



Milton Damerel Newsletter

Spring Edition



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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

Annual Grants: At the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th November 2015, grant applications for the financial year 2016/2017 were considered, the Parish Councillors unanimously approved grants for Milton Damerel Parish Hall, Milton Damerel Newsletter, Milton Damerel Parish Church and Milton Damerel and District Gardening Club. Cheques will be issued during September 2016.

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 the Highways dept., consequently Devon's roads are in a very poor state. Complaints regarding pot holes and poor surfaces are reported regularly by the Parish clerk and Councillors, 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. The Parish Council have been notified that road maintenance from Stibb Cross to Woodford Bridge will be taking place in March/April, this was scheduled for March 2015 but did not take place. It has also been stated that the very poor surfaces further along the road towards Holsworthy will also be repaired.

On a brighter note, Councillor Julian approved a grants from his 'locality budget, £100.00 to the Toddler Group which will pay for new chairs and play equipment, £100.00 to the 'Monster Club' which was used for a New Year Party and £100.00 for the renovation of the notice board at Holsworthy Beacon which is in a very poor condition, if it has to be replaced this amount will be put towards a new board

Planning matters: Recent applications approved by Torridge District Council Planning department include a two storey extension at South View, and retention of existing structure at The Oaks. Applications refused include a barn conversion at Lower Walland, a dwelling at Millrose, retention of 2 metre high fence at The Oaks, and the retention of Kennel Blocks at The Oaks. Applications to be discussed at 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. Your Parish Councillors 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. The grant was applied for and it was approved, thus the cost of cutting the verges in September 2015 was recovered. It is hoped that further funding will be available from Devon Highways, but failing this the Parish Council will endeavor to, when and where necessary have the verges and hedges cut. The cost of which will be paid by using the 'Contingency' amount from the budget. This is an amount of money added to the budget each year to cover any cost that is not envisaged.

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.

Dog Owners: This is still a problem, as some irresponsible residents are still not taking their 'poo bags' home, but leaving them about the Parish, please **take them home**. New notices have been displayed, **and whilst no Parishioner or Councillor wishes to do so, if the problem is not dealt with Torridge District Council will be notified, they are in a position to fine any guilty Dog owners a spot fine of £75 and if taken to court this could be increased to up to a £1000.**

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 12th February 2016



CONGRATULATIONS!

- To Scott Cholwill & Ally Hollands** of 1 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon, on the birth of their son,
Riley, on 24th November
- To Gareth & Sally Piper** of Wonford Meadow, West Wonford, on the birth of their son,
Henry Lloyd, on 28th January
- To Trevor Sanders** of Sanford, Horreelsford, who celebrated his 65th birthday on 7th December
- To Les Yelland** of 9 Beech Park, who celebrated his 90th birthday on 4th February
- To David Fairbrother** of Rosemead, Milton Town, who celebrates his 21st birthday on 9th April
- To Rose Haynes** of Higher Grawley, who celebrates her 70th birthday on 23rd April
- To Janet Fisher** of Gratton, on appointment to the new body, Libraries Unlimited, as an independent Trustee. (Libraries Unlimited is the new independent charitable organisation set up by Devon County Council to take over library services from April 2016)



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Good-Bye & Best Wishes to:

Jackie Beckles & Isaac, who have moved from No: 5 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon
Nancy James & Rosalie, who have moved from No: 8 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon

Welcome to:

Bob & Julie Sage, who have moved **into Darland, Venn Green**
[Julian, & Katie Allin, William & Harriett will be moving to Woodford in the near future]
Steve & Elaine Arnold and Jan Lever, who have moved into **Northtown**
Sarah Wilden, Shawn & Libby, who have also moved into **Buttermoor**
Peter Lee & Alison Francome and Samantha, who have moved into **No: 5 Beech Park,**
Holsworthy Beacon
David & Sam King, Craig, Josh, Alfie & Olivia, who have moved into **No: 8 Beech Park**
Holsworthy Beacon



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently including:

Gordon Harris, of Northam, on the loss of his wife Evelyn; **Gordon & Evelyn** lived at **Moor View Cottage** for many years
Nellie Byron, of Meadowsweet, Crossways, on the loss of her husband **Albert**; also **Dad** of **Christine & Laurie Cook**.

Chapel News – March 2016

“No time to waste”

“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51)

WOW! Lent is upon us. We have just completed fifty days of Christmas and now we are thrust into forty days of Lent even before we have had time to let the dust settle on our Christmas gifts. Usually, we get a bit of space to catch our breath between Christmas and Lent, but this year Easter is early, and because of it I have found myself feeling the effects of time or the lack there of. The stores are filled with chocolate Easter eggs and I am frantically looking for items to fill Easter baskets and get those things mailed home in time for Easter. Back home weekends would be filled with shopping for the ultimate Easter frock, matching bonnet and shoes (and no you will not see me in an Easter bonnet). But scripture says, *“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.”* Jesus knew about the impending tick-tock of time—the drawing near of the end of his physical time on this earth—the need to finish his earthly ministry. So, maybe during this time of Lent we need to focus on what we spend our time on, and how we utilize our time. Scripture only gives us a brief look at Jesus’ three and a half years of ministry, and we know that in that short period of time he had a lot to accomplish. Many of us have been in ministry longer than three and a half years and many of us have lived on this planet longer than thirty-three years, and as long as we have breath we are called to use our time to build up the kingdom of God.

So, during the remaining days of Lent let us use this time to prepare for Easter—the great day of resurrection and the new birth of Jesus as Christ.

God’s Peace and Blessing be upon you all!!! *Rev. P. J. Jackson*

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of March to May

6 th March.....	Mrs Christine Poole
13 th & 20 th March	Mrs Niggy Southey
27 th March & 3 rd April.....	Mrs Sheila Daniel
10 th & 17 th April	Mrs Ann Poole
24 th April & 1 st May	Mrs Lilian Luxton
8 th & 15 th May	Mrs Lorna Dawe
22 nd & 29 th May	Mrs Sarah Weal

CHRISTMAS 2015 – Christmas celebrations began with crafts in the Schoolroom. We made iced biscuit tree decorations, baby in the manger also made with icing, paper decorations, etc.. A good number of children came along and enjoyed the event. The Carol Service followed in the chapel with Rev PJ Jackson. Members of the congregation dressed up as the Nativity characters and acted out the familiar Christmas Story, interspersed with carols. A visit of Santa with presents concluded the service, and mince pies and coffee served after. The collection amounting to £189.90 was donated to Action for Children.

CHRISTENING – The christening of Caine Daniel Stevens, son of Liz and Neil Stevens of Fore Street was held on Sunday, 27th December, with Rev PJ Jackson officiating.

