

Winter Edition

Milton Damerel Newsletter

Happy Christmas and all Good Wishes for 2016



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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 and available on the Milton Damerel Website, no later than the Thursday before the meeting. The minutes are posted to the website as soon as they have been approved at the following Parish Council Meeting. Members of the public and press are always welcome, time is set aside for comments but they may not take part in discussions at any other time.

<u>Annual Grants</u>: Grants for 2015/16 which were agreed at the meeting held in November 2014 were remitted to: Milton Damerel Parish Hall, Milton Damerel Newsletter, Milton Damerel Parish Church and Milton Damerel Gardening Club. Requests for 2016/2017 annual grants were considered at the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th November. Successful applicants will be notified by post.

Councillor Robin Julian has attended several meetings throughout the year and continues to work hard for the constituents in his area. He was an avid supporter of Holsworthy and Bideford hospitals not losing any Community 'Beds' as such was delighted with the recent decisions. There has been some considerable financial cut backs throughout all departments of Devon County Council. In particular Devon's roads are still suffering. Complaints regarding pot holes and poor surfaces are reported regularly by the Parish clerk and Councillors but if you have any concerns regarding road conditions you can email csc.roads@devon.gov.uk or report directly on to Devon County Council website. The more residents that complain the more likely notice will be taken.

On a brighter note Councillor Julian approved a grant £2000 earlier in the year to help with the renovation of the Skittle Alley, there are further funds available this year, if you have any ideas for specific projects please let me, or any of your Councillors know as soon as possible.

<u>Planning matters:</u> Recent applications approved by Torridge District Council Planning department include an Agricultural dwelling at Higher Woodford Farm, a first floor extension at Fore Street, and an agricultural building at land adjacent to Pentreve. 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.

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.

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 £1.10p per elector. The 2014/2015 amount of £ 406 was donated to the 'Longhouse Hospice' appeal, a decision made by the Parish Council. For the funds that are available for the financial year 2015/16, your Parish Councillors have unanimously decided to once again join forces with Sutcombe Parish Council, in a joint effort to obtain the funding to keep the Parishes verges and hedges cut. Devon County Council do not seem to carry out this work except on main highways. Your Parish Councillors unanimously agree that the safety of their residents is of paramount importance, as such the cutting of the Verges and Hedges where visibility when driving is affected will be put into force next year. It is hoped that further funding will be available from Devon Highways. Some cutting was carried out in September but funds were limited, as such not as many lanes were cut as the Parish Council would have liked. The Laptop and Projector purchased with the 2013/2014 TAP grant has been used on several occasions by local organisations. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to use the equipment.

<u>Dog Owners:</u> It has been brought to the Parish Councils notice that some residents are still not taking their dogs 'poo bags' home with them but are throwing them into hedges and by the road side. They are also allowing their dogs to foul the Chapel Cemetery, there was an article in the last newsletter but the requests have been ignored. Please can the 'guilty' dog owners be a bit more considerate to other residents and discard their dogs 'poo bags' in a proper manner e.g. <u>take them home</u>.

Finally as 2015 draws to a close the Chairman, Councillors and Parish Clerk of Milton Damerel Parish Council wish all Parishioners a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

Freedom of information: Requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some Information can be made available by email free of charge, paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side. Copies of the recent Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes are available on www.miltondamerel.com

Lorraine Buttery Parish Clerk 13th November 2015

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CONGRATULATIONS!

- **To Peter Oxborough & Jackie Stidwell** of Lower Walland who celebrated their 60th birthdays on 7th July and 22nd October respectively
- To William & Claire Johns of Gratton Hill who celebrated their wedding in Northumberland on 22nd August
- To Joyce Jollow of 12 Beech Park who celebrated her 70th Birthday on 1st September
- To Bradley Howells of Glencoe, Venn Green, who celebrated his 21st birthday on 25th October
- To Sybil Kinsman of 3 Beech Park who celebrated her 80th birthday on 6th November
- To Marie Fairbrother of Rosemead who celebrates her 50th birthday on 22nd January
- To Charles Bellew of Bluebell Cottage, Abbotts Bickington who celebrates his 80th birthday on 26th January
- **To**Bradley Howells recently appointed Chairman of Bradworthy Young Farmers and leading Brains Trust team representing the Tarka Group for Debating contest and representing the County in South West round of Call My Bluff



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Good-bye and best wishes to:

Bill & Hilary Wrighton, Nicola & Jasmine Wrighton, and John Price who have moved from Northtown.

Welcome to:

Scott Cholwill & Ally Hollands who have moved into 1 Beech Park at Holsworthy Beacon Sally Nicholls & Steve Daniel who have moved into Buttermoor Bungalow
Terry & Kat Birch, Harley, Warrick and Neeve who have moved into Worden Farm





OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently including:

The family of the late Alan Charles formerly of Buttermoor.

Video Tapes, Photos and CDs – Are you looking after them?

Earlier this year I was discussing some old video that I had. The video tapes were stored in the attic and in a cupboard in the house. However, having not needing to watch 'tape' for some time, I was surprised to find that the tapes have deteriorated in as little as 5 years. Some showed mould, others had stuck together and all had very poor quality. (This both full size VHS and also camcorder sizes)

I wound the tapes from end to end before trying to watch, but some tapes simply snapped because they had stuck. I have been able to transfer a fair amount of video to the computer, however there are some family recordings that I know I have lost.

But whilst I was looking for the tapes, I had spotted that mice had taken a liking to the packets of films that were also in the attic. These were in a plastic box with a lid. So my next project is to scan them all in to the computer before they get converted to mouse bedding.

CD's, this is more a industry warning, it seems that some of the early CDs suffer from the shiny side coming off, thus rendering the disc unreadable.

So look after your memories, as they are fading for more reasons than you think

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Chapel News - December 2015

From Revd PJ

HOW SHALL WE PREPARE THIS HOUSE FOR THE COMING OF THE KING?

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming for the eternal Christ?

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With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Saviour?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Advent is derived from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." The season proclaims the coming of the Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate.

Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings; the season was marked by fasts for preparation. The Advent wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life without end; its four Advent candles encircle a central white Christ candle. Each Sunday of Advent has a distinctive theme: the 1st Sunday is a symbol of Christ our Hope, 2nd Sunday represents Christ the Way, 3rd Sunday is a rose colored candle which represents Christ who is our Joy, and the 4st Sunday is a symbol of the Prince of Peace.

"For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Glory to God in the highest!"

FAMILY SERVICES –. The last Sunday each month is Family Service for everyone (all ages!). We are delighted to welcome anyone able to come along. Coffee, tea & biscuits are served after the services

27th Dec 31st Jan 28th Feb

Revd PJ Revd PJ Local Arrangement

Favourite Carols Sacrament

Please see JUNIOR NEWS for reports on Baby & Toddler Group and the Holiday Club.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of September to November

6 th & 13 th December	Mrs Katie Allin	
20 th & 27 th December	Mrs Phyllis Piper	
3 rd & 10 th January	Mrs Valerie Carter	
17 th & 24 th January	Mrs Grace Millman	
31 st January	Mrs Valerie Harris	Note: United Services at Lake
14th & 21st February	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	on 7 th February
28 th February	Mrs Christine Poole	

BIBLE STUDY – A group meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Kitchen for Bible Study. We are an ecumenical group, drawn from Milton and neighbouring parishes, self-lead our studies and select books of the Bible for study, or follow a 6-7 week guide on a theme or Old Testament or New Testament book. Each week's study is complete so you are invited to come along to any of the evenings and share in the discussion and study. We have just completed a study guide titled Fruit of the Spirit and are now progressing a study for Advent based on Hebrews.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES - A lovely afternoon saw several come along to the Schoolroom and generously support our chosen charity. The bring and buy stall was mainly stocked with donations of produce, baking, etc. A good sum of £181.20 was raised for the Harbour Project in Bideford, a charity providing support for homeless, socially excluded and vulnerable people in Bideford and neighbouring areas. Leaflets about the work of the charity were available for people to take away and information can be found on the internet at www.harbourbideford.co.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL – We were delighted with the number of people who came along to our Sunday service and for the celebrations on the Monday evening. A total of £558.12 was raised for chapel property funds. Thank you everyone for your support.

CHRISTMAS 2015 – We will be holding our Carol Service on Sunday, 20th December, starting the day with Family Activities at 9.45 am to 10.45am in the Schoolroom. Come along to meet with Santa, and share in songs, surprises and activities for all ages. At 11am Revd PJ will lead our Traditional Carol Service in the Chapel, and this will be followed by mince-pies, tea, etc. A warm welcome awaits you.

CONTACTS – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister: Revd. Patice Jackson (PJ) (Tel: 281262) Our Steward: Katie Allin (Tel: 261), Our Church Council Secretary: Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466), Our Caretakers: Steve & Sarah Weal (Tel: 261694).

Revd PJ and members of our congregation wish all parishioners
'A very Happy Christmas & God's blessings for 2016.'



Church News

The Church is on the move!

Well, not really; the Holsworthy Deanery has been re-organised with Holsworthy taking on Bridgerule and Pyworthy churches. As Milton Damerel was part of the Holsworthy Benefice, to balance the number of parishes around the Deanery, Holy Trinity will come under the Bradworthy Benefice. Reverend Richard Freeman will become the new Rector for Milton Damerel. The formal date for this change is 1 Dec but practically the December Services will remain the same and we will actually implement the change from Jan 16.

Churchyard – An application has been submitted to the Groundwork UK for a grant supported by Tesco from the money they charge for carrier bags. The grant will be to restore some of the boundary hedges and improve the church yard for the community.

The initial applications for restoration work has also started and we have the latest report from the architect on what work should be a priority.

Gardening

With the onset of Autumn the gardening now drops to once a month. Times will be from 2 until dusk and the dates are 20th Nov, skip Dec, then 22 Jan, 26 Feb and 25 Mar. Many thanks to all for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Forthcoming Services:

November:

Eucharist Service 22nd Nov 11.30

December:

Carol Service - Tue 15th Dec 7.30PM Eucharist Service - Christmas Day (time tbc)

January:

Lay service – 10 January 2016 11.30 Eucharist – 24th January 2016 11.30



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PILATES

Monday Mornings 11.00am – 12.00pm in Chapel Schoolroom

Gentle exercises to help tone and strengthen, particularly good for anyone suffering from aches and pains in joints and muscles and

is a real de-stresser!!

Need to wear loose comfortable clothing, nothing restricting to movement, and bring a non slip mat.

If you wish to join or know more about this group, contact Di Sluggett, (tutor) on 01409 281637,

Email: chrisanddisluggett@tiscali.co.uk

Starting again on 5th January after Christmas break

Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church

AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, 13th December

(Details to follow – please look out for posters)

COFFEE MORNING

Last Thursday of each month 10am – 12noon Chapel Hall Warm welcome to All

Holy Trinity Church Carol Service

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

With Bradworthy Choir Tuesday Evening 15th December 7.30PM

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine to follow

St Peter's Church

Thornbury
Saturday Church invites you to

'Nativity in the Hall'

Saturday 12th December at 10 am Bradford Village Hall

Please come along and join our Nativity for everyone, with mulled wine and refreshments to enjoy afterwards. Everyone welcome. Please bring along your nativity costume if you have one!

Carol Service

Sunday 20th December at 6.30 pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion

on Christmas Day 11 am everyone welcome.

Milton Damerel Methodist Church

Sunday, 20th December from 9.45 am to 10.45 am in the Schoolroom

Family Friendly Activities

Meet with Santa Songs & Surprises

From 11am to 12noon

Traditional Carol Service

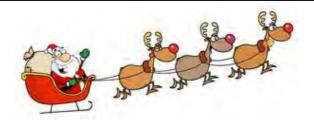
With Revd PJ
Collection for Action for Children
Mince Pies, etc., to follow

Sunday, 27th December 11am to 12noon

Family Service in the Chapel

With Revd PJ
Coffee/Tea & Biscuits

Everyone very welcome to all of these events



JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS

Baby & Toddler Group

We have just celebrated our 2nd Anniversary with a party together.

