges.

Sow bedding plant seed indoors as indicated on the packet, it generally takes 8-10 weeks to be ready to plant out depending on the temperature.

Complete any bare root planting this month.

### **April.**

Sow anything you couldn't do last month and keep an eye on watering indoors.

Sow Runner beans indoors at the end of the month, from sowing it is often only 3-4 weeks before they are ready to plant out.

Start watering any stored Dahlias and Chrysanthemums to promote new growth.

Mow regularly lowering the blades each time.

Clean garden furniture and barbecue.

Treat any hard surfaces covered in moss or algae with Armillatox, slabs, decking, glasshouse staging etc.

### **May.**

Start successional sowings of vegetable crops that you originally sowed in March.

Direct sow Runner, French and Broad beans.

Plant Tomatoes and Cucumbers into their final pots in the glasshouse and provide supports.

Toward the end of the month plant out tender plants, bedding, outdoor Tomatoes etc.

Mow lawns at regular intervals ideally weekly.

Tie in new growth on climbing plants.



## Looking Back ....

From old edition of The Post & Weekly News, Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 1957, found when clearing out Uncle's house ...

### MILTON DAMERELL.

The Methodist Church was crowded for its anniversary services on Sunday and Monday, and forms had to be placed in the aisles. Sunday's services were conducted by Mr. Badge, of Broadwood, with Mr. Peter Carter at the organ. The collections were taken by the scholars who also gave special singing. On Monday, a tea for the children was followed by a public tea, in charge of Mesdames Burrow, Wonnacott, W. Johns, D. Colwill, S. Bassett, Larkworthy, C. Slee, T. Short, W. M. Carter, J. Hole, Miss A. Yeo. The evening service was presided over by Pastor C. C. Capener and Mr P. Carter. Recitations were given by Terry Wheeler, Marion Wonnacott, Brian Parnell, Grace Daniel, Michael Hill, Diana Wheeler, Charles Daniel, Linda Wheeler, Rita Ashton, Jachol Hill, Mary Braunton, Anita German, Sheila Wheeler, Mary Bassett, Margaret Clarke, Roger Daniel, Dennis Daniel, Christine Palmer, Brian Wonnacott, David German, David Cole. The satisfactory report was read by Pastor Capener. Mrs A. J. Davey, who for many years has helped to train the children, was unable to be present and has now been removed to Exeter Hospital for treatment.

The annual Sunday School Anniversary was a significant event in the calendar of the local Methodist Church. Just after Easter, the Sunday School teachers met and made a choice of special songs for the week-end, from publications written specifically for Sunday School Anniversaries, and to select individual recitations for each scholar to learn and recite at the Monday evening service. About 6 weeks prior to the Anniversary, a choir of about 20 adult members and all the Sunday School scholars would be called to attend twice weekly rehearsals to learn the new songs, under the tutorage of Mr Peter Carter, the organist, and for the scholars to show how much progress had been made with learning the recitations!

For the Sunday and Monday evening services the scholars were given 'pride of place' on an 'elevated' stage' (known as a platform) built along the front of the pulpit, with school (backless) forms as seats, and were expected to display 'best behaviour' through out in addition to being word perfect with their recitations – this was easier for some than for others – stage fright, poor memory, distraction by others – to suggest just a few reasons why not everything was 'perfect on the night'!

The day school was closed on the Monday, known as the Tea Day, so that the main schoolroom could be set up with trestle tables and forms for the scholars and public tea. Sandwiches, thinly cut buttered fruit bread, cut rounds with jam and cream, sponges, cakes, etc. were prepared in the early afternoon and tea would be served from 5pm until the service commenced at 7.30pm. The challenge for the children was to take advantage of being able to play together in Elliott's field, (whilst the adults enjoyed their tea), already dressed in the smartest dresses and suits bought/made especially to wear for the Anniversary, and avoid the many catastrophes a farmer's field can produce – grass stains, cow pats, stinging nettles, brambles tears.....

At least 2 ladies were assigned to each long trestle table to pour tea, for which the best silver teapots and jugs were brought from home, and the best chapel china teaplates, cups and saucers were used. With no kitchen area or sinks washing up bowls were used with hot water drained from the boiler so that 2 – 3 sittings could be managed at each table.