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. The study we selected for Advent, based on Hebrews, had sufficient material for our weekly studies to the beginning of February. Our **Lent study** begins on **Monday 15th February**, full details included under Events. 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. – why not join us for a “Spiritual work out”; anyone interested in spiritual matters welcome.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES – As the last Saturday of the quarter is on the Easter week-end, we hope to select another date in April. Please look out for posters.

EASTER 2016 – Still in the planning! We hope to make an early start on **Easter Sunday (27th March) morning** with plenty going on (Easter egg hunt, etc.) – look out for notices about this. The Easter celebration service will follow at 11am, sure to be full of ‘JOY’!

CHURCH COUNCIL – At the October meeting officers were appointed; Senior Steward – Lilian Luxton, Steward – Roger Daniel, Junior Steward – Katie Allin, Property Steward – Sheila Daniel, Treasurer – Gareth Piper, Minutes Secretary – vacant, although Sheila Daniel will temporarily continue until a replacement found.

Property matters included installation of smoke alarms and relocation of the fire assembly point at the chapel path entrance, also checking that sufficient fire extinguishers provided. Appreciations expressed for various items of maintenance and decorating by Roger Daniel and the caretakers. Condensation problems in the schoolrooms to be investigated and expert opinion sought.

CONTACTS – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister: Revd. Patrice Jackson (PJ) (Tel: 281262) Our Stewards: Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355), Roger Daniel (261466), Katie Allin. Property Steward: Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466), Our Caretakers: Steve & Sarah Weal (Tel: 261694).

News from Holy Trinity Church Milton Damerel

We ended last year with a beautiful candlelit Carol Service and a visit from the Bradworthy Choir and band. It is always heart warming to see so many people join us for this special service, and to fill the church with the sounds of voices singing. The candles glowed their soft light on the window sills amongst the traditional greenery of the season, the Bradworthy Choir sang beautifully, accompanied by Malcolm on the organ, and voices rose to fill the rafters of the church. It was just beautiful. The surprise inclusion of poems throughout the service was well received and many said how much they enjoyed hearing them. It added another dimension to the Christmas story as told in church. Afterwards we all enjoyed some warming mulled wine, mince pies and good company.

Onto 2016 and how change will affect our church

Holy Trinity is now part of the Bradworthy Benefice and our Rector is the Reverend Richard Freeman. We have gone through several changes and challenges over the last few years so we are looking forward to a more stable future here at Holy Trinity.

With 6 Churches in the Bradworthy Benefice we have had to 'fit in' our arrangements with the other churches. The new dates and times of the services held at Holy Trinity are now the **first and third Sunday of each month with timings changing to 11.30AM on the 1st Sunday and 9.00AM on the 3rd Sunday.**

Services: The new service plan for the next three months will be as follows:-

<u>February</u>		
7 th Feb	Sung Eucharist at	11.30 am
21 st Feb	Holy Communion at	9.00 am
<u>March</u>		
6 th Mar	Morning prayer at	11.30 am
20 th Mar	Holy Communion at	9.00 am
27 th Mar	Easter Sunday Service	11.30am

<u>April</u>		
3 rd Apr	Sung Eucharist at	11.30 am
17 th Apr	Holy Communion at	9.00 am
<u>May</u>		
1 st May	Morning prayer at	11.30 am
15 th May	Holy Communion at	9.00 am

Roof Repairs

The applications for Heritage Lottery Funding is progressing and one of the criteria for a successful application is how more people will have engaged with the 'Heritage'. This effectively means opening up the process of restoration, either during the architectural investigations at the start, scaffold tours during restoration, possibly training courses on historic building repairs to as many people as may be interested. It may also be as simple as additional leaflets and publications to show how the work has been completed and any history uncovered. We can't do all of the schemes so any suggestions or support for the ideas proposed would be welcome. Please contact the Church Wardens with your thoughts.

Gardening

The change to the Service times means we have had to alter our gardening dates, but first we would like to thank everyone who gives a hand inside the church and around the churchyard helping to keep it clean and tidy for everyone. We have had many compliments on the tidiness of our church and grounds and it is all thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers. Everyone is welcome to come and give an hour or more on one of our gardening afternoons, as much or as little as you can spare. You get a cup of tea and a biscuit courtesy of Roberta, and a good gossip with some 'man' chat too. You wouldn't want to miss out on that.

Sadly there is still a problem with dog mess in the church yard. The gates are usually closed so it is likely caused by a dog whose owner takes a walk through the churchyard. If you are reading this then please clean up. Everyone is welcome in the church yard but please respect the area, others who may be visiting it, those who maintain the grounds and of course the graves and memorials within.

The gardening will now be the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of each month. There will be two session per month when it gets warmer and grass cutting gets underway. The church will be open to everyone whether for gardening or for a visit on these afternoons.

The all important Gardening Dates for the next three months are:

FEBRUARY 19th, MARCH 18th and APRIL 15th

Forth Coming Events

Easter Weekend March 26th and 27th

Come and join us on March 26th Easter Saturday for a fun afternoon hunting for Easter eggs around the church and grounds. Bring along your Easter hat or bonnet. We are sure this will be enjoyed by youngsters and those of us young at heart. Easter Egg Hunt from 2.00 pm onwards. And if you are worn out just thinking about it then why not come along for a chance to relax and have a social afternoon in this lovely old church and enjoy a cream tea with us.

A Lily for a Loved One - March 27th Easter Sunday we will be holding a special service to remember loved ones, family or friends.

We invite you to sponsor a lily or lilies to be added to a floral arrangement in the church - a special display of remembrance for this service and your loved ones.

The church will be open to view the display on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

On May 14th we will be inviting you to join us on a 'Food Safari' and a chance to go 'Back in Time' (see page 13). Both these experiences are something new and different for you to try but not at the same time. The food safari starts at the church, you will be given directions to the first place to eat, then onto another place for another food feast. If you enjoy your grub then you will enjoy this trip and it's something different to try, come on don't be shy give it a go. (Girls you won't have to do any cooking that day). Tickets to win a journey in the Time Machine will be on sale soon and the winner will be drawn on the 14th May.

Later in July we will be holding the church BBQ – everyone loves a BBQ so come on down to the church to have a taste of the 'Binns' special. You are all invited to this social 'after gardening' teatime treat, no need to bring anything - only yourself, what could be easier. Great social get together with good food as well.

Full details with the dates and times of the above events will be in the next Milton Damerel Newsletter.

Details of all events will be posted on the church notice board outside the church.

Isabel

Lilies for a Loved One March 27th Easter Sunday

A special service to remember loved ones, family or friends.

You are invited to donate a lily or lilies to be added to a floral arrangement which will form a centrepiece in the church.

It will, with your contribution, be a wonderful display of remembrance for this service and your loved ones.

