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# Milton Damerel Newsletter



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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall. The agendas for all meetings are displayed on the notice boards no later than the Thursday before the meeting and also on the website. Anyone is welcome but the public are not permitted to take part in discussions, however time is set aside on the agenda of all meetings for public comments.

**Annual Grants**: Annual Grants which were approved at the meeting in November 2015 will be paid during September. Requests for annual grants for 2016/2017 should be made to the Parish Clerk; applications in writing should be accompanied with the latest set of annual accounts. All grants will be considered at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 16th November 2016, please have your applications in by the 10<sup>th</sup> November

**The Annual Return** and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, have had an internal audit but have yet to be returned from the Audit Commission. Copies have been displayed for two weeks on the Parish Council notice board but if anyone needs any further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

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

**Planning Matters:** There has been a review and update of the 'Class Q Agricultural Dwelling' which effects planning applications for the change of use of agricultural buildings to residential dwellings. Full details can be obtained from Torridge Public Planning Portal but if unable to connect to this facility a copy can be obtained from the Parish Clerk

Planning applications over the past few months included the re-submission of three different sets of plans submitted by the residents of 'The Oaks' which have all now been approved, as has the application for the Home office at Northtown Farm.

The Planning application for an Agricultural Dwelling at Moor View Farm is still under consideration.

Details for all planning applications are available on Torridge District Council website; applications to be considered by the Parish Council are stated on the Agenda for Parish Council Meetings. If residents have any objections or concerns regarding an application they can convey them in writing either by post or email to Torridge District Council planning department, you can also inform any councillor or the Parish clerk, as there is now a strict 21 day consultation period it is imperative that you get your comments to the relevant department as soon possible.

**Town and Parish Fund**: This is an annual grant available to two or more Parishes that join forces to apply for a grant for a specific project. The amount awarded is equivalent to 10p per elector, 2015/2016 amount of £387 was used to cut hedges and verges which are no longer cut by Devon County Council. The Parish Councillors have decided to once again join forces with Sutcombe Parish Council and apply for the 2016/2017 grant to enable both Parishes to keep the Parishes roads and lane safe for all motorists. Although your Councillors would like to have them all cut, because of the limited funds, only hedges/verges which obstruct motorist's vision can be cut.

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.

Due to the fact that the projector screen was irreparably damaged and had to be replaced, all who use the equipment must now sign a declaration that in the event of damage which is not covered by insurance, the said organisations will cover that cost. It was very disappointing to the Parish Council that whoever damaged the projector screen did not have the common courtesy to inform them. they just left it for the next users to find that it was impossible to erect the screen.

**Venn Green Bus Stop:** Councillors Grace Millman and John Webb met with Julie Pepworth the Neighbourhood Highway Officer from Devon County Council to discuss the viability of improving the bus stop's waiting area and perhaps have a bus shelter put up, although at the time of the meeting Julie agreed that there was some risk to the public whilst waiting for public transport, she has since informed the Parish Council that "It is anticipated that there will be a limited budget for bus improvements this financial year, but I have been advised this needs to be approved by the Cabinet in September. Your scheme has been identified for consideration, although at this stage the most likely scenario is the extension of the hard standing."

Freedom of information: Requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some Information can be made available by email free of charge, paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side. Copies of the recent Parish Council meeting agenda and minutes are now available on <a href="https://www.miltondamerel.com">www.miltondamerel.com</a>
Lorraine Buttery Parish Clerk

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### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Bryan & Kath Stevens of No:2 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon who celebrated their

Golden Wedding Anniversary on 11th June

To Sam McLinley & Harriet Smith of Rouse Villa, Fore St, on the birth of their son, Max, on 10th May

Iain Sharp of Lower Grawley on achieving a 1st Class BSc in Mathematics from To

University Of Birmingham, and his job with Npower

To Lizzy Kirby of Blackberry Farm who celebrated her 50th birthday on 21st July



# **GOOD-BYE & WELCOME**

### Good-Bye & Best Wishes to:

Jonathan Greenwood & Gillian Lamb who have moved from Sunny Meadows, Strawberry Bank Keith & Chris Branch who have moved from 7, Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon Nigel Alford & Paul Rogers who have moved from South View Colin & Pat Edwards who have moved from Arden, Venn Green Steve & Nicola Quinlan who have moved from 2 Downs View, Venn Green John & Gaynor Galbraith who have moved from Verlon, Venn Green David & Sam King, Craig, Josh, Alfie & Olivia who have moved from 8, Beech Park, Holsworthy

**Beacon** 

# Welcome to:

Malcolm & Katharine Swiggs who have moved to East Wonford Cottage Lucinda and Layla Appleby who have moved into Morcombe Farm, Gidcott Ryan Piper & Becs Arkless and Milla Jane who have moved to Sunny Meadows, Strawberry Bank Paris Kendall who has moved into Fairview with her parents. Rufus Taylor who has moved to 2 Downs View, Venn Green Peter Willoughby & Pauline French who have moved to Verlon, Venn Green



# **OUR SYMPATHIES**

### For those who been bereaved recently including:

Sidney Parkes of Brook House, on the recent loss of his sister, Brenda Dickens The Pentney family at Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon on the loss of their mother, Shirley Page 4 MILTON DAMEREL NEWSLETTER

# Chapel News - September 2016

Revd PJ Jackson We are very sorry to report that Revd PJ and her son Jonathan have left the Torridge Methodist Circuit. In May, at her penultimate service with us, we held a Breakfast before the Family Service, which was led by Revd PJ, and then in July, at her final service at Milton Damerel we presented her with a card signed by all the members and a delightful Bible book mark with many 'tassels' for marking pages of the bible readings for services, etc. The book mark had been skilfully made by Dan Brett. Following both services there was time for chat over coffee and biscuits. Revd PJ & Jonathan hope to stay in the local area, after they move from the Manse at Shebbear and we hope to see them around.

### CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of September, October & November

4 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Katie Allin
11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> September	
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Mrs Lilian Luxton
9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> October	
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Mrs Gwenyth Johns
6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November	
20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Anita Southey

Grateful thanks to all the ladies who kindly provide flowers for each Sunday service throughout the year. With so many in the rota the 'duty' comes along about twice a year and the range of flowers provided much enhances the chapel and schoolroom and is much appreciated by all who attend the services. Thanks also to Lilian Luxton for preparing the rota and keeping us all informed about 'our turn for flowers'!