Children on the photo from left round the table to right is Edward, Ryan, Nathan, Caine, Mia, Owen, Freya, Taiya, Sophie and Luca

Babies, toddlers, mums, grans and carers are welcome on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Schoolroom. Anyone welcome to drop in for a friendly chat and coffee and meet us. We are friendly!!

Contact Sheila tel: 261466





A good number at the October Holiday Club, enjoyed making candles with softened wax moulded by creative fingers. We had some stunning efforts made. In the kitchen, Nicky's cooking creations scored a big hit with everyone, plates full of sweet and scrumptious decorated cookies were taken consumed later. A big thankyou to all who helped.

Create Advent Together

This event will be over by the time the Newsletter is published.

On Saturday, 21st November in the Schoolroom, this will be an opportunity to experiment creatively with materials provided or to bring along own project, in preparation for the Christmas season. We hope this will be popular and will report on it next time.

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SATURDAY 12TH DEC 2015

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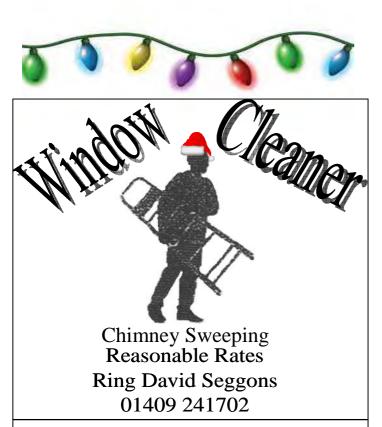
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Why do these barns stand empty, On this old family farm, And when did farming smaller holdings, Actually do the country harm, He was happy with his hundred ewes, Few horses, hens and sows, And never really saw the need, To milk more than thirty cows, Most of what they ate, he grew, As DEFRA looks to blame, He didnt need the plastic tags, He knew his stock by name, But he finds himself retiring, Because his joints are stiff with age, His sons moved to the city, Where they pay a proper wage, So hes in the hands of agents, And their joy is plain to see, Not a thought about his lifetimes work, Just a big fat sellers fee, They split the farm up into lots, Such is their endeavour, Without the sickening realisation, Another farm is lost forever, When the farmhouse sells at auction, Should he really mind? When its bought by the very people, Who have robbed his pension blind? Its sold with tiny paddocks, Because theyd like to keep a horse, But they love the look of foxes, So theyll never hunt, of course, They wont like crowing cockerels, Or the smell of muck being spread, The winter sound of gunfire, Or the thought of game shot dead, These barns have stood a century, Will soon be filled with glass and steel, Developers will leave some beams in, So it has that country feel, All the strangers move in slowly, And all the country skills are lost, Do we think just about the value? But ignore the long term cost, He sells the farm and wonders, What all his works been for, And how will these new folks manage, If there comes another war, When Sainsburys shelves are empty, Theres no wheat or livestock reared, They will look for farms and farmers, To find that both have disappeared

MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

Club normally meets on 1st Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall [except January, please note!] – new members very welcome to come along.

The summer coach trips have been well supported with full coaches for trips so far this year. The final trips were to Padstow in September and Truro in October.

The Christmas Lunch will be held at The Royal on 8th December followed by Christmas shopping in Barnstaple.

Meeting on 2nd February will be our New Year Party with a bring and share tea and entertainment has been booked.

At our March meeting we will planning coach trips for 2016.

Chair: John Francis (Tel: 261117) Vice-Chair: Edwina Hale

Secretary: Colin Boucher (Tel: 01288-359184)

Treasurer: June Vanstone (Tel: 261285) Asst Treas: Iris Fry

Enquiries to any of the above

At Christmas

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year; He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here; Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before. And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for. He is less a selfish creature than at any other time; When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime. When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part; He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart. All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile. Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be. If I had to paint a picture of a man I think I'd wait Till he'd fought his selfish battles and had put aside his hate. I'd not catch him at his labors when his thoughts are all of pelf, On the long days and the dreary when he's striving for himself. I'd not take him when he's sneering, when he's scornful or depressed, But I'd look for him at Christmas when he's shining at his best. Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood; There are days the worst that's in him is the master of the good, But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside And his petty hates are vanguished and his heart is opened wide. Oh, I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me That at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be. **Edgar Albert Guest**

Sutcombe School

The school is in consultation with Devon County Council regarding its future. The process is ongoing with the Devon County Council Strategic Planning Children's Services section considering the responses to the consultation, which ended on 20th October, prior to recommending to the DCC Cabinet the next steps. The future is under discussion due to the Governors being unable to find a head teacher and concerns about the viability of being able to fund their own for a small community school.

Autumn Term ends on 18th December; Spring Term begins for pupils on Tuesday, 5th January 2016.

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Recipe

Reindeer Mini Rolls

picture provided by Asda Christmas Magazine

Ingredients

Chocolate Mini Rolls
White Chocolate
Milk Chocolate
Smarties
Pretzels
White Icing
Black Icing



Method

Melt White Chocolate over a bowl of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Dip one end of a Chocolate Mini Roll in the melted white chocolate. On a lined baking tray stand the roll with the dipped end pointing up, then put a Smartie on the top for the nose, make the eyes and a mouth out of White and Black Icing add to the face, leave to set. Melt Milk Chocolate as before. Dip pieces of broken Pretzel in and stick into the cake to make antlers. Repeat, then dip the ends of halved Chocolate Matchsticks into the chocolate and push into the roll to make legs.



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GARDEN SHOW

The **Banksian Medal** was won by Mrs Rachel Poole, for the most points received. Rachel also won the **Palmer Cup**, for the Best Vegetable.

Crompton Award for the Best Flowers went to Mrs Mary Carter.

Jubilee Cup for the Best Overall Exhibit went to Mrs Janet Fisher for her Embroidery in the Craft Section.

The Children's section, under 8's Plaque went to Amber Wells and 9-16 Plaque was won by Bekka Moyse.

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Bradworthy YFC's Busy Beginning

The new YFC year starts in September and Bradworthy YFC have already been very busy.