The lilies should be ordered and purchased in advance.

Contact Anne or John before March 16th

Tel. 01409 261381 or email j.binns990:btinternet.com

The church will be open to view the display on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Please support us as you remember loved ones.

Lost and Found

A small black ladies hand bag was left in church after the carol service. It has a small amount of cash and little else in it. If it belongs to anyone please contact Church Wardens

Also no claims for the glasses and case left in the porch last year.

The Newsletter Group welcomes Peter Oxborough of Lower Walland joining us as an additional member of the group. Peter will be contributing articles and 'news gathering'. We're delighted to recruit him!

Please chat with any of the Newsletter Group if YOU would like to offer to join us!

Just a Thought ... After Christmas

The shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing, which has come to pass. (Luke 2:15)

I'd like to know what happened to the shepherds after Christmas. We can be fairly certain about what happened to the others. There weren't many there, just enough to represent humanity; and we know what happened to some of them. Mary and Joseph, for instance: they were what we'd call naturally good, naturally religious people. There are some in every generation: devout, unwavering in their faith. We know what happened to Mary and Joseph after Christmas: they stayed with Jesus, right up to the end. There are many who will come to Bethlehem who won't go on to Calvary, but Mary did and we can be certain that Joseph stayed beside her as long as he lived. Mary ministered to Jesus at the joy of his nativity, and she was still there, serving him at the sorrow of his crucifixion. So we know what happened to Mary and Joseph. There are always some people whose behaviour we can predict: their goodness is so fixed and settled, we know how they'll react in a given situation. We can usually tell what the truly devoted will do. Bethlehem and Calvary are all one to them. Yes, we know what happened to Mary and Joseph after Christmas.

But what happened to the shepherds? That's what I'd like to know. After all, they were the biggest group there, as they are the biggest group anywhere. They were the common people, neither particularly devout nor particularly interested in religion; working men with little time to think about such things. Shepherds are usually very busy earning a living or enjoying what spare time they have. And we can be fairly certain how they behaved in Bethlehem. They'd stand around at the back, the way they do at weddings and baptisms, feeling slightly awkward and out of place, nipping out occasionally for a smoke. Perhaps they were impressed in spite of themselves, made uneasy by the sense that maybe there was something here they ought to be paying attention to, because it was mysteriously important. I like to think that at least one of the shepherds was permanently affected by that night and that he stood, strong and grieving, with the group at Calvary a lifetime later.

But I suspect it wasn't true for many of them. I think I know what happened to the shepherds after Christmas, because it happens year after year to most of us. After the temporary excitement and charm of it all we go back to our average ways. We remain unchanged. Bethlehem is nice once a year, but we are too booked up to go any further.

But why? Why is it so easy to remain unchanged, uninvolved? After all, we are not talking about some harmless and irrelevant interest that has its strange enthusiasts. We are talking about the action and presence of Almighty God. We are talking about God whom one day, maybe one day soon, we shall confront with unavoidable finality. Of all things, then, why is it so easy to avoid him, to avoid the very reality that gives us the power of avoidance? Why is it so easy to be like the shepherds who went back to the price of wool and the cup final at Nazareth? The answer is simple. Is there, do you think, anything more helpless than a new-born baby? One thing, perhaps: a man nailed to a cross. Yet this is how God comes to us: in helplessness. He does not crush us with fantastic power: he presents himself in weakness and in silence. But why? Why does he make it so difficult: a baby in a manger, a man on a cross? Why like that? It's because he will not force us. He wants us to recognise him by our free choice: and because he is so quiet, it is easy to overlook him. Day after day he lays before us quiet and undemanding signs of his presence, wanting us to stay long enough to read them and recognise him and go to him at last. And most of the time we don't notice, we rush past.

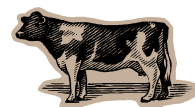
In Church, or wherever we are reading this article, we're given another opportunity to meet him. Like the shepherds, maybe we were interested in Christmas for the excitement, the novelty. Perhaps some unbidden prompting caused us, almost in spite of ourselves, to think about these events. Whatever the reason, here we are: reading this article or sitting in Church, caught for a moment slightly off guard.

I wonder what happened to us after Christmas? Has tomorrow engulfed us too soon and obliterated the memory of that unguarded moment just inside the shadow by the stable door? Or will this moment be our awakening, our moment of final recognition? Will we go with him beyond this moment, or is this to be another of those one-night-stand moments that so characterise the lives of those who are too afraid or too confused to commit themselves? Time is getting on for all of us. I wonder what has happened to us after Christmas?

God bless

Richard

The Rector



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A Lenten Study Course
'BY HIS WOUNDS'

Compiled by Tony Castle

The Bible Study Group welcome you to join them for a 5-week study for Lent, starting on Monday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom Kitchen

15th February Sign of love

22nd February Wounds of love

29th February Love is the way

7th March Now is the Kingdom

14th March The healing wounds of love

Each week's study is self-contained and therefore you are welcome to come along to any or all of the studies; instead of giving up chocolate this Lent, give up an evening of your time for an opportunity of spiritual renewal in the lead up to the celebration of Easter.

Contact Sheila (261466), Lilian (261355) or Grace (261251) for more info.

BODY REFORM is back!

An aerobic session with Heather is now being held on 1st Wednesday & 3rd Thursday each month.

We welcome Lucy for **ZUMBA** on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Each class starts at 7pm in the Parish, finish at 8pm.

Contact: Heather 07515416754; Lucy 281790; for more information

PILATES

Continues in the Methodist Schoolroom
 with a full class at present.

Mondays 11am – 12noon

Enquiries to Di Sluggett (281637)

**Holsworthy Beacon
 Methodist Church**

COFFEE MORNING

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

Warm welcome to All

Windows 10 - to upgrade or not?

Microsoft have been pushing Windows users into upgrading their Windows 7 / 8 computer to Windows 10. But should you upgrade? There is a deadline where the offer is removed on 29th July, however insiders think that the offer will still remain in some form.

What are the benefits? Well, each user is going have different needs. Certainly Windows 10 is visually different to Windows 7 and earlier, but users of Windows 8 won't see much difference. However 10 is more aware of you and your actions. There has been a lot written about privacy as the system will report back to Microsoft on what you open, what sites you visit and what software you use. In some respects this is pretty much standard for Google and other search engines and to some degree these can be turned off.

In some respects Windows 10 is just as easy to use as previous versions, however my view is that the software is still in beta. That means it's still under development. I have had a few issues with it with programs not running, or the screen turning white. Other people have different degrees of issues. My lad did an update that removed all his software so that he had to reinstall everything again. His files were not removed, just put somewhere else.