**EXETER MALE VOICE PRAISE CHOIR** – This was the first visit of this choir to Milton Damerel on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. There were about 30 in the choir and they have promised a return visit, still to be arranged. Their programme was filled with Christian songs, being their aim to sing about their faith. We were delighted to see a large congregation for this concert.

**EVENING CONCERT – 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER** – We have been offered an evening's concert by a pianist, Reece, who is the entertainer from Woodford Bridge Country Club. This will be an open occasion, please come along and support as the proceeds will be shared between the Parish and Milton's churches. (See details under Events).

**TODDLER COFFEE MORNING** – 3<sup>RD</sup> **SEPTEMBER** in the Schoolroom from 10am to 12 noon. Some of the toddlers will be leaving the group to start school in September and everyone is welcome to come along in support and see the leaving presentations. Stalls and Sideshows are planned and proceeds will be for Toddler Group.

**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. Currently we have just begun a study titled Christian Character and will possibly study the book of Amos next.. 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – will be celebrated over the week-end of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. Everyone, all ages, are very welcome to come along at any time during the day on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October to join in with the 'decoration' of the Chapel, and bring along flowers, produce, groceries, fruit, vegetables, etc., etc., to fill the Chapel with all the good things we have. The Sunday morning service at 11am on 9<sup>th</sup> October will be lead by Mr Courtney Drew, of Holsworthy. Celebrations will continue on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October in the Schoolroom, starting at 6.30pm with a Bring and Share Buffet Tea. At approx.. 8pm there will be a short time of Thanksgiving for Harvest, followed by the Sale of Produce, etc.. Finally, there is always plenty of food from the Tea for a cuppa and 'bedtime snack'. We look forward to your support throughout the week-end.

**FAMILY SERVICES** – On the last Sunday of the month our service is designated for Family Service – an all age occasion to which everyone is very welcome, as always! On 25<sup>th</sup> September Mr David Ley is planned to lead the service. For 30<sup>th</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November there will be Local Arrangement Services.

**SEW & SEWS** – A small group are planning to meet for the Autumn and Winter months in the Schoolroom to do some needlecraft as a friendship sharing a common interest. The first session is planned for **Saturday**, **22**<sup>nd</sup> **October from 3pm to 5.30pm**. There will be a small charge to cover expenses. Further details from Barbara 01805 601651 or Sheila 01409 261466.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** – The Caretaker's Cottage, Chapel House. Progress is slowly being made – we obtained 3 quotes for the new doors and windows and for the woodworm infestation. Now as you pass you will see smart new windows and doors. The woodworm problem has been attended to. The electricity upgrade has been carried out. We have found the top of the cesspit which had been covered over with grass, this still needs emptying! The chimney has been swept, however, we discovered from a very informed chimney sweep that the fire place no longer complies with present standards. We now have to make major changes and are working out the most cost effective way of dealing with this. Everyone's safety is paramount, of course, but this will mean a further delay in acquiring new tenants. We hope the tenant position will be advertised very soon. In the meantime we continue to look after the place as best we can!

**CONTACTS** – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister: (currently vacant so please contact any of the stewards: Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355), Roger Daniel (Tel: 261466), Katie Allin.

Property Steward: Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466),

# News from Holy Trinity Church Milton Damerel

Here at the church we have been kept busy over the summer. We have had Rooks nesting in the tower and House Martins nesting in the porch immediately over the door, if the door was open they occasionally flew into the church then there was panic trying to safely get them out again, plus they did leave a bit of a mess on the porch floor hence the need for the cardboard in front of the door. With families raised they've moved off again – now we just have the bees…hmmm (or should that be Bzzzzz).

In May the church held its 'Patronal Service', the first celebration of our church name to take place for many years. Many churches are named after Saints and celebrate their church on their Saints day but as ours in Holy Trinity then it is connected to Trinity Sunday – the feast day.

Patronal: - One who possesses the right to grant an ecclesiastical benefice to a member of the clergy.

Like many people I didn't understand the Patronal system, I was enlightened by the granddaughter, Camilla, of a past Rector of Milton Damerel and Cookbury, the Rev. William James Holman (1918 – 1925). He was also 'Patron' of Milton Damerel as his father had bought the Patronage of Milton Damerel, at some cost, and his son was handed the 'living'. When father died, Rev William James Holman inherited the Patronage (also called the Advowson, which simply means the right to present a priest to a living or benefice, who then has to be installed by the Bishop). Private patronage, I have learnt, has a history going back to Saxon Lords of the Manor and even beyond, and what today seems highly irregular was common practice a hundred years ago.

The advowson of Milton Damerel church eventually passed down to Mrs Margaret Palmer (nee Holman). She saw to the appointment of Kenneth McLeod as Rector of Milton in 1958, overriding the wishes of the Bishop, on her death it passed to her husband who took great pride in attending Holy Trinity especially at Patronal Festival but lamented that often there were only three people in the congregation. On his death the Patronage was passed jointly to the Palmer children Camilla and Gabriel. Neither Camilla nor Gabriel lived in the parish so both decided to rescind the patronage and did so in the early 90's. These days there are no longer Patronages, but we are pleased to say both Camilla and Gabriel still have affection for Holy Trinity.

**BBQ July 15th** It was nice to see so many turn out for the Friday evening tea time treat. Again the weather could have been better but with John cooking away under a gazebo by the church door and the rest of us indoors enjoying eating his specials the weather didn't bother us at all - yes it went very well. Many thanks to all who joined us, donations totalled a very generous £169.

Church Restoration: If you have been to the church recently you may have noticed a big jump in our thermometer in the notice board. We have received a donation of £3000 from the All Churches Trust and a pledge of a further £1000 from Balsdon Trust, this has pushed the total raised to just over £8,000 – brilliant, but whilst we are jubilant we still have another £5000 to find.

With your support and generosity we know we can push the figure higher, we thank you for this.

Donations can be made at any time.

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

September 4th 11.30 am September 18th 9.00 am Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Festival 3.00pm October 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am November 6<sup>th</sup> 11.30 am November 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Page 6 MILTON DAMEREL NEWSLETTER

Harvest Festival: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3.00pm (replacing the usual 11.30am Service) You are all invited to attend. Please bring along any produce you may have spare to put into our auction which is held immediately after the service.

Remembrance Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a Remembrance Service on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am Holy Trinity Church. All welcome

Please check the church notice board for any changes or announcements.