Bradworthy had entered teams in almost all speaking competitions at group level. These range from call my bluff to

debating. Members throughout all the teams were selected to represent Tarka at county level and Bradley Howells and Lucy James received awards for best male and female speakers.

Bradworthy YFC's AGM was held mid October and a lot of members attended to hear the round up of the previous year and appoint the new officers for the forthcoming year. Money raised from successful events, held by the club throughout the year, was donated to very worthy causes. Charities including Cancer Research UK, Macmillan Cancer, Child Reach International and other local organisations benefitted from this money. A team of seven wannabe pro hockey players took part in the annual county hockey competition, which took place on an unseasonably warm Sunday 18th October. This was a lot of fun and the team were unfortunate not to get through to the finals. An excellent morning finished off by a roast at Betty Cottles.



At the end of October a new member's fun evening took place in Bradworthy Memorial Hall. The attendance was outstanding, with around 70 new and existing members participating in games organised throughout the evening. Feedback was good and everyone enjoyed the evening with new friendships already made.

Bowling at Harlequins saw around 40 members have fun flattening pins early in November.

Events in the near future for the club include Tarka Dinner and Dance at Roadford Lake, Ice Skating at Plymouth Pavilions, our Christmas challenge which is Skittles at Bradworthy Memorial Hall on Tuesday 22nd December and a Christmas Ball at Westpoint Arena!

If you are interested in being part of an amazing organisation, it is never too late! (Aslong as your younger then 27! Haha). Simply contact one of the current officers. Chairman: Bradley Howells 07501 036 475, Secretary: Amy Osborne, Treasurer: Lisa Honey.











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A taste of Italy

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The scores are generated by customer interviews by phone or email after a visit to a dealership.

Judging by the stories they have both come home with I think it's fair to say they had a great time, well done to them both. Rex said on his return "that whilst only 2 representatives were invited, the scores are generated by the whole team & we should all be proud of the recognition. Let's keep up the great work & see if we can win again for another 'educational' trip!" (He certainly seems to know more about red wine than he did!)

Denyse (Service Manager)



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Walking Parish Footpaths

The monthly parish walk in August started from Lower Tamar Lake car park to walk the length of the Bude Aqueduct. It started out a very wet morning but by the time we got to the picnic table dedicated to Des Shadrick to eat our lunch it was drying up and as we approached Burmsdon Bridge we had packed away the waterproofs for shirt sleeves. We were then invited back to Thelma's for tea and cakes before being transported back to our cars. This was a longer walk than usual but was enjoyed by all nine walkers.

The September walk at Clawton was another very wet day but there were 13 walkers who turned out and we were grateful for use of the Village Hall and hot drinks on our return. Our waterproofs were severely tested and in some cases found wanting!

For the October walk 20 people met in Bradworthy Square. We were lead through the refurbished children's play area towards Bradworthy Common were we could enjoy the views on such a fine day. On returning to the square we were invited into the Collacott Room upstairs in the Memorial Hall for refreshments and to view the interesting local history displays.

The final monthly Parish Walk for 2015 was at Pyworthy on 9th November. The weather was dry and windy. The route was quite muddy in a number of places but was enjoyed by the 14 walkers who turned out.

A new programme of walks will be arranged starting the second Monday in February 2016. For further information please contact Mike (01409261196) or Evelyn (01409 259848)



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Looking Back North Devon

30th September 1965 ...
At Milton Damerel the Gidcott
Methodist Church is to close

50 years ago recorded in the Journal on 1st October 2015

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Some memories of Gidcott Cross -

Gidcott Cross Methodist Chapel was part of the Holsworthy Methodist Circuit, although it was midway between Milton Damerel and Shebbear, which are both in the Torridge Circuit now, but was previously the Shebbear Circuit. Within the Holsworthy Circuit many of the chapels were from the Wesleyan tradition, whilst Milton Damerel and Shebbear were from the Bible Christian tradition, for which there have been recent celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of the Bible Christian movement at Lake Farm, Shebbear.

After closure the chapel property was sold to John James Gilbert and at a later date sold on to his son, Cyril Gilbert, who was the father of Pat Martin of Higher Gidcott. It was subsequently purchased by Mr Paul & Mrs Margaret Mason and converted into a residence.

A few of local family names associated with the Gidcott Cross Chapel are:

- **Gilbert**, parents and grandparents, respectively, of Pat Martin, Higher Gidcott and Nicky Martin, Glendale, Gidcott:
- **Johns,** parents and grandparents respectively of the late Arthur Johns, Anzac, Gratton, and William Johns, Gratton Hill;
- The last wedding held at the chapel was for Miss Amy Johns (sister of Arthur Johns) and Mr Gerald Hutchings
- Daniel (late Fred and Emily), Thornbury Mill, (great uncle and aunt of Roger Daniel and Grace Millman);
- Reed, grandparents of Phillip Reed of Gidcott
- Ivey family of Pipers Gidcott (grandparents of Ashley Quance of Newton St Petrock);
- Sillifant family of Ireland (parents of Arthur Sillifant of Thornbury);

Apologies for any omissions

Also recollections are that the late Mrs S Reed (Phillip's grandmother), the late Mrs Emily Daniel, and the late Mrs Amy Hutchings previously Miss Amy Johns of Gratton Hill were at various times organists for the chapel. An internet search found the following:

The Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 22nd September 1939:

Milton Damerel Wedding. Miss Joan Reed and Mr Cyril T Griffin. The wedding took place at Gidcott Cross Milton Damerel Methodist Church between Miss Joan Reed (youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs S S Reed who for many years farmed at Gidcott Farm and have been members and valued helpers of the Gidcott Cross Chapel) and Mr Cyril T Griffin (only son of Mr & Mrs A W Griffin of Aish, Shebbear. The service was conducted by Rev Austin Eddy of Holsworthy. The organist was..... (unless a subscription is paid to Genes Reunited the full text of the newspaper announcement is not downloadable!)

Miss Joan Reed was the aunt of Phillip Reed.

A fine is a Tax for doing wrong.

A Tax is a fine for doing well.

Owing to severe cutbacks and austerity measures, the light at the end of the tunnel has now been switched off to save electricity.

