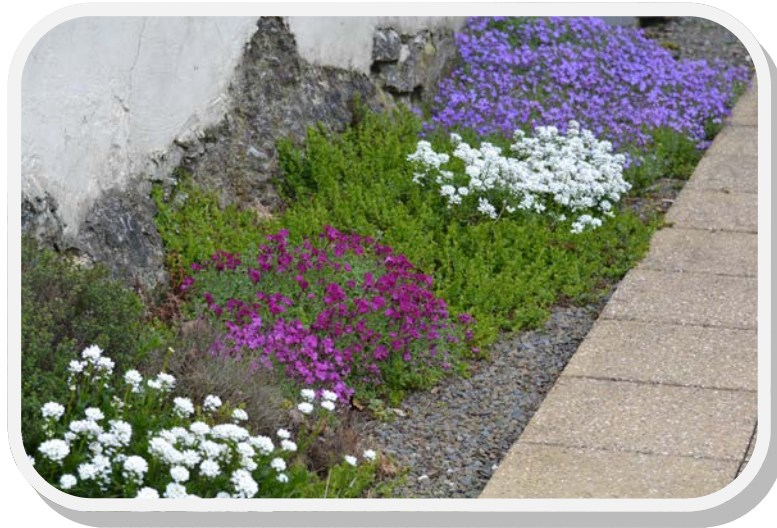




# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Summer Edition



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## Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agenda for all meetings are displayed on the notice boards no later than the Thursday before the meeting and also on the website. 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.

Milton Damerel Parish Council held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st May 2014. After serving as Chairperson for five years Grace Millman nominated Stephen Moyse as the Chairman, this was seconded and Stephen was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Council for the coming year. Richard Piper was nominated by Gareth Piper and was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman. Councillor John Webb thanked Grace for all her very hard work on behalf of the Parish, this was reiterated by Stephen and all other councilors present.

The annual Parish Meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April and was well attended, with the guest speaker Councillor Philip Collins leader of Torridge District Council giving a very interesting talk, there were also reports from 9 local organisations, an update from the Chairperson for the Parish Council Grace Millman regarding the 'Parish Plan'. The minutes of the meeting will be on the website after the next Parish Council Meeting which is the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Councillor Robin Julian continues to attend Parish Council Meetings and also attended the Annual Parish Meeting, he has informed the Parish Council that he has a 'locality' budget to be distributed to Parishes, and this might be the last year that these funds are available. If any resident has any ideas to put before Robin please contact any Councillor or the Parish clerk. Last year with the agreement of Torridge District Council he awarded the Parish £500 which went towards the cost of the new boardwalk. The constant talk of cutbacks continues and it would seem that there could be a substantial reduction in services in the forthcoming financial year. One of the obvious results is the poor road surfaces and potholes, please report to Devon Highways any concerns you may have regarding this.

**The step Back in Time Fund** for young people still 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.

**Planning Matters:** The Parish Council was asked for their comments on several Wind Turbine applications and also solar voltaic arrays panels, and a new 3 bedroom dwelling and annex at Beechcroft to replace an existing property. The application for a wind turbine at South Arscott was refused and has now gone to appeal. 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 or concerns regarding an application they can convey them in writing either by post or email to Torridge District Council planning department, you can also inform any councillor or the Parish clerk, as there is now a strict 21 day consultation period it is imperative that you get your comments to the relevant department as soon possible.

**Town and Parish Fund:** This is an annual grant available to two or more Parishes that join forces to apply for a grant for a specific project. The amount awarded is equivalent to 10p per elector.

Those that were at the annual Parish Meeting would have been informed of the grant awarded jointly with Sutcombe Parish. The grant was spent on a Projector, laptop and two projector screens. These are now available for local organisations to use in presentations either for information or raising funds or any other suitable reason. The equipment can be used at the Village Hall or other premises provided that the presentations are for the local community. For example if there was a family celebration and the organiser hires the Village Hall the equipment would be available as part of the hall facilities, but an individual could not use it in their own home, nor can it be used by other Parishes (except Sutcombe). If in doubt or for any further information please do not hesitate to contact any Councillor or myself.

**Japanese Knotweed;** if you see any of this very invasive 'weed' growing anywhere either inform the environmental agency, any councillor or the Parish Clerk. If you are unsure to what it looks like got online where all information you need will be.

**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

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014



## GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

### Goodbye & Best Wishes to:

**Steve & Christine, Adam & Callum Johns** who have moved from **Springfield**  
**Colin Boucher** who has moved from West Wonford Annexe to Bude (but still a member of **the Over 60s Club**).  
**Steve & Sam Keyworth, Ryan and Abigail** who have moved from **Meadow View, Milton Town**

### Welcome to:

**John & Alison Singleton** who have moved into Head Weir  
**Steven & Claire Cockerill, Jordan, Reece and Harvey** who have moved into **West Wonford** and **Ms Ruth Cockerill** who has moved into West Wonford Annexe  
**Matt & Stephanie Lyddiatt, Ruby and Katelyn** who have moved into **Worden Farm**



## OUR SYMPATHIES

### For those who been bereaved recently including:

**Mark & Brenda Keefe** of **Garden of Eagles, Venn Green**, on the loss of **Mr Ken Keefe (Father)**  
**Graham & Christine Boxall** of **The Old Rectory** on the loss of **Mrs Emily Sloman (Mother)**  
**Janey Inman** of **Buttermoor** on the sad loss of her husband **John**



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## Chapel News – June 2014

A Message from Rev Meg Slingo ....

### Expecting the unexpected!

Hello Everyone.

It is wonderful to have the sun shine and blue skies. I am hoping and expecting a lot more sunshine and have great expectation that through the next few weeks and months the weather will be warm!

Thinking about expecting things. This leads me to share some reflections around the first Easter morning that we read about in the Bible. Mary and the other women had gone to the garden to the tomb and were expecting to find the dead body of Jesus. However, what they found was Jesus alive. This encounter was unexpected and yet it was the very best experience. They then had to go and tell the disciples that Jesus was alive. The disciples were certainly not expecting to see and meet the Risen Lord Jesus.

*Please remember we have a God who desires to keep revealing Himself to you and to the World. May we continue to expect Great things of God.*

*I am sure He desires to do great things in and through you for His Glory.*

God bless,

Meg

**THEFT OF LEAD FROM CHAPEL PREMISES** - In the week leading up to Easter a significant amount of damage was done to our premises by thieves gaining access to the roofs and gulleys to steal lead. Some was successfully removed and lead on other areas was damaged in preparation for removal. In addition there was damage to slates and other roof coverings by stripping out the lead. On the advice of the police we have regrettably had to install further security precautions, including closing the school lane to open access, by placing a locked gate at the entrance. We had previously painted "SmartWater" on lead etc. for traceability in the event of theft.

We are very grateful for much support from within the parish and for donations received, monetary and otherwise, and to the police for their attention and very helpful support. Their enquiries continue.

We would ask for your continued vigilance and if you observe anything unusual or suspicious please contact the police by telephoning 101 and contact any of our members, telephone numbers at the foot of this article and also displayed in the chapel noticeboard outside the chapel.

**EASTER** – We opened up early on Easter Sunday morning with coffee, hot cross buns and crafts for the younger ones, although older folk were welcome to join in with getting creative. Some did, with very good results! Small baskets were made and these were quickly filled with mini Easter eggs during the Easter Egg Hunt around the Chapel. Donations amounted to £45.50; this was sent to the Children's Hospice South West, for which we have received a letter of acknowledgement and lovely picture of a butterfly from a child at the Hospice. This is now gracing the schoolroom wall.

A good number attended Easter morning service, which was led by Mr John Dennis from Torrington, who was recently presented with an acknowledgement of his 50 years as a local preacher. The young people continued their crafts during the service which was followed by tea and coffee.