**Church Gardening** Fortunately, up to now, we have enjoyed fairly good weather for the gardening days, though it has looked suspect at times, so our volunteers have had plenty of work to do in the churchyard, as we know the grass grows and so does the weeds.

Between them they aim to cut and strim all around the gravestones and path edges, as well as weeding around the many neglected graves. Here is where the weeds lodge themselves between cracks and under stonework, it's a very labour intensive job but the effort is so worth it. The hedges around the churchyard also have to be controlled and maintained so latterly a light summer prune was undertaken.

The tidiness of our churchyard is one of the first things visitors to our church comment on. If they are looking for a family grave they often mention that it is a treat not to have to plough through long grass, and how 'smart it all looks'. One comment was 'the grounds are impeccable'. We think so too.

As we approach late summer and early autumn the gardening sessions, now undertaken twice a month, will be scaled back to just once a month. So to clarify there will be no gardening session at the beginning of November but there will be on November 18th and as the days grow shorter we will begin gardening/church cleaning from 1.00pm till dusk.

The all important *Gardening Dates for the next three months will be*September 1st - September 16th September 30th - October 14th November 18th

### Fund Raising

**Devon Historic Churches Ride and Stride 10**th **September** – We will be joining with the other churches in the Bradworthy Benefice, consisting of Bradworthy, Sutcombe, Putford, Abbots Bickington, Bulkworthy and Milton Damerel, to help raise funds by getting as many walkers, riders of even drivers to take part in this year's Ride and Stride. There are lots of options for the walkers. Some of us will be attempting the 13 – 14 miles to cover all 6 churches (well, for Milton we'll be calling at John and Anne's house, otherwise its 17 miles). Some can walk from their Parish Church to Bradworthy, walk all of it, some of it, or only a little of it depending on whatever you are comfortable with. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The round walk starts at Putford church at 9.00am hopefully back to Bradworthy for refreshment by 2.00pm ish, timings for the other routes and modes of transport should set a start time to suit a finish at Bradworthy for around 2.00pm.

Historically this has been a great event for Bradworthy and we are delighted to join in this year, it has been really good fun to do the walk together, great camaraderie along the way, and as the Rector Richard reminded us recently it is definitely a case of the more effort we put in the more we get out of something. Everyone usually walks at their own pace so it's quite relaxed and not a race. Contact John or Anne Binns for more details or sponsor ship forms.

**Christmas Tree Festival -** We will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival in the church the weekend (10<sup>th</sup> Dec) before the Carol Service. You are invited to bring along your tree, large or small, twiggy or fir, tinsel or lights, funky or traditional, your choice, to display in church. The display will remain in church until after the Carol Service.

More information will be found on the church notice board nearer the date and also in the December Parish Newsletter.

Isabel

# **PILATES**

Restart after the summer break on

Monday, 12th September

Methodist Schoolroom

Mondays 11am – 12noon

Enquiries to Di Sluggett (281637)

# **ZUMBA**

On 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.

(No class on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Hall not available)

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

Lucy has now included Zumba Circuit Training.

More details from Lucy - tel no: 281790

**BODY REFORM** has now finished – we thank Heather Hannaford for getting us started on personal fitness. Heather made a round trip of over 100 miles each week for over 12 months coming from just outside Exeter.

# ABBOTTS BICKINGTON NEWS

<u>Church Whist Drive</u>, To be held at Milton Damerel Parish Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm for 7 30pm. £2 entry, Raffle.

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Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church

# **COFFEE MORNING**

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

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am

**Preacher: Mrs Christine Forster** 

Warm welcome to All

St Peter's Church, Thornbury



at

The Barn, East Wonford, Milton Damerel EX22 7DP

(home of Roger and Sara Lawes Tel: 261760)

# THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

10.30 AM - 12 NOON

In aid of



# Devon Historic Churches Trust

and

St Peter's Church, Thornbury

Coffee, tea, biscuits, cake Raffle

Bring and Buy Table

Milton Damerel Methodist Church

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October – "Decorating the Chapel" Open all day Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – Celebration led by

Mr Courtney Drew at 11am Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October – Bring & Share Tea from 6.30pm

Followed by Thanksgiving & Auction of Produce

All proceeds for Chapel Property Fund.

Please come and join with us in Thanksgiving for Harvest.

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# PIANO CONCERT BY REECE

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm Methodist Church

Followed by a Savoury Supper

No tickets – donations to be shared by Parish Hall & Milton's Churches (making this a truly Community Event)

Please come along and support this wonderful young player

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# **TODDLER COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10am – 12noon Stalls & Sideshows Presentation to 'Leavers'

**Proceeds for Toddler Group** 

Please come and support this worthwhile cause!

# **Coffee Morning**

at Holsworthy Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9 am till 12 noon.

Cake and produce stall, tombola, plants, books and bric a brac, along with coffee and biscuits.

All proceeds in aid of Woodacott Chapel and St Peters Church, Thornbury.

Please pop in and support us if you can.

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Black Torrington Benefice

# Half Term Holiday Club At Bradford Village Hall Friday 28th October 10.00-12.00



Saints of today and yesterday.
Saint? Superhero?
Do you know any saints?
Come and join in making banners and playing games.
Refreshments at the end.
All are welcome 0-16. Bring your parents too!



There is no charge but donations towards costs will be gratefully received. Bookings and information: Morag 281800





# Day care for 2-5 Year Olds

9am-3:30pm Tues, Weds, Thurs

Childcare vouchers accepted

Government funded places for 3 year olds available (and 2 years olds if criteria met)

Stay and Play on Tuesdays

9.30-11.30 for 0-5 year olds



For more information please call on

07792 501476 or email on bradfordpsn@aol.com
Or visit our website on

www.bradfordpreschool.btck.co.uk



### FRIENDS OF HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY

Holsworthy Library offers vital services aimed at different groups, such as mothers and children, young people, older people and vulnerable people, as it is a safe and warm place to be. Some of the library's valuable services are: after-school activities, which encourage children to read more, along with exhibitions of their work, competitions, visits by authors and many other useful resources.

We are glad to say that a *Friends of Holsworthy Library* group has recently started, peopled with volunteers in Holsworthy who love books. It is hoped it will be a practical way to show support for our local library and to share ideas and activities with likeminded people.

It is an independent group and its main purpose will be dedicated to the promotion and support of Holsworthy Library and the library services in general. Also, it will:

- encourage increased public awareness of the brief for libraries on books and so much more;
- support staffing activities in the library;
- provide support with fund raising activities for items or facilities;
- represent users by providing feedback on services;
- provide volunteer support when needed for Friends' activities and other library events.