Of the many names mentioned in the article, only one of the ladies is still alive, Mrs D Colwill, of Oxenpark, who now lives with her daughter, Marilyn, at Sheepwash, and just 3 of the scholars now live in the Parish. However, some of us remain in contact with the other scholars, some of them stay in contact and visit the parish regularly, and the majority still alive reside within Devon.

For sure, all will remember, with varying degrees of 'affection' the annual Sunday School Anniversary of their childhood days!!

## Walking Parish Footpaths

The Parish Walks have re-started on a monthly basis and will continue through the year until November. The initial walks are detailed below and as always anybody is welcome to come along. Please bare in mind that some of the paths will be wet and muddy, especially after the recent run of bad weather and bring appropriate footwear. As always there will be a leader who will decide, on the day, whether the path is suitable to use and may therefore alter the published route. All walks start at 10.00am and aim to finish by noon. For further information please contact Robert (01409 254211) or Michael (01409 261196).

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Halwill Town Walk.   | Meet at Parish Church Halwill (not Halwill Junction) |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April | Pyworthy Walk.       | Meet at Village Hall at Pyworthy                     |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May   | Milton Damerel Walk. | Meet at `Lizzies` Larder.                            |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | Bradworthy Walk.     | Meet in Bradworthy Square                            |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July  | Chilsworthy Walk.    | Meet at East Vognacott farm                          |

### Milton Damerel Footpath 16

#### Holy Trinity Church to Whitebear

Despite the recent bad weather the DCC Rights of Way people have managed to install the long awaited boardwalk through the boggy ground in the copse area. This should make the path much more accessible and useable, even during periods of bad weather. If you have not used this path for some time please try it and any feedback should be passed to the Parish Councillors.



## MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

The first meeting of 2014 was the New Year Bring and Share Tea in February, Mr Ken Chamberlain entertained us and we were pleased to welcome some new members. At our March meeting we will be planning the trips for the summer, starting with the first coach trip in April.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in May.

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,

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Mrs K Moyse  
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Dear Mrs Moyse

On behalf of our Charity, the EDCF Quality of Life Fund, I am writing to thank you and the Milton Damerel Parish Hall Committee for the cheque in the sum of £251.00 received from your recent fundraising efforts of carol singing and your December Whist Drive. Please thank all your members for singing so well and for supporting the Whist Drive, and of course the villagers who delved deep into their pockets.

We have been fortunate to have been 'given' a courtyard in the RD&E hospital which we shall be fundraising for this year to turn it into an outside gym and seating area solely for CF patients and their families (with strict infection and cleaning control). We have arranged for the initial plans to be drawn up and designs to be sketched and we are hoping for work to get underway early summer. This will be a much needed area for CF patients and their families who visit the hospital for either normal clinic appointments or for patients who need to spend time as an in-patient. We continue to fundraise to help provide medical and physio equipment to local CF people.

Thank you once again for your kind support.



## Children's Easter Recipe

**Chocolate Krispie chick****Cooking time**

**Prep:** 40 mins Plus drying time

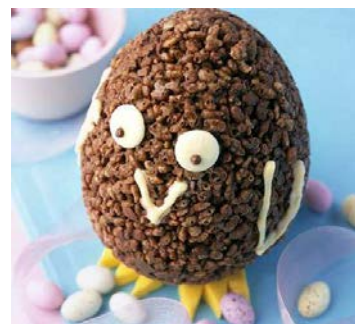
**Skill level**

Easy

**Servings**

Makes 1 egg

A crispy treat specially for Easter that kids will love to make during the school holidays

**Ingredients****For the egg**

- 175g milk chocolate, broken into pieces, plus extra for decorating
- 50g Rice Krispies cereal

**To decorate**

- 2 x 50g bags chocolate mini eggs
- 2 white chocolate buttons
- 50g golden marzipan
- 25g white chocolate, broken into pieces, plus extra for decorating, melted and cooled a little

**Special equipment**

- 2 chocolate egg moulds, piping bag, rolling pin, flat pastry brush or small paintbrush