So my view at the moment is this. For consumers give it a go, but for businesses stay on the version you have as Windows 10 is quite disruptive and some major software programs such as Sage doesn't run well on it yet. In any case, you have 30 days in which to revert the computer back to the previous version, but make sure you do plenty of backups!

Terry Remedy IT Ltd

MILTON DAMEREL NEWSLETTER

BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR

As this is Busbys Solicitors' first article of 2016, may I start by wishing all readers of the Milton Damerel Newsletter a Happy New Year. Busbys and I hope that 2016 will be peaceful and enjoyable for one and all.

2015 was a year which saw many changes in the law. Unfortunately the further cuts to legal aid and advice imposed as part of the Government's austerity measures have meant the closure of many law centres and the scaling back of CAB services. Access to the law is increasingly difficult, especially for the less well off. Litigants in person are going it alone, and the Court system is buckling. Many Courts are set to close.

Add into this potent mix the vast changes in society we are witnessing year-on-year. The "nuclear" family of old - married parents in a stable relationship with 2 to 3 children - is fast disappearing. 8 million now live in a single household. Relationships outside marriage have become the norm. Many households now consist of children who are related to just one of the adults caring for them.

The law has struggled to adapt to these changed mores in society. The need for statute law to keep up is acute. In the meantime, great inequities proliferate, especially for women living in relationships outside of marriage which come to an end through separation or death. The need for cohabitation agreements to be put in place, and the need for wills to be drawn up which reflect the true wishes of cohabitants and parents, has never been greater.

So if you are in this kind of relationship, do not rest easy. There is little legal status to the expression "common law wife". Ensure that your legal rights outside of marriage are properly protected, and that your children can properly benefit and be looked after if relationships end. Many widowed or divorced people are prepared to commit to a cohabiting relationship without the need, as they see it, to get married. If you are in such a relationship and want protection for your partner, do not leave it too late - as far too many do. Seek good legal advice.

On a cheerier note, I was delighted to read this week that last year Britain's oldest person had a hip replacement, at 112 years of age. My wife and I have repeatedly sung the praises of the NHS to American friends and relatives fed disinformation by private medical insurance companies. Some have said that if America goes down the NHS route, all people in their 60s and beyond would be ineligible for such operations. What tosh!

We at Busbys look forward to helping our community in 2016 and beyond. If you have legal requirements, including the preparation of that vital Will, do get in touch with us on **01288 35 9000**. We are here to help.

John Busby
Busbys Solicitors
Bude & Holsworthy

St Peter's Church, Thornbury

Coffee Mornings We have a **Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday 4th May** at **Holsworthy Memorial Hall, 9 am til 12 noon**. Entrance is just a £1 and includes your coffee and biscuit. Funds raised go to help run St Peters Church.

Coffee Mornings in The Church – we will holding coffee mornings on the first Saturday of June, July, August and September – **4th June, 2nd July, 6th Aug and 3rd Sept** 10.30 am til 12 noon, in the church, please come along for a coffee and a chat, children, and dogs all very welcome. We always have some wonderful homemade items on the cake/produce stall, a great selection of books for 20p or 50p, a raffle and some bric a brac to browse through. All funds go to help support the running and up keep of St Peters Church.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday 6th March 9.30 am at St Peters, Thornbury, everyone welcome.

SATURDAY CHURCH – usually the second Saturday of each month **12th March, 16th April and 7th May**, from 10 am til 11 am – informal worship for everyone, whether young in years or young at heart, followed by tea, coffee and wonderful snacks! Bradford Village Hall.

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 20th March at All Saints Bradford 9.30 am

HOT CROSS BUNS & STORY on Good Friday at Bradford Village Hall, **Friday 25th March 10 am til 11 am**, all ages welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY – Sun 27th March, 9.30 am at Cookbury Church – there are often a few Easter Eggs to be found in the church and churchyard, if you would like to help us find them, please come along.

BRADFORD SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE – Wednesday 23rd March, 2.45 pm at Bradford Village Hall, please come along and support our local primary school everyone welcome.

BAG COLLECTION – our next bag collection is booked for Mon 25th April, from St Peters church, any unwanted clothes, bags, belts, shoes, jewellery, please no bedding, duvets or pillows. Funds to help support St Peters Church.

MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

Club normally meets on 1st Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall– new members very welcome to come along.

Over 60 people came along to the Christmas Lunch held at The Royal Hotel on 8th December and then followed by Christmas shopping in Barnstaple. 17 members went along to the Holsworthy Lions Christmas Dinner held in the Memorial Hall on 23rd January. The New Year Party at the first meeting of the year in February had very good support with nearly 50 people present for the music and bring and share tea. Enjoyable events for all who came along over the last 3 months.

At the March meeting we will be planning our programme of coach trips for the summer starting in April, normally on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Our Annual Meeting is held at the May meeting.

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			

JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS

Baby & Toddler Group

We enjoyed the run up to Christmas making lots of Christmas inspired creations. We have also been delighted to receive a £100 grant from Devon County Councillor Robin Julian (via the Parish Council). With this we have recently bought 2 more little chairs and an impressive looking playhouse, loved by all. We look forward to a trip to Little Stars at The Milky Way soon. Thank you to those who have kindly passed on gifts of toys, books, puzzles, etc. just recently, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We meet Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Schoolroom. We welcome other local children from small babies upwards. It is also always lovely to have visitors pop in and see us, so if you fancy a friendly chat plus coffee or hot chocolate, tea, biscuits, etc. with us, please call in. The children would also love to see you. Contact Sheila tel: 261466




Holiday Club

Apologies! Due to the lateness of the New Year Party and the earliness of the half term holiday we haven't prepared holiday club for this half term but will make amends at Easter, we will inform you all. Gingerbread houses will probably be on the menu for our Easter Bake amongst other goodies.

Annual New Year Party

The annual New Year Party was held later this year on Saturday, 30th January, owing to illness. A good number came along enjoying the games hosted by Kelvin and Wendy Isaac. Thanks to Devon County Councillor Robin Julian (via the Parish Council) we received a grant of £100 towards this and were able to ask Lizzy of the Farm Shop to supply some very good refreshments, making this a free event for everyone. We were pleased with numbers attending but are aware that there may be new families in the Parish who hesitate to come and join us. Please be assured you will always be made welcome – we are a friendly bunch!!



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MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club starts its Meetings again on **Monday 21st March**, this will be the **AGM**. Please come with new ideas for future meeting and any places of interest to visit. New Members welcome.

All meeting are on the **3rd Monday of each month**, 7.00 for 7.30. Membership is £5 and £2 per meeting, visitors welcome at £3. Tea and Biscuits provided.

Monday 18th April. Speaker will be Richard Hart. Talk on plants suitable for Spring Planting.

Monday 16th May. Speaker will be Roy Halsey. Talk on growing vegetables for the Kitchen and Garden Shows.