Join us to support and promote the library as one of the community's best assets at the heart of the community.

For further information, interest etc., please contact:

The Holsworthy Library Staff; or

The Friends of Holsworthy Library: Mary Care (Chair), 01409 254546,

marycare@ymail.com; Sam Collington (Sec.), 01409 253624,

samholsworthy@gmail.com

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### **JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS**

### **Baby & Toddler Group**

We welcome any local toddlers, babies, Mums, Dads, Grans and Carers to come along on Tuesday in the Schoolroom (usually) from10.30am till 12.30pm. There we have a good selection of toys, books, puzzles, etc.. We usually have something to make and stick. Snack time goes down well as does our Storytime. A friendly welcome .. so please come and join us. Contact Sheila tel: 261466

We have been pleased to welcome some new little ones into the group just recently. Everyone enjoyed a visit to 'Laura's Lessons' pony club, where Laura showed us her lovely horses and ponies, and gave everyone rides around the paddock. It was a really enjoyable afternoon! After a couple of weeks break we meet again on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August.** This will be the last Toddlers for some of them who are moving on to school in September. We are holding a **Coffee Morning on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September,** open to everyone to come and show support. There will be a presentation to those members leaving us. Money raised will give our funds a little boost, we need some new ride on toys, as the few we had have recently been thrown out having been 'worn' out.

### **Holiday Club**

This was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August and was open to children of Primary age and under. But we were really delighted to have some of the older ones along who offered their help, which was gratefully accepted.

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August was our Garden theme, we made bug key rings, decorated plant pots, aprons, caterpillar bookmarks, and so on. Nicky in the kitchen carried on the theme with her cooking. The face painting also proved very popular and new for us. Some had brought along table games enjoyed by the senior group.

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August and a Carnival theme, with the Olympics going and this was very apt. Music shakers and cardboard instruments with rubber bands proved popular. We used these for the grand finale. Mums joined in with making costumes and flower garlands using paper bun cases. Nicky came up with melon boats with fruit sails.

These were both really busy creative mornings enjoyed by all. Thanks to all helpers.

A surprise visitor turned up on one of the mornings. Reece, entertainer from Woodford Bridge Country Club popped in and gave our two pianos a good work out! It was lovely to hear his great playing. He was so thrilled with the tone and playability of the piano in the chapel that he offered to come and perform an evening concert. This has been arranged for **Thursday, 1**st **September in the Methodist Church at 7pm, to be followed by a savoury supper.** Proceeds for the Parish Hall and Milton's two churches, making this a truly Community Event. Pease come along and support this wonderful young player!

### **MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB**

Club normally meets on 1st Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.

It is good to have a regular good attendance for the Tuesday meetings – new members are most welcome.

The monthly coach trips commenced in April and trips have been well supported with full coaches. We had a lovely trip in July to the Tiverton Canal for the horse-drawn barge outing. Two more trips planned for the Autumn:

20<sup>th</sup> September Ilfracombe, coffee stop at Trelawney Garden Centre & chip stop at The Pelican

18<sup>th</sup> October Taunton for Christmas shopping, coffee stop at White Horse Services

We will soon be arranging the Christmas lunch in December.

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

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# **ACTIVE VILLAGES**

From: James Jarroudi < James. Jarroudi@torridge.gov.uk >

Dear Parish Clerks,

The Active Villages project is a Sports Development initiative to both support and initiate recreation opportunities for communities and groups, preferably those more isolated parishes with limited access to such provision.

A typical example of how the programme has worked previously would be to provide a 6 week programme of "taster" activity sessions at a heavily discounted rate (i.e a £1.00) a week. The intention is then after this initial period to increase the fee to encourage groups to take ownership of the sessions by covering the costs or tutorage and any facility hire making them sustainable and localised. We have had great success with this project previously with many groups going on to become regular, constituted clubs and classes. We have delivered a diverse array of activity ranging from everything from ball room dancing, belly dancing and football to archery, walking groups, tai kwon-do and Zumba classes to name just a few!

I write therefore to ask whether there is any knowledge of a local recreational need in your area? Is there a local club that is struggling for equipment perhaps or is there a group of local pensioners that would like to start up a yoga class for example? If so, please do let me know and I can look into delivering these opportunities for your local need.

The funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis as there is only a limited amount of funding available, the opportunities are also only available to individuals aged 14 and over, but if you do know of anything that could be of benefit to your community then please do let me know, all proposals will be considered and I look forward to hearing from you.

# Kind Regards

Community Engagement Officer

# HORRELSFORD GARAGE



01409 261212



# W.SANDERS & SONS LT

# **MILTON DAMEREL, EX22 7NU**

- \* ALL MAKES CAR & LIGHT COMMERCIAL REPAIRS & SERVICING \*
- \* 24 HR BREAKDOWN & ACCIDENT RECOVERY \*
- \* PETROL FORECOURT INC LPG, OFF LICENCE & SHOP \*
- \* CLASS 4 MOT TEST CENTRE \* FIAT AUTHORISED SERVICE AGENT
- \* FAMILY RUN FOR OVER 100 YEARS \*

For any further information please ask for

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





# **Walking Parish Footpaths**

The monthly Inter-Parish walks continue to be well supported with some 20 plus walkers regularly turning out, despite the weather being somewhat inclement at times. The Bradworthy walk in June (pictured)



which was on a warm sunny day, followed a circular route taking in the areas of Crosspark, Spittle, Berridon and Littleford, before returning for refreshments upstairs in the Collacott Room in the Memorial Hall, where we were also given an overview of the "Alphabet of Parishes" plaque scheme. In July the walk was in Holsworthy Hamlets covering footpaths across Gearns Farm and out to Honeycroft. A damp start changed during the morning

to sunshine and warmth by the end of the walk and we had some good vantage points with views across to Dartmoor.

The programme for the rest of the year can be found on the Parish website at www.miltondamerel.com.

**Note:** Everyone is most welcome to come along but please bear in mind that some paths can be wet and muddy and so suitable clothing is advised. If you need any more information, please ring Mike (01409 261196) or Evelyn (01409 259848).