**Method**

1. Break the chocolate into pieces and gently melt in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water. Stir until smooth, then take off the heat and stir in the Rice Krispies, mixing well to coat. Spoon half the mix into one of the moulds, then use the back of your spoon to press it into a thick, even layer. Be sure to cover the whole of the inside, leaving a thick edge. Repeat with the other mould and leave in a cool place to set. Put the moulds in the fridge for 5 mins. TIP: Putting the egg halves in the fridge once the chocolate has set makes it easier to add another layer of warm chocolate. Don't be tempted to leave the moulds in the fridge any longer than necessary as condensation could cause the chocolate to discolour.
2. Carefully un mould the eggs. Fill one half with a few mini eggs, then fix the halves together with melted chocolate. Patch any holes with a few extra Rice Krispies and melted chocolate. Leave in a cool place to set.
3. To make the eyes, paint blobs of melted milk chocolate onto the white chocolate buttons. Fix onto the egg using a little more chocolate. Spoon the white chocolate into a small piping bag, then pipe a beak and wings onto the egg and allow to set.
4. For the feet, roll out the marzipan on a sheet of greaseproof paper to about ½ cm thick. Using a knife, cut out two feet, making them large enough for the egg to sit on. Once the egg has completely set, place the chick on its feet, pressing down so that it stays upright. Finish by scattering some mini eggs around your chick to create a nest.

## Fete 2014



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

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# 17/02/14

## THE PERILS OF BEING A SOLICITOR

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Having survived flood and tempest, we were unfortunately unable to avoid human intervention. A few days ago, a drunken male took it upon himself to hurl a building brick through my office door at 4.00 am.

Lawyers, like many in public life, can be easy targets. In January, the High Court ruled that Blackpool Borough Council cannot obstruct a solicitor's ability to provide justice to local residents. The solicitors' firm concerned leased property from the Council in the Blackpool Enterprise Centre owned by the Council. The Council refused to renew the firm's lease. The firm had acted for a number of claimants who had successfully sued the Council for personal injury on Council property arising out of the Council's negligence.

The solicitors saw the refusal to renew the lease as nothing more than an act of vindictive retaliation. The firm brought judicial review proceedings against the Council alleging the Council had acted improperly and had abused its powers. The Judge ruled that the Council's refusal to renew the lease was an attempt to punish the solicitors. He said: "There can be no conceivable basis for any criticism of a firm of solicitors who, acting in accordance with the law and the relevant professional rules, enable genuine claimants to obtain access to justice so as to claim compensation for injuries sustained as a result of the breach of public bodies such as the Defendant." In consequence, he overturned the Council's decision.

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We are having a problem with a leak in the Skittle Alley, which hopefully will be sorted as soon as possible. At present we have no idea where the rain water is coming in.

**EVENTS REPORT.**

**WINE & WISDOM. Saturday 30th November 2013.** Profit £335.27. Winning Table, Di Snow and friends. An enjoyable evening, as always. Thanks to all who continue to support us.

**CAROL SINGING Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.** Donation received £166, forwarded to **The East Devon Cystic Fibrosis Quality of Life Fund.** The rain did not dampen our spirits. Many thanks to all who donated and Woodford Bridge Country Club, for their support and the welcoming hot drinks received.

**CHARITY WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013.** Profit £85, donated to the **East Devon Cystic Fibrosis Quality of Life Fund.** (£251 in Total forwarded to the above charity) See letter received in Newsletter.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014.** Profit £65.22

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014.** Profit £49.10

**FUTURE EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****All Proceeds for the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated.**

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014. 7.00pm for 7.30.** £2.00 per person

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014. 7.00pm for 7.30.** £2.00 per person

**ST GEORGES DAY COFFEE MORNING. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 10.00 to Midday** At Tor View, Venn Green. Hosted by Peter and Lesley Self. All welcome, Raffle, Bring and Buy.