The Polythene Bag will last as long as the Mummies in the Pyramids.......Does this mean that in thousands of years time people will queue up to visit 'The Polythene Bags'

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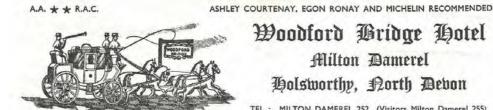
Milton Damerel & District Gardening Group

The new Gardening Group were very please with the attendance to the Garden Show, held on Saturday 12th September 2015. There were over 250 entries. If anyone is interested in donation a trophy, to give as Awards at future shows, please speak to Mrs Pat Palmer 01409 261 415 or Mr Edgar Pett 01409 261 277.

The Christmas Meeting on 21st December will be a Bring and Share Supper, a Quiz and a General Chat. All Welcome.

There will not be any Meetings in January and February. The AGM will be on Monday 21st March 2016. All Meeting start at 7.00pm

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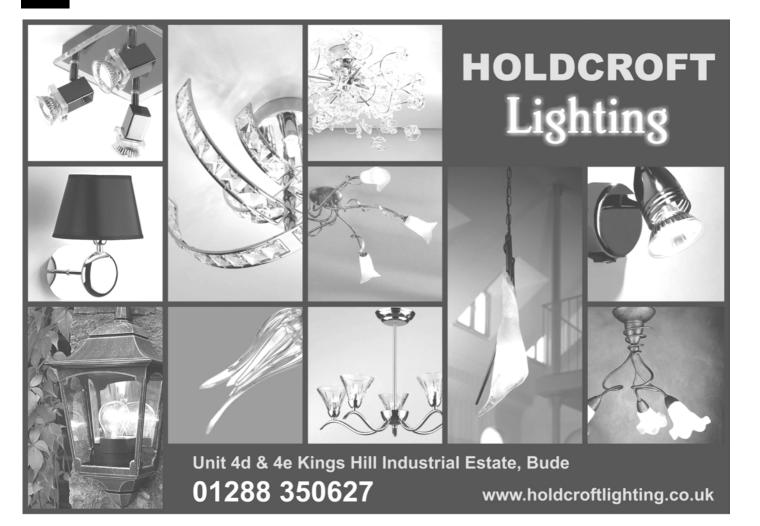
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AVOIDING SCAMS - SMART WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

No-one likes to feel that they have wasted or even worse been conned out of their money. Unfortunately, there are plenty of situations in which you can act in good faith but find you have come off worse from a transaction. Fortunately, a lot of scams can be avoided if you know what to look for.

MAIL SCAMS

Mail scams make fraudulent claims to try to con you out of your money. The following are common types of mail scams:-

Pension scams – you may be told that you can get hold of some of your pension income before aged 55 years in exchange for a fee, by transferring your savings to a different scheme. While you can now access your pension in cash over the age 55, anything claiming you can get your cash before this age is likely to be a scam. Be cautious about anyone approaching you with advice on how to invest your pension pot – take advice if you are considering this. You risk losing most, if not all, of your savings if it is a scam, or ending up with a big tax bill. Visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk to find out more about accessing your pension pot.

Lotteries/prize draws – you may be told that you have won a large sum of money or a prize and asked to pay an administration fee before you can collect it. Often you won't remember entering a lottery – this is likely to be because you haven't entered one and it's a scam.

Psychics and Clairvoyance - may claim to have seen something in your future and ask for money to disclose what it is.

Pyramid schemes – can take the form of chain letters or selling schemes. You may be encouraged to send money to the person who has contacted you, either to the promise of great rewards or by threats about what might happen if the chain is broken.

Unrealistic claims – may be made about products such as miracle health cures or weight loss products. Once bought, they turn out to be poor quality and some can even harm your health. To check whether an online pharmacy is legitimate, click on the "Registered Pharmacy" logo on the home page, it should lead to the General Pharmaceutical Council website.

HOW CAN YOU AVOID BEING SCAMMED?

If you receive a scam letter, ignore it and throw it away. Never reply to those letters. If you do, your details could be circulated to others running similar schemes and you could end up being bombarded with scam mail.

EMAIL SCAMS

These are some common email scams:-

Fake banking websites – an email claiming to be from your Bank or another trusted organisation, which directs you to a fake website where it asks you to enter your account details. The website will often be cleverly designed to look like the organisation's real website. Ignore these types of emails.

"Advance fee" fraud – this takes different forms, but commonly the initial email explains that the sender has money or something valuable and needs help to move it – often from one country to another. In return, the Donor is promised a reward. Once involved, victims are persuaded to make a payment to help the transaction along. The promised reward never happens. Alternatively, victims are asked to provide their Bank details. These are then used to remove money from their account.

"Stranded traveller" emails – you may receive an email supposedly from a friend who claims they have been robbed while abroad and needs you to send them some money to get home. This is a scam – someone has fraudulently accessed your friend's email account to send out the message. Contact your friend by phone to double check it hasn't come from them. Be cautious about any unusual emails from friends – speak to the person who is supposed to have sent it before opening any attachments. Do not open email attachments from people you don't know or click on links within the email, as these will often carry a virus and can infect your computer. Never reply to scam emails, even to say "no" as it will let the sender know that your email address is active and this is likely to encourage them to send more emails.

TELEPHONING SELLING

Common telephone scams include the following:

Scammers might call you to con you into handing over your Bank card. If a caller claiming to be from your Bank says that your account is at risk, don't agree to send them your Bank card or give it to a courier they say is coming to collect it. Your Bank will never do this.

Sometimes the scammer will give the number of your Bank to call back, but when you put the phone down they stay on the line. This means the line isn't broken so that when you think you have called your Bank you are actually still speaking to the same person. If you get a call like this always check the line by first dialling the number of someone you know. Be wary of calls from companies you haven't dealt with before. This is cold calling and it should always ring alarm bells. Do not be afraid to hang up.

PROTECT YOUR FINANCIAL DETAILS

Banks will never ask you for your pin, password or other security information in full. Emails or telephone calls claiming to be from your Bank, or another financial institution, asking you to confirm your account details or other personal information are always scams.