**SUNDAY CLUB - SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 11am** is our **Annual Celebration Service** – its what used to be the Sunday School Anniversary. This is a Family Service organised by our own local congregation with technician Alan Randall helping. Friends from Holy Trinity Church have been invited to come along with Father Christopher. There will be a Bring and Share Lunch after the service. A collection will be taken for Jenson Tucker, a local little boy with serious health problems, for which his family are raising money for him to go America for ground-breaking treatment. All welcome to join us.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS - Make & Take Christmas Craft Stall** – An apology to Kia Kirby, whose name was not included in the last Newsletter. Kia helped out with the craft stall held at Lizzy's Larder for the charity Shelter, along with William & Harriet Allin.

**AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES** - The afternoon held in March raised £153.00 in total, giving the Parish Hall, Parish Church and Methodist Chapel a good sum of £51.00 each. Thanks to all who supported this event, making it such an enjoyable afternoon!

The next Afternoon & Cakes event will be on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm to 5pm**, in the Schoolroom will be a fund-raiser for the Baby and Toddler Group, with a play area for the children. It's a first for Milton Damerel to have its own Baby and Toddler Group so we really hope you will support us and come along. Also items for the stalls would be appreciated.

**SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 11am Service.** This will be Rev Meg Slingo's final preaching service at Milton Damerel. It will be a celebration of Pentecost and a celebration of 5 years service by Rev Meg in leading and encouraging the fellowship at Milton. Please come along and share in the celebration. The United Circuit Service, when we say good-bye to both Rev Graham and Rev Meg Slingo, as they leave to move to the Wolverhampton area, will be on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 6.30pm** at Milton Chapel. Again a warm invitation to come along.

**THE ULTIMATE QUIZ – On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** there will be a Bible Quiz in the Schoolroom, 7.30pm start. Cost £3.00 per person with tables of 4 to 6 people, but we could include you in a team on the night. Refreshments. Proceeds for Jenson Tucker's Medical Treatment Fund. Book with Sheila (261466) or Lilian (261355).

**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. Currently we are following a study about prayer. We would be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to join us!

**SUMMER CONCERT –** Sunday, 24<sup>TH</sup> August at 7.30pm. We are delighted to have a return visit by The Stowford Meadow Singers and the chairman will be Mr Roy Johns of Newton St Petrock. Please note your diary/calendar and come along for a good evening of music and fellowship.

### CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE TO AUGUST 2014

1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Sheila Daniel	27 <sup>th</sup> July & 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Mrs Katie Allin
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	United Service @ Lake	10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Mrs Anne Poole
29 <sup>th</sup> June & 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Margaret Stannard	24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Mrs Lilian Luxton
13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Lorna Dawe		

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

**29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Rev Stephen Hill**

**27<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Rev Stephen Hill**  
**United Service incl. friends**  
**From Lake, Sheepwash**  
**& Thornhillhead**

**31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**Mr Duncan Withall**

**CHURCH COUNCIL –** At the Spring meeting in March, the financial position was noted, and we received reports about the church's organisations. Appointment of officers was discussed and some re-appointments accepted.

Roger Daniel wished to be relieved from Property Steward and was gratefully thanked for the work he had contributed over several years in overseeing the premises and ensuring they had been kept in good repair, and particularly the recent work on the major refurbishment project completed last year.

A new scheme was approved to improve the electrical supply to the chapel; it had been found that the current supply is greatly inadequate when we have significant events and needed to be upgraded. The cost will be funded from legacies funds held for the chapel.

The garden area, created in the graveyard a few years ago, cannot be maintained anymore by the Monster Club and has been returned to grass with the hedgerow beds being planted with shrubs, for which any gifts of surplus shrubs would be appreciated.

**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)

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## THORNBURY & ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May ; a total of £68.70 was raised for church funds. Thank you as well to everyone who uses the Easyfundraising.org.uk page, we have just heard we have raised £20.33 for the last quarter, please keep up the good work. Not signed up yet, take a look at easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Thornbury Church – all supporters very welcome. Don't order on line? Why not ask friends or family to sign up and help support us?

Our next **Coffee Morning** will be held on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 til 12 at St Peters** and proceeds will be donated to The Long House, Holsworthy, the new North Devon Hospice centre which is to be built in Holsworthy. Cakes, raffle, bric a brac and lots of books for sale – please come and have a browse.

**Woodacott Chapel** will be holding their **Annual Concert on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 7pm** with Youthful Spirit, refreshments afterwards.

**Cider & Pasty Walk** will be held on **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** – for more details please contact Sara on 01409 261105.

**Thornbury Fete** will be held on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, from 5 pm**. BBQ, children's races, bric a brac, raffle, dog show, cake stall. A great afternoon for all the family please come along and join us.

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** we will be holding our **Coffee Morning in Holsworthy Memorial Hall** – any donations of cakes, plants, bric a brac etc. gratefully received and if you are able to spare a couple of hours to help we would be very grateful, proceeds to be split between Woodacott Chapel & St Peters Church. Contact Liz 261312

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## Holy Trinity News

### 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.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Gift Day – With this edition of the Parish Magazine you should find a letter from Fr Christopher Penn. The gift day will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday afternoon 14 Jun 14 between 2 and 5 in the afternoon. Cream Tea will be available please come along and support the church.

First World War Commemorations – On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August there will be an event in the afternoon at Holy Trinity Church to display, record and commemorate those from the Parish who served in the First World War.

### **Forthcoming Services**

Please note a change to the regular programme for June.

Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **8<sup>th</sup> Jun 14 11.30 AM**

Morning Prayer – **22<sup>nd</sup> Jun 14 11.30 AM**

Morning Prayer– **13<sup>th</sup> Jul 14 11.30 AM**

Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **27<sup>th</sup> Jul 14 11.30 AM**

Morning Prayer– **10<sup>th</sup> Aug 14 11.30 AM**

Sunday Service and Holy Communion – **24<sup>th</sup> Aug 14 11.30 AM**

More....

## Church Gardening

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.

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

We have done as we did last summer in changing the mid month Friday to a Wednesday evening.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 2-6PM

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jun between 2- 6PM

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jul 7- 9PM

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

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 7-9PM

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug between 2-6 PM

## PILATES

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

Email: [chrisanddisluggett@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chrisanddisluggett@tiscali.co.uk)



**Photos needed!!**

We would warmly welcome photos of Milton Damerel for inclusion on the front page of each edition.

Any topic is fine, but we like to have a selection of seasonal photos to match the season of the edition, eg, lambs for spring, flowers for summer, but be creative. Part of the fun is finding a photo location and for the readers to see if they can work out the location, so lanes or views are welcome.

We can accept any format or size as we will resize it to fit.

Send your pictures to [photos@miltondamerel.com](mailto:photos@miltondamerel.com)

**MILTON DAMEREL  
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## THE ULTIMATE QUIZ

BIBLE QUIZ

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm**

**In the Schoolroom**

**Cost £3.00 per person**

**Tables of 4 to 6**

Refreshments

Proceeds for Jenson Tucker's Medical Treatment

To book: Sheila 261466; Lilian 261355

## AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**3pm – 5pm**

Hosted by Baby & Toddler Group

Play area for children

Stalls

**Raising Funds for Special Equipment & Storage Boxes**

**Come along for chat, calories and retail therapy!!**

## SUMMER CONCERT

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm**

**With**

**The Stowford Meadow Singers**

**Chair: Mr Roy Johns**

Refreshments

A warm welcome awaits!

**Holsworthy Beacon  
Methodist Church**

## COFFEE MORNING

**Last Thursday of each month  
10am – 12noon Chapel Hall**

**Warm welcome to All!**



## **JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS**

### **Baby & Toddler Group**

We had a surprise visitor drop in to see us one Tuesday morning, a well wisher, who kindly gave us a donation to go on an outing or special treat. We are planning to do this sometime soon.

We have been delighted to welcome Abby and Taiya to join us but because some of the group are now not able to come on a Tuesday morning owing to work commitments, we have just held our first Family Get-together. This was held on a Sunday afternoon with Bring and Share Tea. It was great to have whole families along, especially to see a few Dads present.