# **Out and About**

On our May walk we came across a "Trig Point" or "Trig Pillar" as they are sometimes called and this was the first time that many people had seen one. They were built for the remapping of the UK which started in 1936 and were to provide a solid base for the theodolites which the survey teams used. A great many are of a standard concrete design (as pictured) but some interesting ones can be found made from local stone and an occasional unusual shape. There were originally 6500 but this number has now declined to approx. 6100 due to deterioration and changing land use. With the advent of satellites and GPS they are no longer used, but are still the responsibility of the Ordnance Survey Agency. There is a metal plate on top of the pillar to secure the equipment and another metal plate on the side which has a unique number. Location of these pillars is usually on a high point of ground so that there is a 360-degree viewpoint. If you are curious and want to find the trig points in our area, or anywhere in the UK go to www.trigpointing.uk/trigs and you will find a downloadable list. As a challenge, some people make it their mission to try to visit as many as possible, which is a somewhat novel way of visiting the countryside.



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Please contact me using the details below if this offer is of interest to you or anyone that you know. Alternatively if you have a venue that you think we would be able to use to run clinics for our rural community please get in touch.

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# **Parish Emergency Plan**

The Parish Emergency Plan was drawn up in 2011. Its purpose is to help to deal with an emergency or major incident likely to cause or threaten death, injury or widespread disruption to the local community and which, otherwise, could not be dealt with by the emergency services or local authorities.

Implementation of the plan would normally be ordered by the Parish Council and would be executed by an Emergency Response Team. Members of the team are listed below.

Name	Specific Responsibility			
Roger Lawes	Coordinator			
Kate Moyse	Secretary			
Clifford Fishleigh	Liaison with farms			
Gary Flack	Medical			
Steve Moyse				
Trevor Sanders	Mechanical & Transport			
Gareth Smith	·			
John Webb	Communications, Liaison with Torridge DC			
Christian Whitley	Deputy Coordinator			

# Winter is coming



The most likely situation whereby the Emergency Plan would be activated is during a 1963 type winter (some of us will remember it!). But, back then, we were better prepared - we were more resilient: we did not need oil for central heating, we did not need to visit supermarkets every other day, we did not depend on delivery of internet shopping and we did not need to use a car every day. In short, our lives were much simpler than they are now, and we were better placed to cope with being cut off by bad weather.

The winter of '63 could happen again – and we need to be ready for it. The last thing we want to do is encourage people to panic-buy, however, some sensible measures should be taken. All households should hold a stock of candles (and the means of lighting them), spare batteries for torches, some dried food (pasta etc), dried soups, a bottle of Single Malt and so on. This will ensure that, in extremis, no-one should suffer unduly.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Happy winter"

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# PROPERTY MATTERS .....

Economic principles will still prevail now the country has voted to leave Europe. What is clear is that the property market is robust, demand is still outstripping supply and in the North Devon and North Cornwall areas where we operate, sales are strong, prices are steady and prospective buyers remain confident.

We are very fortunate to be living in an area where people still wish to relocate to, it remains relatively inexpensive compared to other parts of the country and offers a lifestyle much envied by those living in the cities and suburbs. Demand for property with land is particularly high and reflects the lifestyle choice which many of our buyers are seeking. Other property types in particularly high demand include bungalows and waterside properties with people retiring to the area representing a high percentage of a sales. Recent speculation has highlighted the South West as an area with strong investment potential and we continue to experience demand from the buy to let market and holiday home investors.

The rental market is buoyant at the moment with demand outstripping supply. With the reduction in interest rates the return on the capital investment is good. The buy to let market has grown with investors preferring to put their hard earned cash into bricks and mortar. Certainly with numerous favourable fixed rate mortgage deals around at the moment this sector of the property market is bound to grow.



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# **Busbys Solicitors**

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# BE AWARE OF PROPERTY SCAMS

Many readers may remember an article in the Daily Mail before Christmas by Max Hastings. He and his wife were the victims of a scam when they were selling their London property for £1.35 million. Max's wife Penny let out the house to a tenant who used a false identity. He and an accomplice then put the house on the market for sale, with the accomplice being a woman who changed her name to Penelope Hastings by deed poll. She then obtained a passport in that name, and as a consequence the ID checks which were carried out by the conveyancers failed to pick up the fraudster.

The Land Registry got wind of the fact that there might be a suspected fraud. In consequence it did not register the sale, and this meant that the real Penny Hastings maintained the legal ownership of the property. Sadly, however, the poor buyer lost their money to the fraudsters.

The Land Registry has seen a huge surge in similar types of scams on property. They have now got a department which gives guidance to victims or potential victims of these scams. Indeed, July is the Property Scam Awareness Month whereby the Land Registry is highlighting to the public the possible methods used by fraudsters to get their hands on your property and your money.

The Land Registry warns that the property owners at greatest risk of fraud are owners who live abroad. Other potential victims are buy-to-let landlords, individuals who have had a relationship breakdown, and those in residential care or long-term patients in hospital. The properties at the very greatest risk are those which have no mortgage on them, or those which are not registered with the Land Registry.

The Land Registry now has a service where it will send out alerts. You will need to ask the Land Registry to monitor your property, and if there is any attempt made to sell or mortgage your property, they will send you an e-mail. The service is free for up to ten properties, and much fuller details can be obtained on the Land Registry website.

Add into this poisonous mix the attempts by scammers to intercept money due to be paid into a conveyancing solicitor's bank through hijacking of e-mail accounts, and you can readily see the real risks to your property and money. I would urge any reader to take the maximum precaution by signing up to the Land Registry alerts. If you are sitting on land which is unregistered then do give very serious thought to applying for it to be registered with the Land Registry.

If you need help with any land transaction then do get in touch with us here at Busbys. We have a dedicated property team of huge experience able to help you. Contact us here at Busbys on **01288 35 9000**.

John Busby
Busbys Solicitors
Bude & Holsworthy

# Bradworthy Ploughing Match & Farm Produce & Vegetable Show

# Saturday 8th October Down Farm. Newton St. Petrock EX38 8LS

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The largest gathering of Renault Agriculture tractors in England will be hosted by Bradworthy & District Ploughing Association at their annual ploughing match on Saturday, October 8th, Near Bridgmans, Newton St. Petrock.

Continuing the heritage of these tractors, latter Claas machines will also be present with new machines displayed & demonstrated by local dealer Hamblys Ltd. A variety of Claas harvesting machines will also be displayed.

Celebrating the diamond brand, we are showcasing all Renault products from cars to commercial vehicles. We are delighted to welcome the Renault Owners Club of Great Britain and brought up to date by County Renault, North Devon's local franchised dealer.