Sutcombe School

Following consultation in the Autumn, Devon County Council considered the consultation responses received and agreed to move to the next stage, that is, publication of a Brief Notice on the proposed closure of Sutcombe Primary School. This Brief Notice period provided for a further four weeks for representations to be received on the possible closure of the school. This further period ended on 4th February.

Devon County Council Cabinet will consider these final responses and make a decision at their meeting on 9 March 2016. It is proposed that the School will close from 31 August 2016.



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Competition to find companion for time travel experiment. Must have own weapons. Safety not guaranteed as I have only done this once before.

Of course, this now famous classified ad is a hoax but what if you could travel back in time if just for an hour?

Looking at this photograph you could be forgiven for thinking it was taken in the 1930's. But it is a lot more recent than that. You may even have seen this car around Milton Damerel as recently as last year.

The car is a Morgan. It was, hand built by Morgan in Malvern and is an updated version of the 1930 Morgan Supersport. Unlike modern cars, there is a fair proportion of wood, aluminium and leather in its construction and the engine sits outside the car.

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I have donated a 'Morgan passenger Experience' to Milton Damerel Holy Trinity to help raise money for much needed repairs. The route will be along the Cornish coast during the spring/early summer and recorded on GoPro cameras. Flying helmet and goggles will be provided. Be prepared to wave and have have your photograph taken.

Anne and John Binns will be arranging something soon. Please support.

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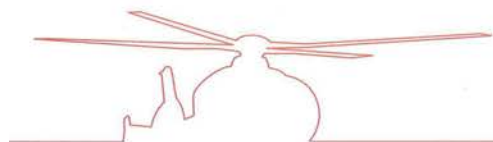
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5 January 2016

Dear Mrs Self,

We were delighted to receive a donation of £235.35 from the Milton Damerel Parish Hall from your evening of Carol Singing, separate donation and profit from a Whist Drive. This is fantastic and much appreciated.

Due to the fantastic support we receive from the communities and businesses in and around Devon we are able to further develop and improve our service. During 2016 we will be extending our operation to fly until midnight. Currently, during the darker winter months we are only able to operate for around 8 hours of daylight, meaning that from as early as 4.30pm we are not available.

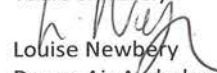
In addition we are investing in the clinical development of our aircrew which will further enhance our service. This, coupled with the extended flying hours, will enable us to help even more people.

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Fibre broadband in Milton Damerel?

Back in October, BT were busy laying fibre around the streets, so I was somewhat excited at the prospect of getting super fast internet. But then nothing. Having done a little research it seems that there was a deadline of the end of 2015 to have the UK 95% covered in fibre so that's why there was a push to get the cable laid.

So are we going to get fibre? Probably not for the foreseeable future. The telephone exchange at Venn Green is showing EO or Exchange Only. (google fibre checker) This simply means the fibre that was laid is just for phone lines.

As the voucher system for BDUK has now finished, there is less likelihood of getting fibre, so all we can do is keep asking our providers or our local MP

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The Marathon

The marathon may have ancient roots, but the foot race's official length of 26.2 miles wasn't established until the 20th century. The first organized marathon was held in Athens at the 1896 Olympics, the start of the Games' modern era. The ancient games, which took place in Greece from around 776 B.C. to A.D. 393, never included such long-distance races. The idea for the modern marathon was inspired by the legend of an ancient Greek messenger (Pheidippides) who raced from the site of Marathon to Athens, a distance of about 40K, or nearly 25 miles, with the news of an important Greek victory over an invading army of Persians in 490 B.C. After making his announcement, the exhausted messenger collapsed and died. To commemorate his dramatic run, the distance of the 1896 Olympic marathon was set at 40K.

For the next few Olympics, the length of the marathon remained close to 25 miles, but at the 1908 Games in London the course was extended, allegedly to accommodate the British royal family. As the story goes, Queen Alexandra requested that the race start on the lawn of Windsor Castle (so the littlest royals could watch from the window of their nursery, according to some accounts) and finish in front of the royal box at the Olympic stadium—a distance that happened to be 26.2 miles (26 miles and 385 yards). The random boost in mileage ending up sticking and in 1921 the length for a marathon was formally standardized at 26.2 miles (42.195K).

For decades, marathons were only open to male athletes. The Boston Marathon, which kicked off in 1897 and is the world's oldest annual marathon, began allowing female competitors in 1972, while the first Olympic marathon for women wasn't held until 1984.

As some may know I ran London marathon in April 2014 in 4hrs 2mins. A time under 4hrs at 50 years old would give me eligibility to enter as 'good for age' in most marathons. I was therefore hooked and on a mission. My attempt at Loch Ness Marathon in September 2014 failed as my time was 4hrs 7seconds however I managed a time of 3.55 in Edinburgh in May 2015. I realised my time was nearly 5 minutes under the qualifying time for the elite Boston Marathon and felt I could not miss the chance. My application has been accepted and race day is 18th April. Let the training begin!

Anne Binns

Walking Parish Footpaths

After a two-month break, the inter-Parish footpath walks have restarted and this year's programme includes some new walks. The first five walks are detailed below and as always, anybody is welcome to come along. Please bear in mind that some of the paths may be wet and muddy, and can be over rough ground. There will be a walk leader who will decide on the day whether the route is suitable to use and may therefore alter the published route. All walks are on Mondays and start at 10.00am, aiming to finish by noon. For further information please contact Evelyn (259848) or Michael (261196).

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| March 14 | Halwill. Meet by Parish Church (Note- NOT Halwill Junction). |
| April 11 | Pyworthy. Meet at Crinacott Farm. |
| May 9 | Milton Damerel. Meet 150 metres west from Great Derworthy farm.
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The Bayleaf Indian restaurant, Bude, if you enjoy good Indian food the Bayleaf is the place to go, with an extensive menu there is something for everyone, never too hot (unless requested or choosing the marked hot ones) but expertly spiced to make your tastebuds hum. Service is friendly and attentive, dishes are cooked to order so there may be a little wait but the wait is well worth it, you can enjoy some poppodums with assorted dips whilst you wait.

Try a Southern Indian Garlic Balti or a Kozi Rose, both delicious, the Balti has green chilli's in so if your not too keen ask for them to be left out, another favourite is the Methi Gosht, lamb in a fusion of fenugreek & crushed red chilli.

Money & Property Matters

In todays market it is difficult to decide where to put your money to get the best return. In some countries like Sweden and Switzerland negative interest is paid on your savings! You pay the bank to keep your money! The buy to let market has always been a minefield but with banks and building societies realising this is a great source of revenue, restrictions have eased. However the Government has now latched onto this, and in our time of austerity, have realised that this is another source to boost their coffers!