Baby & Toddler Group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm. We welcome anyone interested from the surrounding area to join us. Cost is £1.50 per family.

Please see notice about our Fund-raiser on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June from 3 – 5pm** – Afternoon Tea & Cakes at the Schoolroom, with play area for children. We want to raise funds for some special play equipment and more storage boxes, as at present quite a lot is spilling over the floor! Items for the stalls would be welcome. Please support this new group – a first for Milton Damerel to have its own Baby & Toddler Group.

### **Sunday Club**

The Annual Celebration Service, which used to be the Sunday School Anniversary, will be held on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** in the Methodist Church. This is a Family Service with technician Alan Randall helping and Father Christopher and friends from Holy Trinity Church have been invited to come along. A collection will be taken for Jenson Tucker's medical treatment for which his family are raising money to take him to America. There will be a Bring and Share Lunch following the service.

### **New Holiday Club** (This has taken the place of Milton Monsters.)

We held a Big Easter Bake during the Easter holidays, with something for the little ones and bigger ones alike. We made Easter bunny cup cakes, biscuits decorated with icing and sweets, and also hot cross buns. 18 children and young people came along and had a great time. Particular thanks must go to all who helped and put such a lot into this event.

The next Holiday Club is on **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 10am – Noon** in the Schoolroom. Crafts on the subject of Pirates, Ships and the Sea. Cost £1.50 to cover expenses. Its open to a wide age range – tots to teens.



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## London marathon 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014

John, Jo and I travelled to London on the Friday before and went directly to the Excel Centre, London Marathon Expo to register and prove ID. An emotional moment as I really was quite scared and anxious about the whole thing.

After a Saturday of trying not to do too much the Sunday morning arrived and I had to be up early to get breakfast and get to the start. The moment I stepped out of my cousins house in Brixton I experienced the much talked about crowd support as people started shouting out my name and wishing me luck. Of course my name was printed across the front of my vest. The start was pretty uneventful. I said goodbye to John and Jo and I joined the huge queue for the 'female urinals' which was a bigger challenge and a more alien experience than the marathon itself. I was disappointed to find that I was back in start pen 7 having overestimated my finish time on the application. This meant I had to weave my way past Bagpuss, Jurassic dinosaur, Save the Rhino and the man with a fridge on his back in order to run at a steady pace. I remember enjoying the atmosphere and engaging with the crowds and at mile 18 remember registering a sore toe on my left foot which I quickly put out of my mind. I saw John and Jo at mile 6 and 20. They were lucky to get my attention from the crowds, it was a real boost to see them albeit very briefly.

I had trained up to 20 miles so I knew I would be fine up to that point. I remember thinking at 20 this is where it begins to hurt. In reality I do not remember much of the last 6.2. I think I went into a sort of trance though I do remember having to manoeuvre my way around various suffering individuals who were either on the floor suffering muscle cramps or vomiting at the roadside. I lost all awareness of time in the last miles and my mission to maintain 9 minute miles to complete in less than 4 hours went off track a little. The finish line was suddenly in front of me and the expectation that I would burst into tears was not realised, probably because I was still in a trance like state. As I regained mental awareness I realised that my feet were very sore. However apart from my feet and the feeling of being depleted of energy I felt remarkable good. My marathon was completed in 4hrs 2 mins 15 secs which got me silver UK Athletics Association Award and I broke the Okehampton RC marathon record for my age group. It took 3 weeks before my energy levels and muscle power came back and I was able to run again. I am now minus four toe nails as a result of the battering I gave my feet. Would I do it again? Of course would.

Friends and family had been watching closely on the marathon website tracker especially staff at Hamoaze House who obviously had a vested interest in me finishing. I am now able to confirm that the total amount raised came to £879.46 however taking into consideration the sponsorship that was gift aided brings the total up to approx. £980. I know this will go some way to providing vital services to people who are trying to abstain from substance misuse. I have been shown much appreciation from the service users at Hamoaze House some of which I have got to know quite well as they have taken an interest and followed my training.

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and donated Lent lunch money for this charity. It really did give me a reason to cross that finish line. Thank you again. Anne Binns Little Derworthy



## Free Parish Council Pack – helping people to cope during power cuts...

....from Western Power Distribution

The Parish Council has received a parcel from WPD containing a demonstration pack to be used by Parish Councils to inform residents on the useful items a household should consider keeping in case of a power cut. Councillors felt the most effective way of communicating this is by an article in the Newsletter.

The issue of the free demonstration pack arises from the severe weather conditions during December 2013 – February 2014, when there was significant damage across the electricity network, leading to power cuts for many customers.

The recommended items as displayed in the photo below are:

- Analogue telephone ( digital cordless phones will not work during a power cut)
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- Rechargeable radio
- Foil blanket
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**MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL NEWS**  
**Charity No. 281123**

A Committee Meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Future Events were organised. 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. £6 per hour, if the Skittle Alley is used for an extra room only. £10 for the use of the Skittle Alley. (up to 4 hours)  
 We are still monitoring the damp area that we have in the Kitchen, and trying to find, where the water is coming in, in the Skittle Alley, which has become a real problem. When appropriate, we will repair and also paint and refurbish the Skittle Alley. We seem to be one **Red Checked Table Cloth** missing. Has anyone taken it home to wash and forgotten to return. Our Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30.

**EVENTS REPORT.**

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

**FUN SKITTLES. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014.** Profit £58

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014.** Profit £61.77

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014.** Profit £48.21

**ST GEORGES DAY COFFEE MORNING. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014.** Profit £120. Thank you to all who came. Pleasant morning social.

**WINE AND WISDOM. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014.** Profit £226.72. Winning Table, Gareth Piper and friends. An enjoyable evening, as always. Thanks to all who continue to support us. Questions a little hard, but Question Master has agreed to do his best to make some a little less challenging.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014.** Profit £42.80

**FUTURE EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

All Proceeds for the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 21st June 2014. 7.00 for 7.30.** £2.00 per person.

**SUMMER BEETLE DRIVE. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. 7.00 for 7.30.** Family fun for all ages. £2 Adult, £1 Children, 11 and under.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 19th July 2014. 7.00 for 7.30.** £2 per person.

**CIDER AND PASTY WALK. Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014. STARTING AT 6.30.** Guided Walk from Milton Damerel Parish Hall, returning to the Hall. Followed by home made pasty, drink and a chat. Dogs on leads welcome. **MUST BOOK** Tel. 261593 or 261294. Adults £5, Children £3.

**WHIST DRIVE. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014. 7.00 for 7.30.** £2 per person.

**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 Colin Boucher

**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.

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### THE MYTH OF THE COMMON LAW WIFE

They say that all of life is a learning curve. As a solicitor, I find that what happens when life ends can be the desperate learning of a very harsh lesson.

I'm sure that a number of readers will have tuned into Radio 4 recently to hear of the experience of a poor woman. She had had a loving relationship with a man over many years, outside of marriage. He had cancer. She was his main carer. There had been little, if any, discussion on life after he died. In fact the will left everything to his long-separated wife and the children of the marriage.

The poor woman had simply thought that as a "common law" wife, she would have priority due to the fact of their loving relationship. She discovered that trying to show his will was simply out of date meant nothing. She was surprised to discover the stark truth. She got back a sum of money representing the capital she had put in. She lost one of her treasured wishes - the right to remain living in the home she had shared in life with her partner.

If she pushed it further, she might have brought a claim under the Inheritance Act. That would have asked the Court to consider giving her reasonable financial provision from her late partner's estate. This could include the Court giving her a life interest in the property they shared. She might also have a claim under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act. Here she would ask the Court to resolve a dispute about the ownership of the house in her favour. She might also be advised of the possibility of bringing a claim to challenge the validity of the will. She might want to argue, for example, that her late partner may have been subjected to undue influence, or lack of capacity, or want of knowledge and approval.