There is an emphasis on working machines, tractors doing what they are intended to do as well as a selection of static tractors and implements on display. All of the exhibits will take part in a parade in the afternoon, with guest speakers sharing their knowledge, expertise & memories.

In addition to the special theme, the traditional ploughing match boasts a display of working tractors from many different manufacturers of all ages, their drivers demonstrating their fine skill & patience in creating spectacular work. Novice ploughmen are welcome, and there are special prizes for local YFC members.

The Farm produce and vegetable show also incorporates special classes for children & photograph classes, and we welcome everyone from Milton Damerel to take part in this!

- 14. Swedes 3
- 15. Maize 3 stalks
- 16. Fodder Beet 3
- 17. Oats (White) 10kgs as from combine
- 18. Barley, 10kgs as from combine
- 19. Wheat, 10kgs as from combine
- 20. Silage, 10kgs
- 21. Silage Big Bale 10kgs
- 22. Bale/Sample Seed Hay 10kgs
- 23. Bale/Sample, Meadow/Permanent Hay
- 24. Bale/Sample Oat Straw 10kgs
- 25. Bale/Sample Barley Straw 10kgs
- 26. Bale/Sample Wheat Straw 10kgs
- 27. Potatoes (White Kidney) 6
- 28. Potatoes (White Round or Oval) 6
- 29. Potatoes (Coloured Kidney) 6
- 30. Potatoes (Coloured Round or Oval) 6
- 31. Potatoes (Garden or Field Varieties) 5kgs
- 32. Apples (Cooking) Bramley's 3
- 33. Apples (Cooking) Any Other Varieties, 3
- 34. Apples (Dessert) 3
- 35. Onions 3
- 36. Runner Beans 6
- 37. Carrots 3
- 38. Beetroot 3
- 39. Eggs 6
- 40. Vegetable Display 50cm2
- 41. Child Aged Under 14yrs—My Miniature Garden in a Seed Tray 42. Child Aged Under 12yrs—Make An Animal Out of Vegetable or Fruit
- 43. Photograph Titled—Renault/Claas at Work
- 44. Photo with Best Caption—"Renault/Claas"
- 45. Homemade Jar of any Jam
- 46. Homemade Jar of Chutney, pickle or relish





Schedules & entry forms will be available from Lizzies Larder & Horrelsford Garage, or from the secretary Jess James: 01409 241976 & 07826 152589.

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Bradworthy Ploughing Match

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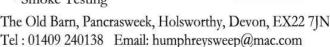
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# Looking Back.....

Two items in the Holsworthy Post (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August) in Looking Back may be memory joggers or of interest to residents of many years in this area.

Firstly ... 50 years ago August 6th 1966.

"Dr Stuart Craddock has retired from active medical practice in Holsworthy and district after 34 years."

I wonder if any remember the medical practice of Drs Craddock, Brown and Brown which was located in a house at the rear of Bodmin Street, Holsworthy. Access was by a lane/entrance, just to the west of Penrose Dental Practice, to the waiting and consulting rooms. No appointment system but if a consultation was sought everyone turned up to wait until they made 'the next in the queue' called in to see the doctor. Recollections are that Dr Craddock was a kindly man with bushy eyebrows. Dr Stuart Craddock had worked with Alexander Fleming in the discovery of penicillin and there is a Blue Plaque on the wall of Bodmeyrick Residential Home, in North Road, commemorating that the house was the home of Dr Craddock, "1903 – 1972" "Respected Local Practitioner & Pioneer in Penicillin Research". A Google search directs internet users to several articles naming Dr Craddock and his involvement with penicillin research. One article highlights his influence on a local Holsworthy girl, Valerie Stacey, (Married name Dwerryhouse) who was encouraged by Dr Craddock to follow a career in bacteriology, and became a Research Fellow at the Postgraduate Medical School, Exeter University, specialising at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, on investigations into the genetic and immunological basis of rheumatoid arthritis. Valerie's contribution was recognised when she was awarded a prestigious Doctorate of Science from London University. This is only awarded to scientists on a portfolio of outstanding work.

# Secondly ... 80 years ago August 1st 1936.

"The new super cinema which has been erected at Summerleaze, Bude, was open last week to crowded houses, over 2,000 being present on the first day. The architect was Mr Colin H. Graver and the builders were Messrs Cann Bros of Bude."

This 'new' cinema was on the site of the Sainsbury supermarket at the top of Belle Vue. Personal recollection of a very rare treat – a birthday request - to be taken to see 'The Sound of Music' in 1966. Probably first and only visit to the Bude cinema.

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# **MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP**

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All items to be judged can be taken to the Parish Hall between 10am and 12 noon, Saturday, ready for prompt Judging.

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Come September many a <u>lawn</u> will be looking a little jaded but even when turned brown with sun and drought the grass will usually recover well once the rains arrive.

Late summer/early autumn is a good time to give the lawn a feed with chicken manure fertiliser or a proprietary lawn fertiliser.

Make sure you spread the fertiliser evenly and then water it in, or take a look at the weather forecast and do it just before the rain starts. This will give your grass a boost and help it to compete against weeds and moss.

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Order autumn and spring flowering bulbs. Autumn varieties also need to be planted this month.

• Pruning your wisteria this month will not only tidy it up but will also divert its energy from producing tendrils to producing flower buds for next year

Last chance to buy bedding plants to brighten your autumn, winter and spring garden

- Rambling roses that have finished flowering can now be pruned
- Continue picking sweet peas and removing any seed heads. Also mulch, feed and water. They'll be finished all too soon.
- Keep an eye on the level of water in your pond and top up from the hose when necessary. This will also help to oxygenate the water.
- Water, feed, deadhead. Water, feed, deadhead. And keep repeating.

### To avoid that empty garden winter look plant some evergreens

Some hardy annuals can be sown direct in their flowering positions meaning early flowers next spring/summer.

Sow lettuce, onion and pak choi seeds

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### **Bradworthy Primary Academy News**

Start of Autumn Term Tuesday 6th September

Half Term Break Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

Last Day of Autumn Term Friday 16th December

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### **MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL**

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Since the Celebration Lunch in June things have been relatively quiet at the Parish Hall this summer other than the installation of the new uPVC double emergency exit doors with push bar opening. The doors don't have a key locking mechanism so if it is necessary for any reason to open the doors please following instructions on the doors when closing them. The old doors were recycled and we are grateful for the donation towards the cost of the new doors.