**WINE AND WISDOM Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014. 7.30pm for 8.00** **PLEASE BOOK** £5 per Person, Teams of 6. Couples and singles welcome, so please book if you wish for an evening out. We can make up teams on arrival.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014. 7.00pm for 7.30.** £2.00 per person

**BINGO Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May Eyes down 8.00.**

**HALL BOOKINGS & Treasurer:-** Mrs Lesley Self 01409 261 294 (If not available any of the following numbers).

**Chairperson:-** Mrs Mary Carter 261 248. **Secretary:-** Mrs Kate Moyse 261 151.

**Regular Events at the Parish Hall.**

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

**Milton Damerel and District Over 60 Club.** 1st Tuesday of each month, 2.30pm. New Members Welcomed. A social afternoon. Enquiries Mrs 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. Mrs Lorraine Buttery, 01409 282 956, email [miltondamerelpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:miltondamerelpc@hotmail.co.uk)

**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**

## NEWSLETTER FINANCES 2013

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The financial statements are set out below

|   | £.                       | £.                          |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Receipts during 2013:</b>                                      |                          | (2012)                      |
| Advertising (Annual payments from September 2013) <sup>NOTE</sup> | 1049.61                  | (1019.25)                   |
| Personal donations  | 71.00                    | ( 14.00)                    |
| Grant – Parish Council  | 100.00                   | ( 100.00)                   |
| Subscriptions for Newsletter                                      | <u>20.00</u>             | <u>( 0.00)</u>              |
|   | <b><u>1240.61</u></b>    | <b><u>(1133.25)</u></b>     |
| <b>Payments during 2013:</b>                                      |                          |                             |
| Printing  | 971.00                   | (1130.00)                   |
| Postage   | 6.65                     | ( 0.00)                     |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> . Edition Social                                 | <u>0.00</u>              | <u>( 101.45)</u>            |
|   | <b><u>977.65</u></b>     | <b><u>(1231.45)</u></b>     |
| <br><b><u>Net gain for the year</u></b>                           | <br><b><u>262.96</u></b> | <br><b><u>( -98.20)</u></b> |

Funds in hand at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013:

|                               |             |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| HSBC Treasurer's Account..... | 1399.90     |         |
| Cash & Cheques held .....     | <u>0.00</u> |         |
| Total                         |             | 1399.90 |
| Add net gain for year         |             | 262.96  |

**Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013** **1662.86**

|   |             |                       |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| Represented by: HSBC Treasurer's Account..... | 1662.86     |                       |
| Cash & Cheques held.....                      | <u>0.00</u> |                       |
|   |             | <b><u>1662.86</u></b> |

**NOTE:** Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, include the advertising revenue 'in advance' for 2 editions – March & June 2014, valued at £517.30.

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

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

*Police Co-ordinator***PCSO - Raquel Rowe - Holsworthy Pol. Station – Tel. 101***Local Co-ordinators*

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Strawberry Bank:</b>            | <b>Roger Copp - Tel. 261681</b>          |
| <b>Gratton:</b>                    | <b>Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277</b>          |
| <b>Whitebear &amp; Fore Street</b> | <b>Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277</b>          |
| <b>Venn Green:</b>                 | <b>Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196</b>        |
| <b>Holsworthy Beacon:</b>          | <b>Jackie Beckles – Tel. 261484</b>      |
| <b>Gidcott</b>                     | <b>Anne Hamilton-Clark - Tel. 261303</b> |

**Be 'Cyber Streetwise'**

With more and more people taking to the internet for shopping, banking and booking holidays etc., the National Fraud Agency has just launched a new web site [www.cyberstreetwise.com](http://www.cyberstreetwise.com), to help give us all some essential tips to improve our performance online and help keep important stuff safe. If you have a few minutes to spare it might be worthwhile having a browse at the site to see if you can pick up any tips.

**Scrap Metal**

The theft of metal for scrap has been a problem in both town and rural areas for a long time. In an attempt to address this problem the 'Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013' came into force at the end of last year. All scrap metal dealers now need to apply to their local council for a license to operate, under new rules which have come into effect, and there are stiff penalties for flouting the rules and not keeping proper records. Payments are cashless and need to be made into a bank account so that there is a 'paper' trail. The new scrap metal laws will also mean that all scrap metal dealers must verify the name and address of the seller at the point of sale, which is recorded and retained by the dealer. Vehicle details are also noted. There will also be a single national publicly available register of all scrap metal dealers.

Hopefully these measures will go some way to reducing metal theft crime but please remain vigilant as the criminal element will, no doubt, be looking for ways to get round the rules.