If you are concerned about emails or calls claiming to be from your Bank, contact your Bank to discuss them, but make sure you use the contact details on your Bank statement or an official letter from the Bank.

Never use banking passwords to log into any other website. Try not to use the same password for more than one account and avoid obvious passwords. For a strong password, use a mixture of letters and numbers.

Never let your cards or card details out of your sight when making a transaction.

PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER

One common scam involves the caller claiming to be from a reputable IT company. They say they need to access your computer to get rid of a virus but then upload software called spyware which gives them any personal details stored on your computer. Do not give these people access to your computer as they are not genuine.

Ensure that your computer has up to date security software.

John Busby, Busbys Solicitors, Bude & Holsworthy

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Do you recognise these young ladies?

Photograph was taken over 70 years ago. Their names are Betty and Rita (the younger one) and we think their surname was Harris. They were evacuees at East Wonford. See letter below.

Please contact James and Rachael Poole with information you may be able to provide.

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Dear James

Thank you so much for your letter. It was levely to meet you and your family and see our old home once again. It bought back many memories of our life in Wonford

I have spoken to my sister and we both remember a friend called Margaret Worth who was billeted in the cottage below your house. Also I had a friend called Ann Barnwell but whatever happened to them I have no idea.

I would very much like to meet with you again in the near future. I have had a small operation on my leg which has clipped my wings, but I am now on the road to recovery. As soon as I am fit and able I will contact you and arrange a date to meet up.

I have enclosed a picture of my sister Betty and I, taken whilst living in Wonford.

Hoping you and your family are keeping well.

Kindest regards.

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Property Marking

This subject was covered in detail in the summer 2013 issue and we have a handout available if you missed it. Back issues are also on the miltondamerel.com web site. Raquel is trying to arrange a special offer with SmartWater who are currently promoting their product to NHW and Farm Watch groups. SmartWater is a forensic marking liquid and items marked with it can be easily traced back to their owners. As a result, criminals will try to avoid it because it increases the chances of them being caught. It is highly robust, even when used outdoors and is frequently used on lead roofing and outdoor machinery. It is suitable for use on most surfaces, indoors and out, and unlike the UV markers pens which need to be renewed annually, SmartWater is guaranteed to last a minimum of 5 years, and in practise lasts much longer when correctly applied. Further detail can be found on their website at www.smartwater.com or we have a leaflet. The current retail price is £58.99 per unit and one unit is usually enough for most households. For us to be able to take advantage, if Raquel is able to secure a special deal, we need to know how many households would be interested, so will you please let your co-ordinator know by the end of December.

Phone Numbers

With the ever increasing number of scams that are targeting us these days we are regularly asked who they should be reported to. We are also asked for the Crimestoppers number so that other matters can be reported anonymously. These are at the end of this article so that you can cut them out and keep them in a handy place near your phone. The police 101 reporting number has come in for criticism recently for long delays in being answered. If you have access to the internet, or know somebody that has, no urgent matters can be reported in a simple email to 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

Police Staff at Holsworthy

There have been a number of staff changes at Holsworthy Police Station over the past 12 months and following the recent announcement that the Station is to close, there are even more changes to come. Sgt Pennie Channing who has been with us for 12 years, has moved to Barnstaple to manage a project on behalf of the Home Office. She is replaced by Sgt Mark Harper, who is also responsible for Torrington, as was Pennie. Our 3 PCs are Mandy Brown, Linda Bealey and Dominic Plumb, who has recently transferred from Launceston. Our 3 PCSOs are still, Raquel, Mark James and Emma Tomkies, although there is the possibility of losing Raquel in the near future as she has applied to become a full time Police Officer.

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Our PCSOs have asked us to pass on their thanks to everybody who has responded to their various requests for information that have been put out over the past twelve months. They also join with us, as this will be the last newsletter this year, in wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas, Safe and Peaceful New Year. For those households who are fortunate to receive a visit from Santa, please don't forget to update your details on "immobilise.com" if you have your property registered there.





Sudoku

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, each column and each 3x3 square contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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The Farmer will never be happy again, He carries his heart in his boots, For either the rain is destroying his grain, Or the drought is destroying his roots.

He will tell you the Spring was a scandalous thing, For the frost and the cold was that bad, While what with the heat and the state of the wheat, The Summer was nearly as bad.

The Autumn, of course, is a permanent source, Of sorrows as black as your hat.

And as for the Winter, I don't know a printer, Would print his opinion of that.

In fact when you meet this unfortunate man The conclusion is only too plain, That nature is just an elaborate plan, To annoy him again and again.

Printed in a book 'Farming Times' by Paul Heiney. It had been sent to him by a Suffolk farmer.





Sybil Kinsman of Beech Park has a surprise the day before her 80th Birthday. A Motorbike Ride.

Several months ago Sybil mentioned at a 0ver 60's Meeting that she and husband George used to ride motorbikes and she would like to ride one again. My ears pricked up as I knew she would be celebrating her 80th in November. I asked a friend, Peter Drinkwater, who rides Motorbikes if he was prepared to take Sybil for a short ride and he obliged. Nearer the time, I checked with George and he was happy, so plans began to take place. A brand new helmet was borrowed from Charles Brimacombe. A new leather jacket, given to us some years ago, but never used, I don't know why we said we would have it.....just couldn't say no, but now it has become handy. My Peter loaned his boots, too large, but extra socks sorted that. Sybil's birthday was 6th November and Peter Drinkwater could only do the 5th, so this was to be the day. It was not to be a dry day, Peter phoned at 9, and we decided to go ahead at 10. Sybil knew something was happening as George had said, be ready at 10 and wear warm clothes. She was surprised to see me and my Peter at the door and more surprised to see Peter on his motorbike. Sybil and George two daughters arrived and Sybil looked the part when she climbed on the rather large motorbike. Several photos were taken and of they rode. It was only a short ride, the roads were very wet and rain came in just after they arrived back. Sybil really enjoy the ride, she said her legs felt like jelly and It's now something that she can cross off her 'bucket list'

Lesley Self

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MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL

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The Annual General Meeting was held in September, there were no members of the public present and the existing officers were re-elected to serve for another year. The treasurer had prepared the end of year accounts and we are grateful to Grace for her annual 'audit' of the accounts. The account summary is published here for everyone to read.

