

# MILTON DAMEREL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Jubilee Art Competitions winners:

1<sup>st</sup> prize  
Edward Moyse  
The Queen and two  
soldiers

2<sup>nd</sup> prize  
Freya Rofe  
The Queen's Corgi

3<sup>rd</sup> prize  
Sophie Moyse  
The Queen's crown

## Crown Jewels





## Jubilee Photography winners:



1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
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Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agendas 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 draft minutes are posted to the website within 30 days, but are not officially approved until the next 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.

## **COVID 19**

Most restrictions have now been lifted but the Government still urges people to be cautious as the disease has not gone away. The wearing of face masks is not compulsory but some shops are requesting that shoppers wear one when inside their supermarkets. It is also a personal choice whether to wear one or not.

## **District Councillors**

Councillor Kit Hepple and Ken James have been unable to attend recent meetings, both send regular updates received by email, both Councillors work in the background to support the Parish, they can be contacted anytime by all, for any help or advice that might be needed. Details of how to contact them are in the Parish Website

## **Devon County Councillor James Morrish**

Councillor James Morrish has been unable to attend recent meetings due to ill health and the pressure of work, James has 'several hats' within Devon County Council, and works extremely hard on behalf of all the residents he represents. He can be contacted by email for any help or advice you might need.

## **Holsworthy Neighborhood Policing team.**

A recent communication from PC Frank Rogers has informed the Parish Council that due to pressure of work he will be unable to prepare 'crime statistics reports' as PCSO Mark James provided on a regular basis.

Frank is hoping to instigate a '45 minute drop in' via Microsoft Teams, and will be in touch with the Parish

Councils once the details are to hand. For details of crime statistics follow the link [Home/Police.uk\(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk), from there put input the area or post code to receive information for your area

Our new PCSO is Jessica McEldon.

## **Planning matters:**

New planning applications over the last three months, have included variations to the applications for residential dwellings on the land adjoining Southview, Outline planning permission for two dwellings, both have been approved, application for a Stable block and menage at Waldon View, yet to be decided.

Your Parish Councillors give great consideration to all applications received, their concerns and comments are reported in the minutes and passed on to Torridge planning department.

Although the application for the development at Town Farm has been approved for some time, there are still no signs of any development starting.

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 as possible.

**The Step Back in Time Fund:** for young people has a balance of £103.02 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.

## **Annual Grants**

Grant applications for the financial year 2023-24 will be considered during the November meeting. If your society/club would like to be considered please send you application to the Parish Clerk.

## **Website**

If you have any events that you want advertised, please let me know or email to me in pdf format, the website



### **Community Defibrillator (AED):**

The AED's sited at Holsworthy Beacon and Sanders Garage are checked regularly, but if at any time you see that there is any damage to the cabinet at either site, please inform the Clerk.

If you would like a refresher on the use of the AED and basic life support (CPR), please let the Parish Clerk know, these are conducted free of charge.

### **Condition of the Roads in and around Milton Damerel:**

The Parish Council receive numerous complaints regarding the poor state of the roads, the Parish Clerk regularly passes on the complaints to Devon Highways, copies are always sent to Councillor Morrish, who will substantiate our complaints. The more people that go onto Devon County Council's website and reports potholes and poor road surfaces the better, the Parish Council encourages residents to do so as often as they can.

### **Parish Footpaths**

The Parish Footpaths have been looked after by Michael Jackson for ten years, has now handed over to George and Wendy Preston. The Parish Councillors, are very grateful to Michael for all his hard work over his tenure, as I am sure are the residents of Milton Damerel Parish.

### **Annual Accounts 2021-2022**

The annual accounts and external Audit paperwork have now been concluded, all information is available Within the Parish Website.

### **HM Queen Elizabeth II jubilee Celebrations**

The events all went very well and were very well attended.

### **The Parish Hall**

The renovations are well in hand but at the time of writing this edition report the renovations are behind schedule mostly due to the lack of volunteers, it is hoped the Parish Hall be open again by early September.

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](http://www.miltondamerel.com)

## **Holsworthy Walk and Talk**

July temperatures were hot, hot, hot, enabling us to dust off our sun hats and remind ourselves of the importance of sunscreen and the need for plenty of water along the way. Some of our braver members also got their shorts out of storage but it is worth remembering that, at this time of year, ticks are prolific in long grass and bracken. When you get home it is a good idea to check any exposed flesh and removing any unwanted guests.

Having become independent from Ramblers we felt that we were in need of our own logo and invited our members to submit their ideas and designs. We evidently have a rich artistic talent amongst us and have sent out the 14 (yes, 14!!) options submitted to be voted upon by the Group. We are looking forward to announcing the winner next month and incorporating our new logo on to our website, posters, etc.

Our August programme has a good mix of venues for both Level 2 and Level 3 walks, offering a variety of terrains and stunning views. The Monday Walk in the Park is an alternative for those who are returning to activity following a break due to injury, surgery or any number of reasons which prevent us from getting out and about. Holsworthy Sports Pavilion provides us with a lovely base from which to walk with the added advantage of a sit down, chat and refreshing cuppa afterwards.

We walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leader prior to the start of the walk.

Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below.

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# Chapel News – Sept 2022

## Dear Friends

September marks the start of a new year, both within our schools and Methodism. In schools pupils start a new academic year, within the Methodist Church we start a new connexional year. With every new year comes change, challenge and opportunity. I placed these three words deliberately in this order, because all change comes with challenges but also (and I would say more importantly) comes with opportunity.

In life, so many new things don't happen, or get started because we are afraid that they or us will fail. And therefore we think, what is the point in even trying them. Winston Churchill said "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts". And C.S. Lewis, "Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement".