**Keyholder Registration Scheme**

With Spring hopefully just around the corner many of you will be thinking of holidays and time away from home. We have mentioned the Keyholder Registration Scheme in the past but it is a little publicised service that the Police offer and which we feel deserves more merit. Through this scheme you can nominate a responsible person for the police to contact should your home or business come to their notice during periods that you are not available. The person's contact details will be registered on a confidential database which is maintained by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and can be accessed 24 hours a day, all year round. To register you need to phone 0901 470 0440 but you can get further details from the Police web-site.

**Gidcott Area**

A warm welcome is extended to Anne Hamilton-Clark who has taken on the responsibility for being NHW Co-ordinator for the Gidcott area. Anne will shortly be contacting the households in Gidcott but in the meantime should anybody wish to speak to her, the contact details are above.

**809 Area Code Phone Scams**

If you receive any unexpected phone calls, either direct or left on answering machines, asking you to call back urgently and quoting an 809 area code concerning a sick relative or something similar, please ignore it. This scam is being distributed widely and the trick is in getting YOU to call back. The 809 area code is located in the Dominion Republic and with there being so many new codes coming into use in recent times it is very easy to think it is one of our own. The charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because you actually made the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You will end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong. Similar types of scam are also using area codes 284 and 876.

## Rural Policing Update:

The below thefts have occurred:

**Milton Damerel:** 1x Pedegree Lleyn Ram tag no. 060/83 2006

Felled wood being stolen from Holy Trinity Church Yard

**Tetcott:** Electricity meters been broken into and coins stolen

**Bradworthy:** 10 feet long red open top animal trailer with ramp had been stolen from a farm

Christmas lights in Bradworthy Square have been **damaged**

**St Giles on the Heath** - An incident has been reported recently to the Police regarding a cat that has had to have its hind leg and tail amputated following an injury possibly caused by some sort of trap.

**The use of animal traps is heavily regulated and in many cases it is illegal. Where injury is caused to any animal it may also amount to cruelty to animals.**

**Black Torrington:** Boss cabins GP360 towing hitch and control panel

**Milton Damerel:** 300 Litres of heating oil

**Pancrasweek:** Stihl kombi hedge trimmer, stihl kombi motor head and 4 tine manure forks

**Thornbury:** Large metal gate, 6 wooden fence post, 2 rolls of chicken wire fencing and 7 large metal sheets



## 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**

### FARM WATCH

The local Neighbourhood Team are keen to establish Farm Watch in parishes in this area. This is being progressed in the Bradworthy area and a meeting will be held on

**Saturday, 1st March at 2pm in Bradworthy Methodist Church Sunday School Room.** Farmers and interested persons from other areas are welcome.

Posters about Farm Watch will be posted in the parish notice boards and the local Neighbourhood Team can be contacted for more info.

## Beware ! Phone calls from 'BT' – don't get caught out.

You may have heard of this scam before, hopefully this will prompt all of us to be wary....

"Received a phone call from BT, informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill.. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00 or it would be £ 118.00 to re-connect at a later date.

The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental!

I asked the guy's name - he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent - & phone number -0800 0800 152. Obviously the fellow realized I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how & he told me to hang up & try phoning someone - he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID !!

My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again. Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made & he said credit card, there & then.

I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT. He hung up.

I dialled 1471 - number withheld I phoned his fictitious 0800 number - not recognized.

So I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first!

It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating. Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends & family aware of this.

How is it done? This is good but not that clever. He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800 152 which takes you through to BT Business. The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying. (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced!

The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool many. By the way this is not about getting the cash as this would not get past merchant services - it is all about getting the credit card details which include the security number, to be used for larger purchases"