Milton Damerel Parish Hall AGM will be held on Monday 12 September and is open to all members of the community. The committee would also welcome new committee members and new ideas.

# **EVENTS REPORT**

HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Lunch was held on 12<sup>th</sup> June. 90 people where served with home made soup and bread rolls. The skittle alley served as an ideal buffet room for the cold meat and salad main course followed by various deserts and cheese and biscuits. Tea, coffee and mints were served at the tables. After the guests had gone home the washing up was done in record time and then the committee and helpers were able to relax with their meal.



Everyone enjoyed the occasion and we are grateful to everyone who bought tickets. The hall looked festive, decked out in red white and blue bunting, balloons and flags. Thanks to Pat and Dave for bringing colourful planters to brighten up the outside. Thanks also to Malcolm for accompanying the national anthem, Roger for so eloquently proposing the loyal toast, Isabel for saying grace and to Steve for drawing the raffle. The committee members and helpers, Debbie and Mel all worked very hard to make the event a great success. Thanks to them all. The proceeds of £624.75 will be put towards the cost of the new fire doors.

The monthly Whist Drives continue to attract a loyal group of players and we are very grateful for their support. The proceeds of the May Whist Drive was £63.40, in June £59.00 was raised and in July £62.40. Thanks again to the players and organisers. Monthly Whist Drives are held on the THIRD Saturday of each month. The December event will, as usual, be a Charity Whist Drive. This year's Charity has yet to be decided.

In July Sara and Roger Lawes held a Coffee Morning at their home on a warm sunny Thursday. Many thanks to Sara & Roger for a lovely social event when £101 was raised.

The proceeds of all fundraising events go towards running costs, maintenance and improvement of the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated.

# **FUTURE EVENTS for your DIARY**

BINGO Saturday 3 September. Doors Open 7.00pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm

PARISH HALL A.G.M. Monday 12 September at 7.30pm
Open to all members of the community. New Committee members invited.

WHIST DRIVE Saturday 17 September starts at 7.30pm

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WHIST DRIVE Saturday 19 November starts at 7.30pm

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 3 December 7.30pm for 8.00pm

# Bring your own drinks

£5 per person including Ploughman's Supper refreshments Teams of 6 can be made up on arrival

PLEASE BOOK Tel: 261294

### HIRING THE HALL

The hall is available for hire for events and private functions at very reasonable rates. See the community website <a href="https://www.miltondamerel.com">www.miltondamerel.com</a> to download a booking form and Terms and Conditions of Use or contact:

# Booking Secretary: Lesley Self 01409 261294 or if unavailable

Secretary: Roberta Jackson 01409 261196 or Minutes Secretary: Kate Moyse 01409 261151

Roberta Jackson, Secretary. 13 August 2016

### LINE DANCING

At Milton Damerel Parish Hall

Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm

£2.00 per session

Tel: Lesley 261294 or Mary 261248

# **SEW AND SEWS**

A small group of us are planning on getting together to do some needle craft just for the Autumn and Winter months. We have earmarked **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 3 till 5.30pm in the Schoolroom** as our start date. Just meeting monthly to start with. We can either bring along our own project or perhaps work on something together sometimes. We could share resources and experiences but we aren't offering lessons, just friendship and a common interest, so come along if you, like us, like sewing and knitting. There would be a small charge just to cover expenses and coffee or tea.



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Police Co-ordinator: **PCSO** Raquel Rowe 101 Tel: Local Co-ordinators: Strawberry Bank Roger Copp Tel: 261681 Gratton, Whitebear & Fore Street Edgar Pett Tel: 261277 Venn Green Mike Jackson Tel: 261196 Holsworthy Beacon Peter Fry Tel: 261104 Gidcott Anne Hamilton-Clark Tel:

Although we are now well into the main holiday season our national organisation has recently issued 10 tips which we feel are worth passing on as they are relevant for any time that we leave our properties.

- 1. Take your keys out of the window locks so they can't be seen from the outside.
- **2.** Keep track of your keys. Some insurers may want to see evidence of forced entry before deciding whether or not to pay out on a claim but most would expect to see that you have taken reasonable precautions.
- **3.** If you lose your key or it's stolen and you have good reason to believe that it could be traced back to your home address (eg your handbag's stolen with your address in the bag as well as the keys), then you should have your locks replaced.
- 4. If you have smaller, high value items in a shed or outdoors, think about bringing them indoors.
- **5.** Make sure outbuildings including sheds and garages are locked. Keep back gates locked and check fencing is secure
- **6.** Secure outside ladders so they can't be used as a tool to help break into your house.
- 7. If you have a burglar alarm use it it's an extra level of security.
- **8.** Report a theft to the police as soon as possible and obtain a crime reference number. This makes it easier for your insurer to deal with a claim and increases the chances of the police making a recovery or arrest.
- **9**. Be sensible about the information you post online and be especially cautious if you plan to go away. Update your privacy and security settings on a regular basis.
- **10.** Take photographs of valuables and keep receipts or valuations and record serial numbers as this may help the police recover items following a theft. Consider registering on www.immobilise.com this is supported by most UK Police forces.

# Scam Awareness

Whilst Police statistics show that traditional types of crime are still in decline, the same cannot be said for telephone and internet scams which are growing relentlessly. Both business and domestic residences are targets with new sorts of scam showing up almost weekly. However, they are after the same things, which are your money, your bank, credit card details or personal information. Please be on your guard whenever you receive emails and phone calls and you aren't sure who you are dealing with, especially if it is not you who has instigated the contact.

# Contacting the Police

Following customer feed-back, the Police website has recently been updated to make it far more user friendly. There are now various "buttons" to access different sections and all seem to have very clear and simple instructions to follow. The site can be found at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk. The tel. 101 is still under considerable pressure and a lot of this is down to calls which should be directed, initially to other agencies e.g. Torridge District Council is responsible for dog fouling, fly-tipping, pollution from smells and noise and enquiries should be directed to Environmental Protection Team on 01237 428700 or via their website.