But such challenges produce their own set of angst, particularly to someone still grieving at the passing of their loved one. Allied to undoubted emotional trauma, there will be worries about the likelihood of success, delay, and significant costs issues.

Lawyers like me regularly bang the drum about the unfairness in the way cohabiting couples outside the union of marriage are treated in the law. The phrase "common law wife" is virtually meaningless. Cohabitation, no matter how long it might be, does not guarantee financial security. Married partners have hugely more protection under the law as it presently stands. Changes to the statute book have been slow in coming.

All the more reason, therefore, to ensure that there is a will in place which truly reflects the wishes at any given time of the will maker. The man with cancer had an out of date will. It did not reflect his true wishes as his cohabiting relationship developed. But he did not think to change it. So his old will, never swapped or updated, was the one which counted - the one taken by the Probate Court as representing his wishes as at the time of his death.

If you are in a cohabiting relationship outside of marriage, take time to stop and think. Do you have a will? Is it up to date? Does it need changing? If so, what steps will you take to make a will or update an existing one?

Real pain, real inequity may be the result of doing nothing. The same applies to us all - make sure you gift your property to the people in your life who really matter. Otherwise people you may no longer like or love may be the surprised beneficiaries of your largesse.

Contact my colleague Sharon Piper here at Busbys if this article stirs you into action. Sharon is one of the region's leading experts in wills, estates, probate, trusts and powers of attorney. Ring her on **01288 35 9000** and see Busbys' advert in this publication. A will is perhaps the most important document you will ever sign - so don't leave it too late.

**John Busby**

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## MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting in May the following officers were appointed:

Chair:	John Francis	Vice-Chair:	Edwina Hale
Secretary:	Colin Boucher	Treasurer:	June Vanstone
		Asst Treas:	Iris Fry

Enquiries to any of the above. 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,

In May our coach outing was to Bicton Park, stopping at Berneville Gardens for coffee. A lovely day was enjoyed by all (after the rainstorm whilst we were having coffee!).

Outings (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month) planned for the rest of the summer:

June	Falmouth
July	Dartmoor (area) May change
August	Seaton
September	Totnes and Dartmouth, with option to take ferry from Totnes to Dartmouth

## ENGLISH FOLKLORE

While Peter and I were on a visit to our son, Brett and family, in Scotland, Brett showed us a book that he had read, on English Folklore, by Christina Hole. Printed in 1940. He duly said, read the item on page 168.....we read the following:-

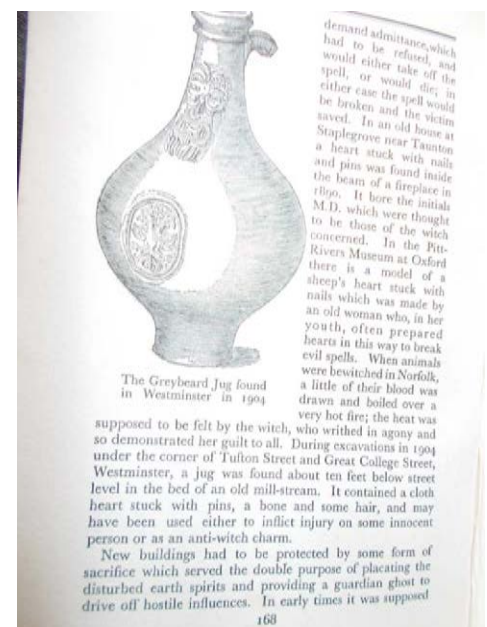
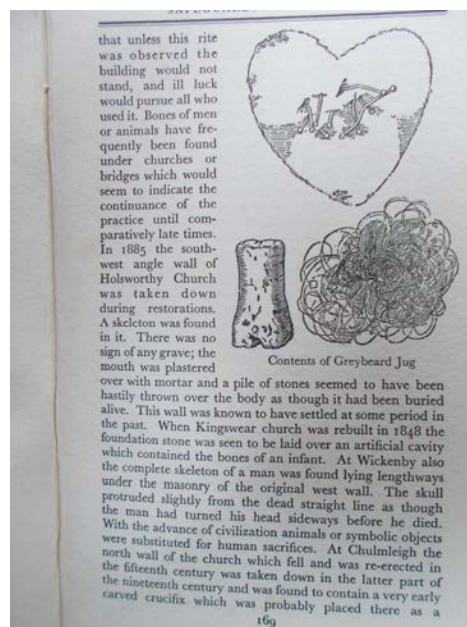
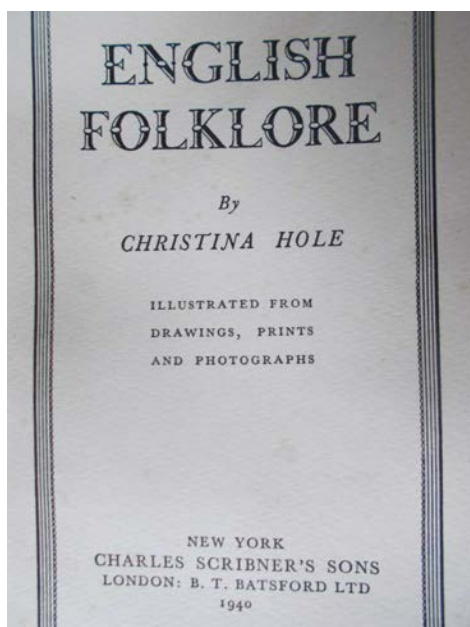
New buildings had to be protected by some form of sacrifice which served the double purpose of placating the disturbed earth sprits and providing a guardian ghost to drive off hostile influences. In early times it was supposed that unless this rite was observed the building would not stand, and ill luck would pursue all who used it.

Bones of men and animals have frequently been found under Churches or bridges, which would seem to indicate the continuance of the practice until comparatively late time.

In 1885 the south wall of **Holsworthy Church** was taken down for restorations. A skeleton was found in it. There was no sign of any grave, the mouth was plastered over with mortar and a pile of stones seem to have been hastily thrown over the body as though it had been buried alive. This wall was known to have settled at some period in the past....

You never know what snippets of information you may unexpectedly find out, about the area you live in.

Lesley Self.



## Walking Parish Footpaths

The Parish Walks continue to be well supported with a surprising 31 people turning out in March at Halwill. The unusual summer-like weather might possibly have been a contributing factor as numbers normally vary between 12 and 20. The walks for the next six months are detailed below. Please note that the starting point for the September walk at Clawton has yet to be confirmed and will be published in the next Newsletter.

9 <sup>th</sup> June	Bradworthy Walk.	Meet in Bradworthy Square
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Chilsworthy Walk.	Meet at East Vognacott farm
11 <sup>th</sup> . August	Pancrasweek to Vealand Nature Reserve. <i>This is a longer walk and a light packed lunch will be required.</i>	Meet at Lower Tamar car park.
8 <sup>th</sup> . September	Clawton	Start tba
13 <sup>th</sup> . October	Bradworthy	Meet in Bradworthy Square
10 <sup>th</sup> . November	Pyworthy	Meet at Pyworthy Village Hall car park
December		No walk planned

Please bare in mind that some of the paths might well be wet and muddy, especially after bad weather and you will need to wear 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. Anybody is welcome to come along. All walks start at 10.00am and aim to finish by noon except for the August walk. For further information please contact Robert (01409 254211) or Michael (01409 261196).

## Bradworthy Academy News

Friday 13th June

Opening of the new School Hall

The opening starts 2pm with a PTA Art Day then a Concert in the Evening

KS1 Sports Day & Team Sports Wednesday 9th July

KS2 Sports Day Thursday 10th July

Bradworthy's Got Talent Tuesday 22nd July

Leavers/Summer BBQ Wednesday 23rd July

5.30pm Brass Band

6.30pm Gymnastics Display

Leavers Assembly Thursday 24th July

Starts around 11am

Term Times

Half Term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Break up for Summer Holidays Friday 25th July

Autumn Term Starts Thursday 4th September

Autumn Half Term Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Break up for Xmas Holidays Friday 19th December

New Year Term Starts Monday 12th January 2015

School Individual & Family Photos Thursday 6th November

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## A PROPER SPRING – AT LAST

Wasn't it wonderful during the last few months when everything bloomed when it should, we had several magnificent displays from the likes of Snowdrops, Daffs., Primroses and Bluebells all running into each other to give a continuous display for some 2/3 months, not to forget how good the Camellias and Rhododendrons have been not having been frosted for the first time for a number of years.