Pensions have not been performing well and with the recent change in legislation with regard to taking out a tax free sum, investors are turning to the buy to let market for a better return, typically between 5 and 8% plus the capital appreciation of the property. The government have realised this and have increased the stamp duty on buy to let and second home purchases to an additional 3% on the existing standard rate. This takes effect from April 2016 so anyone buying a £200,000 second home or buy to let after April 2016 will pay £7,500 as opposed to £1,500. An increase of £6,000!

Coupled with the reduction on the maximum tax relief dropping from 45% and 40% to just 20% is a buy to let a good idea? Well in my opinion I think it is, not because I'm an estate agent, and I'm not a financial advisor but because in my experience for the majority of clients it has worked well and I believe will continue to do so. Please remember your home may be at risk if finance is required and you should always seek the advice of a qualified financial advisor.

Easter chocolate bark

Courtesy of the BBC Good Food website

Prep: 20 mins Cook: 5 mins plus cooling

Ingredients

3 x 200g bars milk chocolate

2 x 90g packs mini chocolate eggs

1 heaped tsp freeze-dried raspberry pieces – or you could use crystallised petals



Method

Break the chocolate into a large heatproof bowl. Bring a pan of water to a simmer, then sit the bowl on top. The water must not touch the bottom of the bowl. Let the chocolate slowly melt, stirring now and again with a spatula. For best results, temper your chocolate (see tip).

Meanwhile, lightly grease then line a 23 x 33cm roasting tin or baking tray with parchment. Put three-quarters of the mini eggs into a food bag and bash them with a rolling pin until broken up a little.

When the chocolate is smooth, pour it into the tin. Tip the tin from side to side to let the chocolate find the corners and level out. Scatter with the smashed and whole mini eggs, followed by the freeze-dried raspberry pieces. Leave to set, then remove from the parchment and snap into shards, ready to pack in boxes or bags.

Makes enough for 6-8 gift bags.

Gardening Report

Dear Gardeners.

With such a wet and windy winter I hope we are all out now tidying our gardens. Getting on top of all the jobs we haven't been able to do. The bulbs will all be bursting from the ground many already in flower heralding the spring to come. All the tidying now will make spring so much easier. Pull all those weeds now before they have chance to seed.

Seeds should be ordered and purchased now. Onions and Autumn leek seed should have been sown on Boxing day ready to prick out now. Tomatoes should have been sown on St Valentines day remembering their common name 'The love apple'. Make sure they're all kept nice and warm to stop them being checked. Sow your seeds nice and early for early crops of flowers and fruits. Pot up Dahlias now and keep them in a warm sunny spot ready to plant out after the risk of frost. This will guarantee a good display. Some of the shoots can be cut just above the tuber and turned into cuttings.

It's always good to get on top of all the spring jobs allowing you time to visit other gardens. The Abbey in Hartland is open on the 6th March for Mothering Sunday so visitors can see the early spring flowers. Rosemoor is of course always worth a visit, we are so lucky to have a RHS garden so close.

Well I'm hoping for a gentle spring where gardens and gardeners are blessed with warm sunny days and gentle showers at night. Ever the optimist!!!

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EVENTS REPORT

Thanks to the loyal organisers and supporters, the monthly Whist Drives continue to be well received with £87.80 being raised in November 2015 and £41.40 in January 2016

Kate embraced the Snowman theme for the Snowman Drive that she organised on the afternoon of November 28 with the choice of prizes, refreshments and her costume! This was a fun afternoon very suitable for children. Although the turn out was slightly disappointing the £50 raised was much appreciated.

As has become traditional, the December Whist Drive profits were for a charity, with Devon Air Ambulance Trust selected as the 2015 charity. Carol Singing on 14 December around the parish, also for charity, ended with the group singing in the bar at Woodford Bridge Hotel. It was great fun and we thank everyone who contributed. £170.35 was collected and along with the £65 from the Charity Whist Drive, Devon Air Ambulance Trust acknowledged the total donation of £235.35 with a certificate which is displayed in the entrance hall at the Parish Hall.

On 5 December Christian Whitley kindly took over as our question master for the Wine & Wisdom, using the Parish Council projection equipment to keep the teams' scores and relative positions displayed on the screen. The revised format of the ploughman's supper refreshment break worked well but we note that as most people have to drive to the Parish Hall, people are drinking less and therefore we have decided to make the Quiz Night a 'bring your own' event, which allows everyone to bring just what ever they like to drink.

On a nice crisp morning in January, 24 people gathered at the home of Mary Carter for a very pleasant Coffee Morning with good company and tasty refreshments. There was an array of raffle prizes and in total £109 was raised. Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially to Mary for her hospitality,

All funds raised 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

WHIST DRIVE Saturday 19 March starts at 7.30pm

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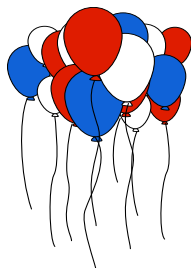
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For those of you who have had a visit from Santa recently and have now got some new equipment, such as electrical goods or cycles in the household, don't forget to update your records at 'immobilise.com' if you use their services. If you have not come across this facility before, it is a free to use independent and secure database where you can store details of all valuable items and property with sentimental value such as electrical goods, power tools and sports equipment. The service operates countrywide and is accessible to the police and so that any recovered items can be returned to their rightful owners. Of course this won't happen unless your property is marked in some identifiable way which is unique to your household. For example, use your house name or number followed by your postcode. We have covered property marking in detail in a previous article but full details can be found on the Torridge NHW website at '<http://torridgenhw.ourwatch.org.uk>' along with a range of other crime prevention articles. If you don't have access to the internet, please ask your co-ordinator for a fact sheet.

With people now turning their thoughts to holidays, it is timely to remind everyone of the 'Keyholder Registration Scheme' which is run by the Devon & Cornwall Police. Individual residents and businesses can record details of their keyholders which enables a responsible person to be called out if an incident occurs at your property whilst you are not in attendance. Your details will be held on a secure database and you can be sure that your details will only be made available to the emergency services. There is a small charge for this service which is usually no more than £5. Again, full details of this scheme can be found on the NHW website mentioned above and the Devon & Cornwall Police website.

If you have access to the internet we have recently come across a very useful site at 'www.FixMyStreet.com'. This is to report any community defect to the local authority in a very simple to use, pre-formatted on screen form. It is much, much easier to use than Devon CC's own reporting site and can be used for reporting such things as potholes, fly-tipping, non-working street lights etc. There is also an interactive map which indicates whether a problem has already been reported and shows up all the reported problems in the area. The site will also ask for feed-back after a month to check what action has been taken.