We are grateful to all grant givers who have helped toward the cost of the repair, refurbishment and redecoration this year and to all supporters of the fundraising events held. The roof should now have stopped leaking and the skittle alley looks bright and cheerful and should be warmer this winter now that there is insulation in the roof.

EVENTS REPORT

The monthly Whist Drives continue and August raised £61, September £57 and in October £51. The September Bingo was enjoyed by those attending and £65 was raised. On 24 October about 40 people attended a Bring & Share Social evening when there was another chance to see the slide show Our Hall which was running during the 35th Anniversary Lunch in May. Pictures taken at the lunch event had also been added. There was a good supply of food, everyone had an enjoyable evening and the raffle raised £69.

All funds raised by these events go towards the running costs, maintenance and improvement of the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way.

FUTURE EVENTS for your DIARY

WINE & WISDOM Saturday 5 December - 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Revised format with refreshment break. Teams of six can be made up on arrival

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CAROL SINGING Monday 14 December start at Venn Green at 6.00pm calling at Holsworthy Beacon and Milton Town. Weather permitting.
 If in doubt see contacts below. Bring a torch. Song sheets will be provided.
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<u>CHARITY WHIST DRIVE</u> Saturday 19 December starts at 7.30pm.

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WHIST DRIVE Saturday 16 January 2016 starts at 7.30pm

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday 20 January 2016 from 10.30am to Noon at Moor View, home of Mary Carter

WHIST DRIVE Saturday 20 February 2016 starts at 7.30pm

FUN SKITTLES Saturday 27 February 2016 first games starts at 7.30pm Refreshments on sale. BYO beer or wine. Teams of two can be made up on arrival.

WHIST DRIVE Saturday 19 March 2016 starts at 7.30pm

EASTER BINGO Saturday 26 March 2016 eyes down 7.30pm

To celebrate the 90th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, it is proposed to hold another Sunday Lunch on 12 June 2016. Further details will be published in the Spring Edition of this newsletter.

HIRING THE HALL

The hall is available for hire for events and private functions at very reasonable rates. See the community website www.miltondamerel.com to download a booking form and Terms and Conditions of use or contact:

Booking Secretary Lesley Self 01409 261294 or if unavailable

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LINE DANCING

At Milton Damerel Parish Hall

Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm session

£2.00 per



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Milton Damerel 'Fun' Horse Racing - held at the Parish Hall 26th September

Fundraising event in aid of Holy Trinity Church, Milton Damerel, Church roof appeal.

Milton Damerel Race night has arrived packed with audience participation and good clean fun.

Its always hard to find something' different' to do, something that will stimulate parishioners to leave the comfort of their warm home especially on a Saturday night when the nights are getting colder and darker. It was also a night that promised so much, England competing in the International Rugby and the return of Strictly Come Dancing on the television - we were faced with stiff competition from the 'off'.

So what was it – this 'fun' horse racing? Did you think it was watching videos of real races?

Oh no! Our 'horse' racing is not like that at all. To start with our horses didn't have just one wooden leg, but all four, and body and jockey too, yes all wooden. A real 'wooden' horse race.

It was a new experience to all, except to John Binns - the instigator of the event. He had the unenviable job of being the Project Manager, (as well as many other things).

To start with we needed a race course; easy when you have wallpaper (no expense spared here and too much Blue Peter as a child). It was cut in half and laid edge to edge to make it wider, then sectioned off into 32 equal lengths. Along the way were obstacles such as the 'Bechers Brook' or in this case a long headed brush laid across the course, if your horse landed on it, it was a prickly affair and you missed a turn. There were other obstacles too which sent your horse back two spaces, such as the stewards enquiry or forward two spaces if your horse was 'on the rail'

Now we needed racing horses. Stepping up from the stables came Mr Ian Sexton, eager to show off his prowess at wooden horse breeding, so good is he that even the jockeys were in situ, no worry about them becoming unmounted in our racing world. What a feat of workmanship, all exactly the same down to the little wooden legs. Our grateful thanks to Ian he saved us a massive headache, he also donated the horses so a big thank you. Anne got the job of painting the colours onto each jockey.

Entry to the event cost just £5, for this you were given a glass of wine or other drink and a large pasty plus table nibbles. With everyone settled in it wasOn with the race.

To begin the horses went to auction and the winning bidders became the owners and then had the right to progress them down the race course. Other people could buy a ticket for their favourite horse, a bit like a raffle.

The moves were decided by throwing two dice, one with coloured sides and the second a regular dice which gave the number of lengths it would move, if it landed on red side up then that horse only would move forward



First race of the night was the Business Race Challenge: Sponsored by local businesses these nags showed great form.

No.1 Bridgman's Bullit: 1st past the post in building relationships

No.2 Sanders Stallion: Powered 7 days a week by Gulf Fuel

No.3 Remedy Racer: The Intel from inside says to expect a Hard Drive

No.4 Black Knight: He will joust his way ahead by whatever unchivalrous means he can use

No.5 Speedy Piper: Loaded with good building blocks and true grit to last the course.

No.6 Union Inn: Raised on oats and hops in the best pub bar none.

This was a close race as the runners bunched together at the start and no-one seemed to be able to make headway, then about halfway round the course Speedy Piper came from nowhere, the jockey clad in blue silks drove him on to reach the winning post way ahead of the field. What a race..... He certainly lived up to his name.

Bobby Fairbrother was the winning owner ridden by the blue jockey on Speedy Piper.

Race two:- The Milton Damerel Stakes.

No.1 Venn Green: You've reached the crossroads

No.2 Milton house: Myra might (but probably won't)

No.3 Milton Town: Church or Chapel

No.4 Horrelsford: If you break down you're in the right place

No.5 Strawberry Bank: Fruity of Milton Damerel No.6 Shop Cross: Sounds expensive but where is the shop?

Locally owned thoroughbred horses who were a bit cantankerous on the start line for this race, they were high spirited and eager to get out there on the course to show off their mettle, the jockeys struggled to rein them in but then they were off and taking the rein, whips were seen to be in use but they couldn't catch the Black Knight, once he got into his stride there was no one to out run him, he finished easily without having to joust anyone..