June is the catch-up month when we try to get the jobs done that we should really have done in May for example planting out tender plants including Runner Beans, Marrows/Courgettes, Pumpkins, Dahlias, Geraniums and bedding plants in general.

By now early potatoes should be well up and having been ridged up during April/May you can start lifting some small crops of tasty young spuds later in the month, I have grown International Kidney this year, when grown on Jersey they are marketed as 'Jersey Royals' and I am hoping for something approaching the flavour of the famous variety.

### LAWN CARE

If you want to improve your lawn now is your last chance it will soon be too hot and dry to apply any treatments, mow regularly which probably means every week, 3/4 days after a cut you can apply a feed but make sure it gets watered in before you cut next time.

There are several granular feeds available many containing weed or moss killers or a combination of both so decide what your problems are and treat accordingly, if you consider moss to be most problematic then treat the lawn with lime at around the same time which will change the acidic conditions moss enjoys.

Those lucky few who do not have unwanted vegetation can use a straight forward feed which can be granular or liquid, liquid products are cheaper but take longer to apply and cannot be applied in just one operation, liquid lawn weed killers will kill a wider range of weeds than the granular ones but weeds such as clover which shed the liquid so it cannot be absorbed through the leaves need a wetting agent to help the droplets to adhere to the leaves.

You must not use any treatments containing lawn weedkillers on areas containing wild flowers which will be killed by the chemical.

### FLOWERS

Having had a mild winter, very few frosts, all those plants I overwintered in my glasshouse survived and started into growth in April these included quite a few dahlias especially Bishop of Landaf which I seem to keep increasing my stock of, last year I had enough to plant a row in a raised south facing bed in a sheltered spot and in September they gave a magnificent display.

Chrysanthemums are another flower I have taken to in the last couple of years and I kept stools of both early outdoor and late indoor varieties, as soon as they grew new shoots off the old stumps I took these as cuttings, when these rooted I was able to discard the old stools growing the young cuttings on in small pots.

The late indoor varieties take longer to grow flowering in the early winter so need to be dealt with first, I plant the young well rooted plants into 10ltr pots and pinch out the growing tip an action I repeat when the new shoots have reached around 30cm, at 45cm I start caning the stems tying carefully to hold the considerable weight.

To produce sprays the plants can now be left to grow naturally, for show blooms side shoots must be removed leaving just the leading buds to grow into the large individual blooms usually 6 or 7 per plant, since seeing some at a wedding 3 years ago I have been growing Spider chrysanths which have very open slightly twisted blooms much nicer than I have described them.

Early outdoor varieties will be planted out late May/early June and treated the same way as the indoor ones but will bloom in late August/September.

Actually, growing chrysanthemums is not new to me I used to grow them commercially by the hundred selling direct to florists and through Birmingham market, unfortunately that was over 40 years ago so I had to remind myself how to do it.

Bill Wrighton MIHort


**David Gubb** BSc Hons  
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The first society meeting of the year took place in March when our speaker was David Usher a very experienced gardener with a background in private gardens, he talked about how soil is formed from the breaking down of rock and the different types of rock that form the differing soil types we work with.

He then discussed the various types of soil and what we can do to improve them including compost and fertilizer incorporation.

April was a very interesting meeting with Nigel Twinn from the Tavistock Dowding Society explaining how dowding works, what you can dowse for and how helpful it can be even to plan a route when travelling.

Nigel had bought along a number of bent bits of wire which we all used to dowse for water under the hall floor.

No one is more sceptical than me having always considered the crossing of the rods is probably influenced by the person holding them but even with a very tentative grip on the rods they reacted positively with no help from me, they both swivelled round from pointing straight ahead and crossed over each other at right angles to their previous position.

Since then I have tried it at home and had positive indications in a couple of places in my back yard, I think one of them may be where the now defunct well was but of course the rods give no indication of the depth of the water, electric, gas or whatever you are looking for.

In May we kicked off with a report from David Fisher on his grape harvest which he measured in bottles not barrels, this was followed by a short film starting with the pruning of the three different categories of Clematis in Edgar Pett's garden.

In Bill Wrighton's garden we were shown how to construct a simple polythene cloche over raised vegetable beds and then a method of constructing a large decorative compost heap using slotted pressure treated timber.

The last item was a clip in Gareth Smith's garden showing the different soil ameliorants he was adding to his soil last spring followed by a verbal report from Gareth on the success of these treatments.

The June meeting is a quiz evening presented by John Binns, we then have our summer break until the Garden Show in September when we hope to see you there with lots of entries, we need your support.

#### Garden Society Quiz night on 4th June 7-30pm at the Parish Hall.

The event is open to everyone not restricted to Milton Damerel residents, entry costs £1 for members £2 for all others.

The quiz is garden themed but not aimed at experts for instance the last one contained the following questions:

Cryptic clues to garden names

Colourful Accommodation ----- Greenhouse

Cold Fall ----- Snowdrop

The prize is a selection of bedding plants provided by Sunnyside Nursery.

#### GARDENERS DIARY

##### JUNE

Start feeding tomato plants as soon as the first flowers open, remove sideshoots and tie up at least once a week.

Feed Peppers and Cucumbers in fact most things growing in pots.

Mow very regularly.

Treat algae/moss on hard surfaces with Armillatox or similar and apply stain/preservative to wooden surfaces including decking.

Treat pests and diseases as soon as you spot them.

Late in the month cut banks and other areas of wildflowers

##### JULY

Sow vegetable plants for a continuous supply.

Water and feed all plants in pots.

If we get a decent summer be aware of the need to water new planting.

##### AUGUST

Keep on top of watering.

Take the opportunity to sit back and enjoy the fruit of your labours

## AGRICULTURAL RECORDS

Edgar Harris, who lived at West Wonford until 2008, kindly gave me a few articles and items of interest from the extensive collection of his late brother, George. One of these was 6 hand-written sheets, headed Agricultural Records - J M Stratton, cataloguing points of interest covering years from 359 to 1929, some 17 centuries, that George had noted. Internet search showed the book was "Agricultural Records A.D. 220-1968 by J.

M. Stratton". From a commentary about the book I have found .... that it was compiled by two Wiltshire farmers of two different generations, it lists year by year information about weather, crops and agricultural prices. In turn J M Stratton's book was based on Thomas H Baker's 'Records of the Seasons, Prices of Agricultural Products and Phenomena Observed in the British Isles', published in 1883 and again in 1912. John M Stratton took it as a starting point for a compilation of records to 1968, and updated to 1977 and published again. Baker's work is drawn mostly from local sources (he farmed near Mere in Wiltshire, Stratton at nearby Stockton), while Stratton's attempts to bring a national perspective. It is suggested that this is a book to reach for when needing a work of history – what was the weather like in that year? What was the price of wool? Was there famine or plenty? It is also a book to dip into, to find fascinating little pieces of information.

Clearly, George Harris had found it very interesting to so laboriously hand-write snippets from so many years. The typed versions are also several pages so over the next few editions of the Newsletter we will print a section. Hopefully many of our readers will also find the record interesting.