Rural North Devon remains one of the lowest crime areas in the country when we are referring to 'traditional' crimes such as burglary, theft and anti-social behaviour etc. Unfortunately, scams, whether by phone or on the internet, seem to affect all areas equally and in increasing frequency and ingenuity. 'Actionfraud' have recently advised that they have seen a large increase in the amount of victims signing up for free trials for unapproved or misleading pharmaceuticals and supplements. Part of the signing up process usually involves being asked for your credit or debit card details and payments start to be taken after the trial period ends. These payments are usually called 'recurring' or 'continuous' payments. Whilst they work in a similar way to direct debits, they are not covered by the banks' direct debit guarantee scheme and can be much harder to cancel or identify who is debiting your account. Many of these scams are linked to common pharmaceuticals such as teeth whitening products, food supplements and slimming tablets. If you desire such items speak to your GP or pharmacist in the first instance, to ask for their advice and get their recommendations.

And finally, it is with some sadness that we have to say 'Good Bye' to Jackie, who has served as our co-ordinator at Holsworthy Beacon for the past few years, as she moves on to new pastures. We wish her well for the future. Peter Fry, who has been her deputy is taking over, with immediate effect, and his contact details are at the top of the page.

Please keep your dog under control.

Once again we are approaching lambing time, ewes are very heavily in lamb or have young lambs at foot so "PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE" keep your dog on a lead and under control, even the quietest and friendliest of dogs can become a killer, the sight of a sheep or a lamb running seems to kindle the hunting instinct in our family pet and they will take off and chase and attack, even if only chased and not actually attacked a pregnant ewe will very often abort her lambs.

Many residents of Milton Damerel are farmers or of farming families so my message is not directed at them but we have people that aren't use to country living & may think it's okay for their dog to "play" with the sheep, please don't let them, keep your dog & the sheep safe, keep it under control, any farmer is quite within their rights to shoot any dog they find running amongst their livestock, there is nothing more heart breaking for a farmer than to see his stock killed or injured because someone's dog has run wild.

Holsworthy Rural Policing Update – 23/11/15 – 24/01/16

The following incidents have occurred:

Bradworthy: 2x CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES AND BURGLARY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO TELEPHONE LINE BY MEANS OF FIRING SHOTGUN AT IT

Clawton: DOG OUT OF CONTROL CAUSING INJURY
THREE DEERS SHOT, CARCASS DRAGGED TO THE ROADSIDE AND LOADED ONTO VEHICLE.

Tetcott: AN ATTEMPT THEFT – TRAILER LADEN WITH GOODS

Halwill: DEFIBRILATOR UNIT LOCATED IN TELEPHONE BOX HAS BEEN STOLEN
THEFT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR ACCESSORIES GRILL, DIPSTICK AND DIESEL CAP WAS TAKEN.

Thornbury: FOUR WHEEL NUTS TAKEN FROM A LANDROVER DEFENDER
BURGLARY

St Giles on the Heath: COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SIGN STOLEN

Chilsworthy: CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A STONE PERIMETER GARDEN WALL BY ARROW WITH STAINLESS STEEL TIP



Please remember not to leave your valuables in your vehicle, and to keep your vehicle secure at all times.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

Don't hesitate to ring the Police on **101** for non-emergency
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Did you know the local NHS has a Patient Advice and Complaints Team?

NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS NEW Devon CCG) patient advice and complaints team is a service to provide patients, carers, family members, the public and staff with help, advice and support with concerns or comments relating to NHS services.

The team provides free and confidential help to investigate and resolve problems as they happen and aim to do this as quickly as possible. They can also organise in depth investigations of any problems relating to healthcare across a number of different services.

Hearing from patients helps us to make improvements and gives us early warnings of system problems. It is very important for the CCG to hear when things are going wrong.

You can contact us on the phone on 01392 267665, or 0300 123 1672

Or text us at 07789 741099 Or email pals.devon@nhs.net



To be able to support our clients' changing needs, our service must be right and our methods of communication fit for the demand. Since April 2015 our charity has been part of the Devon-wide **Adviceline** telephone service which operates Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm, enabling more people in the community to access our advice and support. We have now also branched out into **email advice** and webchats to try and cover even more ways to support people who can't always make it to our offices. National changes to Citizens Advice mean we are now also steering away from appointments and are encouraging people to 'drop in', where we will try our best to deal with issues there and then to save coming back for unnecessary appointments. With less money available, we want to make sure we offer good value for money, in a way that's affordable for the years to come. **LEARN MORE about us at www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk**

Riverfly Project

The Parish Council recently received this e-mail from Councillor Alan Whittle concerning the Riverfly Project, seeking volunteers to help with this project.

Dear Parish Clerk,

I am writing to you today to ask for your help. I wish to set up a small network of volunteers to monitor the small streams and tributaries that are in abundance around the Torridge area. In particular is the river Walden which meanders from Bradworthy passing through Sutcombe down towards Milton Damerel and then into the Torridge. There is a lot of water to be monitored and we need people who can spare a little time to ensure that our waters stay clean and unpolluted. I would like you to bring this project to the attention of your committee and perhaps you can print off a couple of copies of the flyer and place it strategically within your village. I thank you for your time and look forward to a fruitful project.

regards,

Cllr. Alan Whittle. Councillor.Whittle@torridge.gov.uk

There are over 1,700km of recorded watercourses in the Northern Devon Nature Improvement Area, and monitoring the insects and other invertebrates that live in these rivers and streams is the best way of keeping a check on their ecological health.

Since 2014 over 30 local people have been trained and are sampling local rivers and streams for invertebrates as part of a national scheme called Riverfly.

They are playing a key role in keeping our watercourses in good ecological condition which is important for conserving a wonderful range of wildlife such as the endangered Fresh Water Pearl Mussel, Atlantic salmon, kingfisher and otter.

More information is also available from the Northern Devon Nature Improvement Area web-site

www.northerndevonnia.org/the-riverfly-volunteer-network

NEWSLETTER FINANCES 2015

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1st January to 31st December 2015. The financial statements are set out below

	£.	£.
Receipts during 2015:		(2014)
Advertising (Annual payments from September 2015) ^{NOTE}	1136.88	(1182.38)
Personal donations	65.50	(84.00)
Grant – Parish Council	<u>100.00</u>	<u>(100.00)</u>
	<u>1302.38</u>	<u>(1366.38)</u>
Payments during 2015:		
Printing	1134.56	(1063.88)
Social night	16.38	(0.00)
Refund to Busby's	27.50	(0.00)
Postage	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(6.00)</u>
	<u>1069.88</u>	<u>(1069.88)</u>
 <u>Net gain for the year</u>	 <u>123.94</u>	 <u>(296.50)</u>
 Funds in hand at 1 st January 2015:		
HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	1959.36	
Cash & Cheques held	<u>0.00</u>	
Total	1959.36	
Add net gain for year	123.94	
 <u>Funds in hand at 31st December 2015</u>	 <u>2083.30</u>	
 Represented by: HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	2083.30	
Cash & Cheques held.....	<u>0.00</u>	
	 <u>2083.30</u>	

NOTE: Funds in hand at 31st December 2015, include the advertising revenue 'in advance' for 2 editions – March & June 2016, valued at £568.44.