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Recipe courtesy of the Milton Damerel Newsletter Recipe Booklet

### **Red Tomato Chutney**

Method **Ingredients** 1.5lb Ripe Tomatoes Skin tomatoes by placing in hot water for a few minutes. Chop 1lb Apples Skin and core apples and cut up into small pieces 1lb Onions Chop onions into small pieces 1lb Demerara Sugar Place all into a large pan and add all other ingredients 1 Pint Malt Vinegar Bring to the boil and simmer for about 2 hours 1 Tablespoon Salt Bottle in the usual way 1/4 Teaspoon Cayenne Pepper 1 Teaspoon Mixed Spice

# **Baked Apple and Almond Pudding**

# **Ingredients**

1lb/450g Cooking Apples, peeled and sliced 2oz/50g Soft Brown Sugar 4oz/110g Ground Almonds 4oz/110g Butter at room temperature 4oz/110g Caster Sugar 2 large Eggs beaten

### Method

Preheat oven to gas mark 4, 350oF. 180oC Butter pie dish approx. 1.5 pints/850ml capacity.

Place apples in saucepan with the brown sugar and 1 tablespoon water, simmer gently until soft. Arrange in bottom of pie dish.

In mixing bowl, cream butter and caster sugar until pale and fluffy and then beat in the eggs a little at a time, when all the eggs are in, carefully and lightly fold in the ground almonds. Spread mixture over the apples, evening out the surface with the

back of your spoon.

Bake on the highest shelf in the oven for approx. 45 minutes. Serve warm or cold, will keep in the fridge for 3-4 days.

# Eating Out

River Life Pethericks Mill, Bude, EX23 8TF

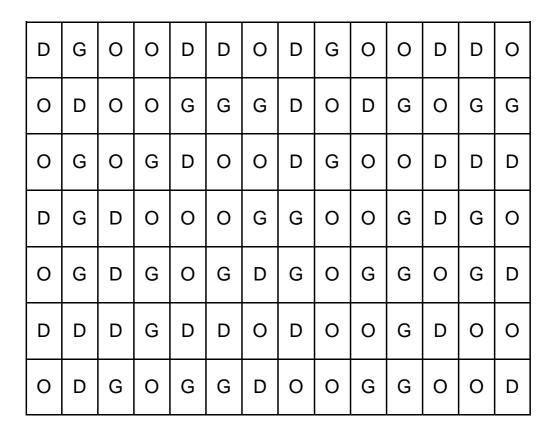
We dropped in here for a coffee whilst waiting for a bit of engraving to be done, out of the way, (round by the cycle hire by the river, on the edge of a small industrial estate.) As we'd left home in a rush we decided to have a breakfast, an excellent idea, everything was freshly cooked and good quality, plenty of it as well. Instead of coffee we had a pot of tea for 2, an enormous pot of tea was presented with at least 3 cup each before it was emptied, they have the usual range of coffees and cold drinks.

The day time menu is mainly snacks, all freshly prepared and looked very nice, selection of cakes looked delicious & home made I think, they have recently started opening in the evening and although we haven't been there to try a meal reviews are good, they also do a Sunday lunch. River Life Cafe & Bistro is located at Pethericks Mill in Bude (EX23 8TF) It is opposite the rugby club and very conveniently situation alongside Bude cycle path. There is the added benefit of on site customer parking.

For further information contact Mandy and her Team on 01288 355994. For up to date news then follow their FaceBook Page https://www.facebook.com/riverlifecafe

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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 18th November 2016

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# WHAT'S ON .. ....a selection of local events in Holsworthy, Torrington and Barnstaple

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	
Funny Money –A farce written by Ray Cooney. Directed by Ken Tyrrell	15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> September, 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7.30pm	H.A.T.S Tel: 01409 253826	
Drama, classical music, opera, children's sh folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, The Lion, The Witch &The Wardrobe presented by Barnstaple Musical Comedy and Dramatic Society			
<b>A Celebration of Barnstaple Fair</b> presented by Barnstaple Fair Heritage Society (50 years	12 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk	
The Emperor's New Clothes by Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Company Annie by Barnstaple Musical Comedy and	24th September @ 2pm	www.noruidevontileatres.org.uk	
Dramatic Society  Chinese State Circus present a new production - Dynasty	9th – 12th November @ 7pm (Saturday also 2pm) 25th November @ 7.30pm		
Films, Live Events – Theatre, Open Air, Mu Films / Live Screenings:	sic, Visual Arts, Regular & Special		
King Lear via Live Satellite from RSC	-		
Open Air Theatre:		-	
Miracle Theatre presents <b>The Magnificent</b>	6th September @ 7pm The Vicarage Garden, Torrington	The Plough, Torrington	
Workshops:		Box Office: 01805 624624	
Cold Process Soap Making	20th September & 18th October	www.ploughartscentre.org.uk	
Silver Jewellery with Precious Metal	21st September 10am		
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Church Gardening	1 September		6
Piano Concert	1 September	7pm	7
Toddler coffee morning	3 September	10:30 - noon	7
Bingo	3 September	7pm	12
Coffee Morning - St Peters Church	8 September	10:30 - noon	7
Parish Hall AGM	12 September	7:30pm	12
Church Gardening	16 September		6
Milton Damerel & District Gardening Club Garden Show	17 September	2:30 onwards	22
Whist Drive	17 September	7:30pm	12
Over 60s trip - Ilfracombe	20 September		9
Harvest Festival - Holsworthy Beacon Church	25 September	11am	7
Coffee Morning - Holsworthy Memorial Hall	28 September	9-noon	7
Church Gardening	30 September		6
Beetle Drive	1 October	7pm	24
Harvest Festival - Holy Trinity	2 October	3pm	5
Harvest Festival - Methodist Church	7-10 October		4
Church Gardening	14 October		6
Whist Drive	15 October	7:30pm	24
Over 60s trip - Taunton	18 October		9
Sew & Sews	22 October	3pm	4
Half term holiday club	28 October	10-noon	8
Soup & Sweet Social Evening	29 October	7:30pm	25
Rememberance Sunday	11 November	10:30am	6
Church Gardening	18 November		6
Whist Drive	19 November	7:30pm	25
Church Whist Drive - Abbotts Bickington	26 November		6
Quiz Night	3 December	7:30pm	25

# **Regular Events**

Bible Study Mondays 7.30-9pm

Mobile Library Wednesdays - every four weeks 3:45pm -

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm MD & District Over 60s Club

Tuesdays 7-8.30pm Line Dancing

Parish Council meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm

Coffee Morning - Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church Last Thursday of each month 10am

Methodist Morning Service Sundays 11am

Parish Church Holy Communion 3rd Sunday of each month 9.00am

Parish Church Eucharist/Lay Service (alternates monthly) 1st Sunday of each month 11.30am

**Pilates** Monday 11:00 - 12pm

New Baby & Toddler Group Methodist schoolroom Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Zumba

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