AD 359	A year of plague with heavy mortality	987	Cattle plague continued and an epidemic carried off great numbers of people
558	" " " " "	993	Very hot dry summer
664	A great drought accompanied by plague	994	Another year of drought and heat
665	Another year of plague (severe)		
678	Three years drought in Southern England	1000	General failure of crops and mortality amongst cattle
686	A summer of plague in England	1001	A year of plague
739	A year of famine	1005	A very great famine throughout England
763	A summer of drought and great heat	1007	Another great famine – unfavourable season and partly consequent upon the disturbed state of the country
772	A year of plague in England		
793	A year of famine	1008	Very great storms
795	" " "	1013	Very wet year
797	" " " and drought	1014/15	Severe sea flooding
800	On Christmas Eve (old style) a great gale from S.W. did immense damage	1016	Famine
810	Very severe cattle plague	1022	A very hot dry summer
823	A year of famine causing great mortality	1041	The start of famine years lasting until 1066
877	This year 120 Danish ships reported lost in great storm off Swanage	1043	Famine – corn reached excessive prices
897	A year of plague among cattle and human beings	1044	Severe famine
926	By the law of King Athelstan a sheep was valued at 1/-, an ox at six times a sheep (6/-), a cow at 4/-, a horse at 30/-, a mare at 20/-, and a man at £3. The value of the fleece was $\frac{2}{5}$ the value of the sheep	1048	Severe earthquake in Midlands
944	A great storm in England (parts)	1069–72	Famine years
954	A year of famine which lasted on and off for 4 years	1078	Very dry summer
962	A year of plague	1082	Famine
974	A great earthquake in England	1086	Storm and pestilence in cattle
975	Famine	1087	Great famine and plague – great mortality
976	Another year of terrible famine	1091	Severe storms – great damage to houses, churches and London Bridge
986	A year of plague amongst cattle with great mortality	1092	Goodwin sands formed from East Goodwin estate
		1094	Great scarcity of food in England – famine and plague. Heavy mortality
		1096	Great famine
		1098	A Saxon Chronicle says 'the great rains ceased not all year'

## Paper-wrapped quiches recipe

- Serves 8
- 15 mins to prepare and 15 mins to cook
- 120 calories / serving
- Healthy



### Ingredients

- 400g (13oz) spinach, well washed
- 6 large eggs
- 100ml (3½fl oz) milk
- 2tbsp freshly grated Parmesan or Gruyère
- 1tbsp black pepper
- 2tbsp chives or parsley, finely chopped
- 2 thick slices ham, diced
- 8 cherry tomatoes, halved

Serves 6

- 15mins to prepare and 20mins to cook
- 336 calories / serving 2 red peppers

Cook the spinach in a dry nonstick pan over a high heat until wilted, tossing well. Squeeze dry and set aside.

Preheat the oven to Gas 4, 180°C, fan 160°C. Cut out eight 15cm (6in) squares of baking paper and use to line eight deep muffin moulds.

Beat eggs with milk, cheese, pepper and chives or parsley. Scatter a little spinach and ham into all the muffin moulds. Fill each one with a little of the egg mixture and top them with two cherry tomato halves.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until just set. Top with the extra grated cheese.

Eat warm, or cool

## HOLSWORTHY VINTAGE CLUB TRACTOR RUN

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Holsworthy Vintage Club held a Tractor Run for Charity. The Run, which was mainly on the Clinton Estate at Merton, was organised by member Derek Horn, with help from friends and other members of HVC. 54 tractors took part, with several passengers in linkboxes. (Peter and I being just two) A lovely three course meal, was had afterwards at the Clinton Hall for 110 people, this was prepared and served by wives and friends. Members from the Rotary was on hand to do the washing up. With Peter doing his normal duty of selling raffle tickets, £172 was collected. Most of the prizes being donated helped raise, £1100. £550 was given to Shelter Box, via the Rotary Members, who had helped out and a further £550 was sent to Somerset Community Foundation for the Somerset Emergency Flood Relief Appeal.

An enjoyable day was had by all. The weather held fair and the spring countryside with the bluebells was a pleasure to see.

Lesley Self.



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## Fete 2014



Unfortunately we couldn't get anyone to help organise this years fete. We will aim to try next year.

If you can help in any way please contact  
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## Your recycling centre opening times are changing

Due to budget reductions your local Recycling Centre opening times will be changing.

As of the **1st of April 2014** your local recycling centre will be open during the following hours:

Day	Summer (April—September)	Winter (October—March)
Monday to Friday <sup>^</sup>	9am—5pm	9am—4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday <sup>^</sup>	10am—6pm	10am—4.30pm

<sup>^</sup>Anvil Corner Recycling Centre, Holsworthy, will be OPEN on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday ONLY.

<sup>^</sup>Maclins Quarry Recycling Centre, South Molton, will be OPEN Thursday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY.

For more information please call 0845 155 1010 or visit  
[www.devon.gov.uk/recyclingcentreopeninghourchanges](http://www.devon.gov.uk/recyclingcentreopeninghourchanges)



## Access to library services in Milton Damerel and Holsworthy

Following a recent review of the Mobile Library Service, the schedules have been rearranged and the van now visits Milton Damerel once every four weeks. It is hoped that the service will be more reliable as they will have a 'spare' van to use whenever a vehicle is off the road for any reason, therefore visits should not have to be cancelled at the last minute.

Starting in April the mobile library is at Lizzy's Larder on a Wednesday every four weeks from 3.45pm to 4.30pm. The next dates are 4 June, 2 July, 30 July, 27 August and 24 September.

The static library in Holsworthy is open four sessions per week, Monday 2-5, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

DCC are currently consulting on a series of proposed changes to the way all library services operate in Devon. Got to [www.toughchoices.co.uk](http://www.toughchoices.co.uk) and click on Devon Libraries under Current Reviews for details and to complete a feedback form. This consultation ends on 17 July 2014.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss the proposals with Devon Libraries managers at a **drop-in session at Holsworthy Library on Wednesday 23 June 2014 from 10am to 12 noon.**

Holsworthy Library is one of 22 libraries considered appropriate to become Devon Centres, however the current library building, which was built in 1967 covering just 90 sq metres, has limited potential to provide a wider range of services to the local community due to its small size. DCC state that they "*would be happy to discuss with local organisations any proposals for co-locating in another building in the town to develop a Devon Centre approach*".

For the remaining 28 libraries, DCC proposes to work with communities to identify how these smaller libraries could be sustained in the future as Community Libraries.

For any further information see the Devon County Council website [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

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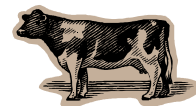
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## I Enjoy Going to My Church

But I didn't always. I used to be put off by the formality, the theology, of the service. My belief is simple and limited, I am basically a 'Lord's Prayer' Christian, and I felt that I could not fit into a congregation who demonstrated a level of belief that was so much greater than mine.

I hate hypocrisy and in the service were statements that I couldn't make. But I do now, and if you are still reading you can find out why. For me it was a long job, but it needn't be for you. I had a motive, my wife is a lifelong church goer and I did want to keep her company.

I was, very reluctantly, persuaded to join a church Alpha course. I told them I would be a party pooper, because I would say exactly what I thought and not pull punches. The Rev. Jane Close said "That's exactly the sort of person we want on the course". In discussions the speaker put in the top marker, I put in the bottom marker and the others slotted into the continuum. Everyone's opinion was heard and valued. The course was brilliant, and afterward I was much more comfortable in church, unchanged but a known quantity.

Then I joined a church 'House Group'..... Couldn't avoid it really, because it's at our house. Some of the church stalwarts are in this house group and I expected to be in a minority of one. But, we each have our unique and personal belief and accept that it is so. For each of us our belief has to be instinctive and for a Christian, guided by the words and deeds of Christ. At no time have I felt pressure from the church to modify what I think or to conform to a norm.

In church now I say every word of the responses and sing every word of the hymns. As a member of the congregation, I can do this. The words often go beyond my personal belief, and probably beyond that of most people in the congregation; they have been refined over centuries and represent the very limits of our aspiration as a church. But I do feel that this should be explained to newcomers, whom I see sitting there feeling as I used to feel in church.