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

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

Bradworthy Primary Academy
18th March **Evening - Choir singing at H.A.T.S Holsworthy Extravaganza**
 For more details on times, please see Holsworthy Post
Thursday 24th March **Break up for Easter**
Monday 11th April **Back to School**

Looking Back and Memories.....

PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSURE

SPECIAL AFTERNOON MARKS OCCASION AT MILTON DAMERELL

Last week Milton Damerell County Primary School closed, after operating for more than 80 years in the same building. To mark the occasion a special afternoon was organised by the School Managers, on Tuesday week. It began with games for the children, including some ingenious obstacle races, organised by Mr. D. Poole, assisted by Mr. C. R. Heard, chairman of the Managers, and Mr. E. German.

Then followed a short religious service for parents, friends and children. This was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. Chippington, and an address was given by Mr. W. M. Carter (Bude), a former pupil. He said that this could not be regarded as a happy occasion, but he hoped that the children would soon settle at Bradworthy.

After the service, the headmistress, Mrs. D. M. Brewer, who has been at the school for six years, was presented with a bouquet from the Managers and children by one of the senior pupils, Sheila Braunton. Sheila also presented sprays to Mrs. M. Clarke, Mrs. P. Sluggett and Mrs. B. Jones.

Tea was served by Mrs. M. Carter and Mrs. S. Eastcott. They were thanked by another pupil, Pamela Carter.

On the last day of term, the children placed flowers on the grave of Mr. Amos Brayley, who was headmaster for more than 30 years in the last century.

Next term the 28 children, together with Mrs. Brewer, will transfer to Bradworthy School. Milton Damerell is the fourth school to close in this area. Schools at Bulkworthy, Newton St. Petrock and Thornbury, the three parishes adjoining Milton Damerell, have all closed in the last few years.

When the school at Milton Damerell was first used in the 1870s, it was housed in what is now called the boardroom.

History in Milton: Memories of Milton's School

In 6 years time our School will have been closed for 50 years. Hard to believe for those of us who well remember its closing, where did that time go?

I have been interested in collecting personal memories, of those who attended, either to print in booklet form or just for posterity! With many commitments already it will take me a long time, so if there's anyone interested to help, please get in touch.

So far I have a small handful of written memories, so if you were a past scholar I would love to hear from you. Or perhaps you could write down some of your recollections, you don't have to add all the sordid details unless you wish to, of course!!

Sheila Daniel Tel: 261466

Emeline* Short:

I was recently contacted by a lady wishing to find out more of her family history. Her grandmother, Mrs Emeline Short, nee Hearn, lived somewhere at Venn Green, where in 1931 at just 52 years, she was sadly found dead in her home. Emmaline must have had a tough life, her young husband, Ern, had died only in his thirties in 1911, from a type of meningitis, leaving her with three young children, Bill, only 4 years at the time of his father's death, Mary aged 7 years and Kathleen aged 9 years. Ern had worked for the Harris family of West Wonford.

From a newspaper cutting of Emeline's funeral, she had been a valued member of the Methodist Chapel and keen willing helper within the local community. Her funeral and burial was at the Methodist Chapel. We searched the graveyard but no stone was found, there are many unmarked graves in the graveyard.

Does anyone remember hearing of Emmaline or have any information? Please contact Sheila Tel: 261466

* spelling may be Emmaline or Emline

.....Those attending in those days had to pay a penny per week. After the new Chapel was built, the old building was rented from the Methodist Trustees and used as a school, which it has been ever since. There has been no playground, only a lane used by a local farmer. For some years, however, part of an adjoining field had been used for games and school sports days.

The school has also been used by members of the Methodist Church as a venue for teas for certain of their events.

A newspaper article from 1972.



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duck	pig	

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.

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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 13th May 2016

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

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Two 1 act plays: Black Comedy by Peter Schaffer The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard	19 th – 21 st May, 26 th - 28 th May	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, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts and community events		Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Tall Stories Theatre Company: The Gruffalo's Child	26 th March @ 1.30 & 4.30pm 27 th March @ 10.30am & 12.30pm	
Films, Live Events – Theatre, Open Air, Music, Visual Arts, Regular & Special Workshops for Children and Adults		
Films:		
Dad's Army (12A)	19 th & 20 th March @ 8pm	
Theatre:		
Lyngo Theatre present The Curious Adventures of Pinocchio A show by Marcello Chiarenza	29 th March @ 4pm	
Workshops:		
Painting Landscapes with Watercolour	10 th March & 14 th April	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.ploughartscentre.org.uk

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

What's on Diary

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Mothering Sunday - St Peters	6 Mar	9:30am	10
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Church Gardening	18 Mar		5
Bradworthy Primary Academy Choir Singing	18 Mar		25
Whist Drive	19 Mar	7:30pm	20
Palm Sunday - St Peters	20 Mar	9:30am	10
Easter Service - Bradford Village Hall	23 Mar	2:45pm	10
Hot Cross buns & Story - Bradford Village Hall	25 Mar	10am-11am	10
Easter Bingo	26 Mar	7:30pm	20
Easter Sunday	27 Mar		4
Easter weekend	26 / 27 Mar		6
A Lily for a Loved One	27 Mar		6
Easter Sunday - Cookbury Church	27 Mar	9:30am	10
Walking footpaths	11 Apr	10am-11am	16
Church Gardening	15 April		5
Whist Drive	16 Apr	7:30pm	20
Quiz night - please book	23 Apr	7:30pm for 8	20
Coffee Morning - Holsworthy Memorial Hall	4 May	9am -noon	10
Walking footpaths	9 May	10am-11am	16
Food safari	14 May		6
Whist Drive	21 May	7:30pm	20
Celebration Lunch - Ticket Only	12 June	12:30pm	21
Walking footpaths	13 June	10am-11am	16

Regular Events

Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Mobile Library	Wednesdays – every four weeks 3:45pm - 4:30pm
MD & District Over 60s Club	1 st Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm
Parish Council meetings	3 rd Wednesday 7.30pm
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Last Thursday of each month 10am
Methodist Morning Service	Sundays 11am
Parish Church Holy Communion	3 rd Sunday of each month 9am
Parish Church non Eucharist Service	1 st Sunday of each month 11.30am
Pilates	Monday 11:00 - 12pm
New Baby & Toddler Group Methodist schoolroom	Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12
Zumba	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays 7pm

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