Leslie was the lucky owner of this race with the jockey wearing the black silks of Black Knight.

Race three: - The Milton Damerel Cup. Name your Horse for the chance to dine in style at the Union Inn
The first six names drawn were the new owners of the runners. No form available for these 'seen better days' nags.

No.1 Binker owned by Daniel in red colours

No.2 Super Sheltie owner Jane colours yellow

No.3 Derworthy Demo owner Anne white silks

No.4 Cinq Patte Cheval owner incognito in black silks

No.5 Pleasant Mount owned by Jim in blue No.6 Mignon Mini owner Tom sporting the Irish Green silk

A great finale with runners and jockeys vying for space on the rail to get the best sporting chance, it was a dead heat for most of the race between Pleasant Mount and Cing Patte Cheval. Super Sheltie and Derworthy Demo ran out of steam and couldn't get off the starting block, Binker and Mignon Mini struggled then it was just too much for them they too got left behind as Mount Pleasant romped home.

Owner Jim and Mel enjoy your dinner at the Union Inn

Doesn't time fly by when you are having fun?

Our sincere thanks to all who supported this church fundraiser, it is very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Roberta for taking charge of the food and drink side, it was invaluable help.

Are we undeterred by the smallish turn out – no we are not, we know that you value your church as a building in the midst of this ancient village and will unite with us to get the money to repair the roof. If you have been in the church recently you will be aware of how fast it is now deteriorating and daylight can be seen through in several places.

We need to save this historically important part of Milton Damerel.

So we are going to do it all again and give you another chance to come and admire the thoroughbred horses at

Milton Damerel Races 2016.

Date to be announced.



Bradworthy Primary Academy Dates

Saturday 5th December Village Christmas Tree Lights Service

Wednesday 9th December KS1 Nativity (Morning)

Friday 11th December Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 15th December KS2 Play (Afternoon)

Wednesday 16th December KS2 Play (Evening)

Thursday 17th December KS2 Play (Evening)

Friday 18th December Carol Service in Village Church 11am

Friday 18th December Last Day of School Term
Monday 11th January 2016 First Day of Spring Term



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A Christmas Wordsearch.

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Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be emailed to 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 or 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 12th February 2016

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WHAT'S ONa selection of local events in Holsworthy, Torrington and Barnstaple

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Pantomine: Dick Whittingham and his Cat	25 th January – 6 th February: Mon – Sat evenings; Sat - Matinees	H.A.T.S Tel: 01409 253826 www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
Drama, classical music, opera, children's	 shows, popular music (including rock,	
jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance community events		
North Devon Theatre & Imagine Theatre present the magical fairytale Cinderella:	12 th December 2015 – 3 rd January 2016	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple
Port Isaac's Fishermen's Friends	6 th February	Box Office: 01271 324242 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
North Devon Gang Show	17 th - 20 th February	www.norundevontneau es.org.uk
Rock 'n' Roll Variety Show – That'll Be The Day	21 st February	-
La Boheme	27 th February	
Films, Live Events – Theatre, Open Air, M Workshops for Children and Adults Films:		
Suffragette (12A)	3 rd & 6 th December	
Spectre (12A)	16 th , 17 th & 22 nd December	
Pan (ctba)	22 nd ,23 rd & 28 th December	
The Lady in the Van (12A)	27 th , 28 th , & 29 th December	
The Dressmaker (ctba)	27 th , 29 th 30 th December	
Theatre:	I the the]
Mayflower Productions present The Santa Trap	13 th – 15 th December	The Plough, Torrington
The Nativity (Plough Prism Style)	16 th December	Box Office: 01805 624624
Music:	•	www.ploughartscentre.org.uk
The Exmoor Carolers	20 th December	1
Workshops:		1
Drop in Knitting	5 th December 10.30am – 1.30pm	1
Watercolour Painting	9 th December 10.30am – 3pm	1
Kung Fu Plough Panda Play in a Day Age 6-12 yrs Sophie Evans	18 th February 10am -4pm	
An Afternoon of Village Dances from the Balkans with Balamouk Participatory Dance	28 th February 3pm – 5.30pm	

What's on Diary			Page
Wine and Wisdom	5 Dec	7:30 for 8pm	24
Nativity in the hall St Peters Church	12 Dec	10am-12	6
RBL Christmas Bingo	12 Dec	6:30pm-	8
Afternoon Christmas Concert	13 Dec	10am-12	6
Carol Singing	14 Dec	6pm	24
Carol Service Holy Trinity	15 Dec		6
Charity Whist Drive	19 Dec	7:30pm	24
Family Friendly Activities MD Methodist Church	20 Dec	9:45 - 10:45	6
Traditional Carol Service MD Methodist Church	20 Dec	11am - 12	6
Carol Service St Peters Church	20 Dec	6:30pm	6
MD & D Gardening Club	20 Dec	7pm	17
Christmas Day Holy Communion St Peters Church	25 Dec	11am	6
Family Service MD Methodist Church	27 Dec	11am - 12	6
Whist Drive	16 Jan	7:30pm	24
Coffee Morning	20 Jan	10:30 - noon	24
Church Gardening	22 Jan		5
Whist Drive	20 Feb	7:30pm	24
Church Gardening	26 Feb		5
Fun Skittles	27 Feb	7:30pm	24
Whist Drive	19 Mar	7:30pm	24
Church Gardening	25 Mar		5
Easter Bingo	26 Mar	7:30pm	24

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USEFUL WEBSITES

Devon County Emergency Planning Service www.devon.gov.uk/index/safetyemergencies.htm

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/SiteInformation

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service www.dsfire.gov.uk/devonfire

Disaster Action www.disasteraction.org.uk

Environment Agency www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Floodline www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods

HM Coastguard www.mcga.gov.uk Highways Agency www.highways.gov.uk

Local Resilience Forum www.dcisprepared.org.uk

Met Office www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/sw/sw_forecast_weather.html

South West Ambulance Service www.swast.nhs.uk

UK Resilience www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/ukresilience.aspx