For example: the Creed, which we stand up and say in the church service, was first formulated by a council of bishops in 325AD. It is the distillation of their total belief and is probably beyond any single person's belief. In church I say it as a member of the congregation, to whom it is an aspiration and an inspiration.

Communion is often a problem for newcomers, taking the bread and wine is 'jumping in at the deep end'. I used to stay in the pew, but that seemed very negative. Then, for many years, I went up and took a blessing, which I really valued. Now I take the bread and wine. Everyone has the choice.

Church is at the centre of our community. It is its own community of love, fellowship and friendship. It links the generations and joins us through the ages, with those who have been before and with those who will follow. It is somewhere for the whole family to go and meet up with others.

The bottom line is, that I go to church to thank the Creator for my life and for having activity and participation in His wonderful creation.

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John Taylor – 19/9/2013



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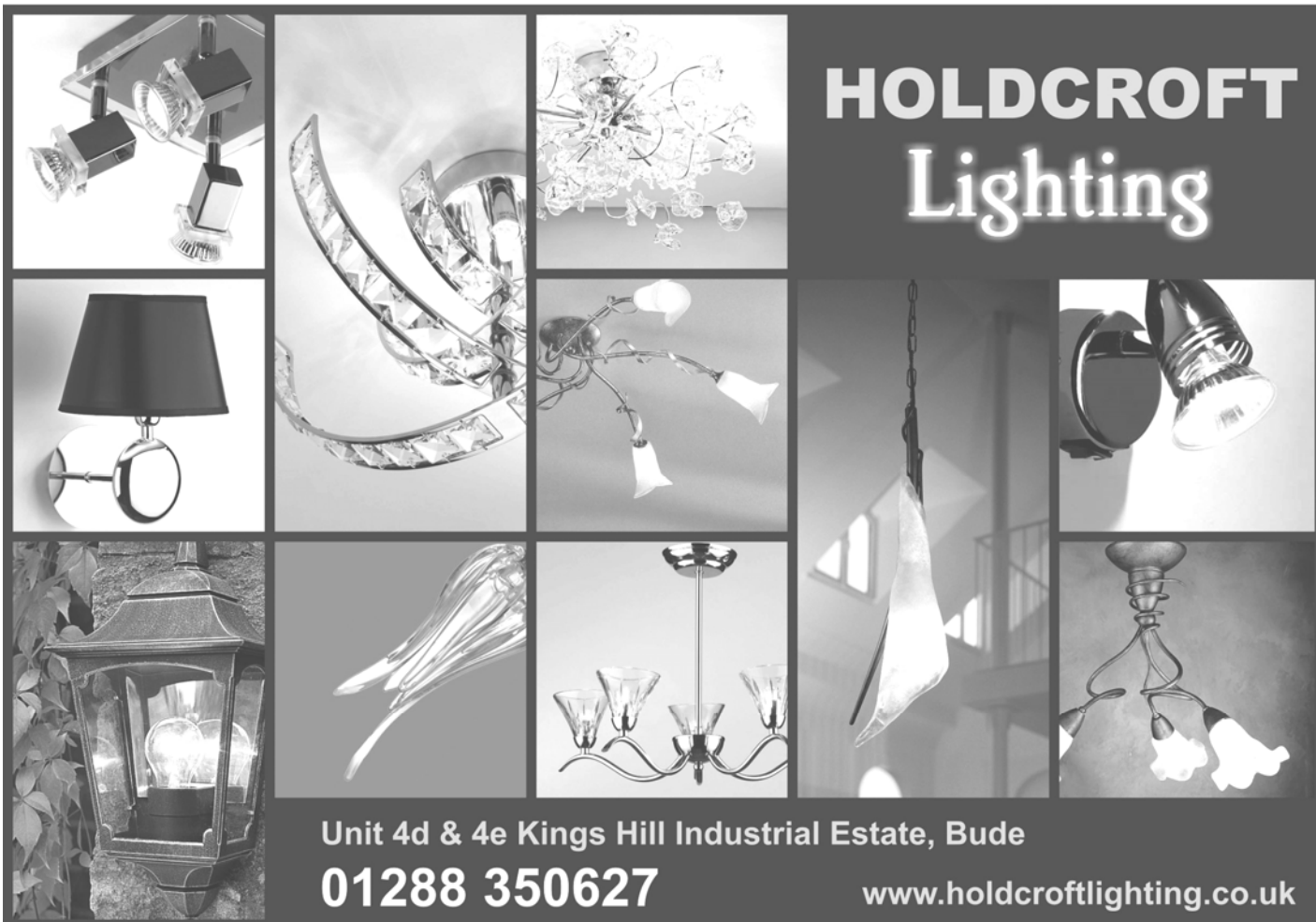
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## WORLD WAR I

In the early summer of 1914 the assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo led the European powers to invoke various treaties set up and agreed over the previous decade and so the World War or Great War began. With much interest on commemorating the events and remembering the enormous loss of lives during the 1914 - 1918 World War, we have been receiving in the parish enquiries about the fallen heroes and others who served in the First World War from this parish.

If you take a quick tour around Milton Damerel you won't see a war memorial, a common sight in most villages and towns across the land. Was Milton Damerel one of the 31 Thankful Villages? A Thankful or Blessed Village was a community where all those who went to serve in the First World War returned. A look in the Chapel answers the question about Milton Damerel, on the South Wall is a Scroll of Roll of Honour and a Memorial Plaque, both displayed on the south wall inside the Chapel, as follows:

### ***Roll of Honour Scroll:***

FOR  
KING COUNTRY & HUMANITY  
ROLL OF HONOUR  
FOR THE BRAVE MEN WHO HAVE GONE FORTH AT THE CALL OF DUTY  
FROM MILTON DAMEREL  
TO THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR OF 1914 –

JOHN BROCK  
WILLIE BROCK  
PERCY CORY  
OWEN CORY  
CHARLES JENKINS  
STANLEY WALTERS  
FRANK SANDERS  
JACK JEFFERY  
PERCY HALL  
STANLEY BRAY  
VERNON SANDERS  
EDGAR SANDERS  
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PERCIVAL BEALE  
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Killed in Action  
Killed in France, 27<sup>th</sup> July 1917  
Severely wounded Somme Battle 21<sup>st</sup> August 1916  
  
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NOT ONCE OR TWICE IN OUR ROUGH ISLAND – STORY,  
THE PATH OF DUTY WAS THE WAY TO GLORY

**Memorial Plaque:**

To the glory of God & to the honour of the brave man  
 who went forth to the Great War, and to the sacred memory of the following,  
 who did not return.  
 FRANK AYRES  
 ARTHUR JORDAN  
 FREDERICK T. MARTIN  
 WILLIAM J. CORNISH.  
 R.I.P  
 1914 – 1919

Torridge District Council is proposing a memorial for all our Fallen Heroes and has requested information from each parish about the names and ranks of all those that died from your Town or Parish during the First World War. As readers will see that close examination of our Plaque and Roll of Honour shows some discrepancies between the two, and there is no record of rank. Searches of World War 1 records on the internet have assisted but there are still some gaps. **Do you have any information you are able to share, particularly those who lost their lives during the conflict?**

Although **Frank Ayres** is mentioned on the Memorial Plaque, his name does not appear on the Roll of Honour, and although there are several Frank Ayres on the internet records, there is insufficient detail to link any of the records to someone originating from this parish / area.

**Arthur Jordan** was a Private (16936) in the Devonshire Regiment and was the step-brother of Mary Harris of Higher Grawley, Milton Damerel, Brandis Corner. He was killed in action on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. He was born in Bideford and resided in Holsworthy. No age is recorded.

**Frederick T. Martin** was a Private (202217) in the Worcestershire Regiment and was the son of Frederick & Elizabeth Martin of South Wonford, Thornbury, Brandis Corner. He was killed in action on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1918, aged 23 years. His record states he was born and resided in Milton Damerel.