## Local Towns and Villages.

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

### Advertisements

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

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

**The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 16th May 2014**



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

## Holsworthy .....

| WHAT?   | WHEN?  | WHERE?   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Cheshire Cats</b> - a comedy by Gail Young   | Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May – Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm<br>(Show may not run on each of the  | H.A.T.S. Tel:01409 253826<br><a href="http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk">www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk</a>  |
|   |  |  |
|   | <b>Drama, classical music, opera, children's shows, popular music (including rock, jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts</b> |  |
| <b>The Marriage of Figaro</b>   | Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March @ 7.30pm   |  |
| <b>Celebration</b> presented by Dancing Feet Academy  | Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm; Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm & 7pm   |  |
| <b>Sweeney Todd</b> presented by Barnstaple Amateur Operatic Society                                      | Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March – Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm<br>(Sat also 2.30pm)   | Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple<br>Box Office: 01271 324242<br><a href="http://www.northdevontheatres.org.uk">www.northdevontheatres.org.uk</a> |
| <b>Swan Lake</b><br>Moscow Ballet – La Classique  | Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March @ 7.45 pm & Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 2.30pm  |  |
| <b>The Just So Stories</b>  | Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April @ 2pm & 4pm   |  |
| Agatha Christie's <b>The Mousetrap</b>  | Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7.45pm (Sat also 2.30pm)   |  |
| <b>Pirate Gran</b><br>Presented by Scrap Theatre & Watford Palace Theatre                                 | Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May @ 1.30pm<br>Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May @ 10.30am & 1.30pm   |  |
| <b>CATS</b> (Andrew Lloyd Webber)<br>Presented by Barnstaple Young Generation                             | Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm<br>Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May @ 2pm & 7pm   |  |
|   | <b>Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular &amp; Special Workshops for Children</b>  |  |
| <b>Foundation in Drawing Course</b>   | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30 – 4.30pm  |  |
| <b>Self Portrait Drawing Course</b>   | Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March 5-7pm   |  |
| <b>Life Drawing Session</b>   | Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30 – 9.30pm   |  |
| <b>The PROMISE GIG</b><br>Fund-raiser for North Devon Against Domestic Abuse                              | Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm  | The Plough, Torrington<br>Box Office: 01805 624624<br><a href="http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk">www.ploughartscentre.org.uk</a>               |
| <b>Willow Sculpture Workshop</b>  | Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm  |  |
| <b>Streetz Dance Crew</b><br>Fund-raiser for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and Beaford Arts Cen | Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March @ 7pm<br>Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 2pm & 7pm   |  |
| <b>English Patchwork Workshop</b>   | Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 10am – 4pm  |  |
| <b>SPLOSH!</b> Sixth Sense Theatre in partnership with Salisbury Playhouse                                | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March @ 11am & 1.30pm (children 2-5 & family)  |  |
| <b>Doug Allen: In the company of giants</b>   | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May @ 7.30pm  |  |

## What's on Diary

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| Lent Course                     | 3 March  |                | 6  |
| Walking Parish Footpaths        | 10 March | 10am           | 16 |
| Whist Drive                     | 15 March | 7:30pm         | 22 |
| Junior / Youth planning meeting | 20 March | 7:30pm         | 7  |
| Church Gardening Holy Trinity   | 21 March | 2pm onwards    | 6  |
| Afternoon Tea & Cakes           | 22 March | 3-5pm          | 5  |
| Annual Parochial Church Meeting | April    |                | 5  |
| Kids cooking session            | 10 April | 10am til noon  | 7  |
| Church Gardening Holy Trinity   | 11 April | 2pm onwards    | 6  |
| Walking Parish Footpaths        | 14 April | 10am           | 16 |
| Annual Parish Meeting           | 16 April | 7:30pm         | 3  |
| Whist Drive                     | 19 April | 7:30pm         | 22 |
| Easter Cracked!                 | 20 April | 9:30am-10:45am | 5  |
| Holy Communion Easter Sunday    | 20 April | 11:30am        | 5  |
| St Georges Day Coffee Morning   | 23 April | 10am - noon    | 22 |
| Church Gardening Holy Trinity   | 25 April | 2 - 6pm        | 6  |
| Wine and Wisdom - please book   | 26 April | 8pm            | 22 |
| Church Gardening Holy Trinity   | 9 May    | 2 - 6pm        | 6  |
| Walking Parish Footpaths        | 12 May   | 10am           | 16 |
| Whist Drive                     | 17 May   | 7:30pm         | 22 |
| Church Gardening Holy Trinity   | 23 May   | 2 - 6pm        | 6  |
| Bingo                           | 24 May   | 8pm            | 22 |
| Walking Parish Footpaths        | 9 June   | 10am           | 16 |

## Regular Events

|   |   |
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| 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)<br>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                          |
| Pilates   | Monday 11:00 - 12pm                                       |
| New Baby & Toddler Group Methodist schoolroom       | Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12                             |

### March 2014

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