**William J. Cornish** was a Private (27955) in the Somerset Light Infantry and was the son of Mrs S. Cornish of Milton Mill, Milton Damerel, Beaworthy. His date of death is recorded as 19<sup>th</sup> January 1919, aged 20 years.

**Sam Sanders** is included on the Roll of Honour and listed as killed in action, but his name is not on the Memorial Plaque. He was a Private (53330) in the Machine Gun Corps and was killed in France on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1917. He was the son of John & Alice Sanders of Justment, Brandis Corner.

There is a headstone for the grave of Marwood Oke in the Chapel graveyard, and some of the other names in the church yard from the Roll of Honour. There are also several unmarked graves which may be the resting places of any of those listed.

To commemorate the centenary of the start of the war the Church is looking to compile a list of all those from the Parish who served in the first world war, record their names and something about them and their service. If you know a story from a grandfather, father or other family members and want to share it, have it written down and recorded for others in the Parish, or if you are interested in looking into the archives and doing some research on those who served then please contact Anne or John Binns at the usual contact details or contact Grace Millman (01409 261251). We will put these stories together and make it available at an event at the Church on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> August.



### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Could you spare a few hours in late October / early November to be a Poppy seller for the Royal British Legion? Last year there were no volunteers for the door-to-door sale of poppies within Milton Damerel. If it is something you could take on, Ruth Neal, (tel: 01805 601715) would be very pleased to hear from you – please ring her and offer to help.

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

<b>Strawberry Bank:</b>	<b>Roger Copp - Tel. 261681</b>
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<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>

We are pleased to be able to let you know we have two additional members to the Holsworthy Police Team. PCs Mark Holmes and Caroline Franklin are both experienced officers and have family connections with the South West. This brings our PC strength up to four, with the aim of increasing response times in the Holsworthy area. In the past, with the possibility of a response officer having to travel from Bideford, Bude or Launceston there is a built in delay of 20 – 30 minutes extra travel time. The aim is that this is much reduced.

After the good news in the first paragraph, we will sadly be losing PCSO Beverley at some stage during June. Beverley is transferring to the police station at South Molton as she and her husband are re-locating to the Tiverton area. We have always found Beverley to be very approachable and helpful, and wish her well in her new work place and new home. We understand that Beverley's place at Holsworthy is not being replaced but as there are currently two PCSOs covering the Holsworthy Town area there will be some reorganisation of responsibilities. We will keep you informed of developments.

In our article in the Summer Newsletter last year we covered the different options available for property marking. We now have some ultra violet marker pens which work on a variety of surfaces and if anybody would like one please contact your co-ordinator. If you don't have the Newsletter article from last year it can be viewed or downloaded on "miltondamerel.com" or if you don't have access to the internet your co-ordinator will be happy to let you have a copy.

**Doorstep Criminals**

Whilst living in a rural area we are not troubled to the same extent by 'cold-callers' as are those who live in urban areas, we are never-the-less faced with the problem from time to time. Rogue Trading incidents typically occur where consumers have been 'cold called' by traders using fraudulent, misleading or aggressive practices including: deliberately overcharging, incompetent workman ship, charging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately in order to obtain work, leaving work unfinished, intimidating behaviour. The rogues often target the most vulnerable in society including the elderly, housebound and those suffering from dementia. In the worst cases many thousands of pounds are obtained for work of little or no value. Devon and Somerset Trading Standards has successfully prosecuted rogue traders operating in this area. Last year a cowboy builder from South Devon was handed a custodial sentence after cheating an elderly Devon resident out of nearly £120,000 by overcharging her for various building works at her property, including some work which was also unnecessary.



Cases like these show the importance of using recognised, suitably qualified and accredited tradesmen. Anyone looking to have work done should ask friends and neighbours if they can recommend somebody and our own Parish newsletter displays adverts from many reputable local traders.

We have a small supply of these stickers, if anybody would like one, which will fix to a prominent position on or near your door in an effort to deter cold-calling.

Incidents can be reported to trading standards on 08454 04 05 06 or to the Police on 101 for non urgent cases or 999 if it is urgent.

More information on rogue traders, scams and doorstep crime by visiting Devon and Somerset Trading Standards newly launched [Devon and Somerset Trading Standards Service website](#).





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Theft from motor vehicles  
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**Milton Damerel:** Large quantity of lead flashings

**Bradford:** Ifor Williams 6'x4' galvanised steel trailer (registration plate number EU17502) and metal sheep hurdles

Theft from a motor vehicle in Cookbury Woods; A purse was taken from the vehicle

**Please remember not to leave your valuable things in the vehicle**

**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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### [Bluebell Walk](#)

Roger and Sheila Daniel wish to thank those who came along over the Bank Holiday week-end to walk through the Bluebells. They seemed particularly lovely this year! Thanks also for a few donations – we were pleased to be able to send £94.00 to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. This was all organised in a bit of a rush with not too much publicity. If we do it again we will try to give everyone more notice.

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 15th August 2014

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

## Holsworthy .....

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
<b>Run for Your Wife</b> – a funny farce by Ray Cooney	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September – Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7.30pm (Show may not run on each of the	H.A.T.S. Tel:01409 253826 <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>Forces Sweethearts</b>	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June @ 2pm	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 <a href="http://www.northdevontheatres.org.uk">www.northdevontheatres.org.uk</a>
Atlantic Coast Theatre presents <b>Grease</b> (Min. age: 12)	Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm; Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 2pm	
<b>Elkie Brooks</b>	Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm	
Barnstaple Musical Comedy & Drama Society present <b>Jesus Christ Superstar</b>	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm. Also 2.30pm on	
	<b>Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular &amp; Special Workshops for Children</b>	
<b>Looking at Abstraction &amp; Colour</b> With Ashley Hanson	Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June 10am – 4pm	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 <a href="http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk">www.ploughartscentre.org.uk</a>
Illyria present <b>George's Marvellous Medicine</b> by Roald Dahl Open Air, preceeded by 5+ Drama Workshop with Sarah Middleton 3.45pm to	Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June @ 5pm in Vicarage Garden Also Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July @ 5pm Hartland Abbey	
Royal Shakespeare Company present <b>Henry IV Part II</b>	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June @ 8pm	
Miracle Theatre present <b>The Tempest</b>	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm	
Plough Community Theatre present <b>Candleford</b> Open Air	Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June & Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm Vicarage Garden Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June @ 3pm & 7pm Hartland Abbey	
PYT Juniors present <b>The Demon Headmaster</b> by Gillian Cross	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 7.30pm	
Glyndebourne Live <b>Don Giovanni</b>	Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July @ 4.30pm	
<b>Inspire</b> ..local dance groups celebrate contemporary dance forms	Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm	
PYT Seniors present <b>Lord of the Flies</b> by William Golding	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm	
<b>Bob Drury</b> presents <b>The Neil Diamond Story</b>	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July @ 8pm	
Heartbreak Theatre <b>Macbeth</b>	Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 7pm Northam Rectory	

## What's on Diary

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Annual concert, Woodacott Chapel	8 June	7pm	6
Walking Parish Footpaths	9 June	10am	14
Bible Quiz	12 June	7:30pm	7
Gift Day	14 June	2-5pm	6
Coffee morning, Holsworthy	16 June		6
Church Gardening	20 June	2-6pm	7
Whist Drive	21 June	7 for 7:30pm	11
Afternoon tea and cakes	28 June	3pm - 5pm	4
Baby and Toddler Fund Raiser	28 June	3-5pm	8
Cider and Pasty walk	29 June		6
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Whist Drive	16 Aug	7 for 7:30pm	11
Summer Concert	24 Aug	7:30pm	7
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Walking Parish Footpaths	13 Oct	10am	14
Walking Parish Footpaths	10 Nov	10am	14

## Regular Events

Open Chapel	2nd Thursday afternoon 2:30 - 5pm
Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Mobile Library	Wednesdays – every four weeks 3:45pm - 4:30pm
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
Pilates	Monday 11:00 - 12pm
New Baby & Toddler Group Methodist schoolroom	Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12

### June 2014

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