Let me tell you, failing is ok, but there is no need to have fear of failing. The bible in 1 John 4:18 says "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

So I encourage you to set resolutions, to dream dreams, to try new things and not to fear the change, challenge and opportunities which we all will face in the year ahead. And if we fail or don't achieve thing goals, dreams or resolutions we set. It is ok, we can try again, that is the beauty (I can think of at least two other new years, apart from September, January and April, calendar and tax year). As long as we don't just give up and keep trying we can take as many changes and times as it we take to achieve the goal.

Blessings to you, Frank.

Frank Watson, Lay Pastoral Assistant Torridge Methodist Circuit

*We are grateful to Frank for his contribution this quarter.*

## Dates of services at the Chapel, for September, October & November, all at 11.00am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>All Age Worship and Sunday School</b> <b>Preacher: Mr David Watson</b>
<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival All Age Worship and Sunday School</b> <b>Preacher: Revd Rob Blackhall</b>
<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>(Remembrance Sunday)</b>	<b>All Age Worship and Sunday School</b> <b>Preacher: Mrs Nancy Hall-Tomkin</b> (Please be prompt for 2 minutes silence at 11am)

## Café Worship at the Chapel at 11.00am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (in the Schoolroom)

### Planned dates are: 18<sup>th</sup> September; 16<sup>th</sup> October; and 20<sup>th</sup> November

A new style for gathering together on Sunday, commencing with coffee and fellowship and then for sharing whatever individuals wish to contribute. Please join in – a warm welcome to you – come along and experience something new (to us that is!)

The hour includes something for everyone – so far the younger ones have delighted everyone by presenting some simple dramas based on biblical stories. Table crafts, quizzes, art work, topics for conversations, an opportunity to choose favourite hymns and songs, share a reading or poem, as well as hearing some good news. You may just prefer to come along and listen.

At the start of our gathering on **18<sup>th</sup> September** we plan to **plant a tree** in the graveyard in honour of **HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee**. We will then adjourn to the Schoolroom for coffee and activities, including a short celebration service.

### Flower Plan:

<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
Mrs Suzanne Askham	Harvest Festival	Mrs Phyllis Piper

### Services Elsewhere in the Circuit:

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, Thornhillhead Methodist** are holding their Harvest celebrations, which will be the final service held in that Chapel.

### Harvest 2022:

**Donations for the Freedom Centre, Barnstaple** – we will not be looking to collect food and household items as in previous years, but at our services in September there will be opportunities to give money donations for onward transmission to the Centre. If you would like to contribute, but not able to attend one of the services, please contact Mrs Lilian Luxton (Tel: 261355).

**Harvest Week-end – 9<sup>th</sup> October** In preparation for our Harvest Festival celebrations on 9<sup>th</sup> October we will be 'decorating' the Chapel during the day on the previous Friday, when the Chapel will also be open for donations of tinned and packaged foodstuffs and household items which will be donated to the Holsworthy Food Bank.



As detailed above, for our service on **Sunday, 9th October**, we welcome our Superintendent Minister, Revd Rob Blackhall, to lead worship, and we hope to follow the service with a Pasty & Salads lunch for everyone able to stay and share, this is obviously subject to the guidance about Covid at that time. Look out for publicity!

**Zoom Services for the Circuit** – The plan for the coming months, is to hold 2 services per month, thus **11th & 25th September, 9th & 23rd October, 6th, 13th & 27th November** all **at 6.30pm**, which you are most welcome to join in. The service can be accessed via a computer/laptop with camera/microphone, iPad/phone or using the normal phone – even if you have a device with camera/microphone and do not wish to be seen, you can join in without the camera on – please contact Sarah Richards, our Circuit Administrator, on 01237 472649 or email her [sarahrichards185@gmail.com](mailto:sarahrichards185@gmail.com) for details on how to join the 'meeting'.

**Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter** - Our monthly Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter includes outlines of the Zoom services for readers to use on its own or with the Zoom service. If you would like to receive this monthly Newsletter please let us know. The Newsletter is also available on line at [www.torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk](http://www.torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk) and there is also a Facebook page for the Circuit. There is also a private Facebook Group, where we share thoughts, prayers and other material – this is Torridge Methodist Circuit Group – if you wish to join please go to this Facebook page and use the Join button.

**The Chapel & Covid-19** - The risk assessment remains in place and we will continue to follow and amend guidance as needed, - providing adequate ventilation, hand sanitisation or hand washing on arrival and departure, asking people who have Covid-19 symptoms or are unwell to stay away, and continue to encourage the wearing of face masks, as necessary, and social distancing.

**CONTACTS** – For further information or help please contact: Our Superintendent Minister: Revd Rob Blackhall (01805 628041) Our stewards: Dan Brett (Tel: 261609) & Jeremy Sharp (Tel: 261548), Property Steward: vacant; Secretary: vacant.

## **Milton Damerel Parish Hall Renovations.**

**Reg Charity No 281123**

The renovations are now taking place. The kitchen has been insulated and has a new ceiling and walls have been replastered and painted. We eagerly await the arrival of the new kitchen and flooring, which have been ordered, along with a panel heater to keep the kitchen warm, and hopefully free of damp and condensation issues in the future.

Currently the side panelling around the hall has been sanded down and the floor is now being sanded with an industrial sanding machine. All this in readiness for a well needed fresh coat of varnish (or several) After this the walls will need repainting to brighten everywhere up. New LED lighting has been fitted and new heaters will also be fitted when the walls have been painted. Deadline is Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> in readiness for the Flower and Produce Show on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Currently we have a very small band of hardworking volunteers working most days in the heatwave we are currently experiencing. It's probably not too late to offer your assistance after reading this as there are ongoing tasks to complete.

A Cider and Pasty walk was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and after a dampish day miraculously the rain stopped. Mike Jackson led the walk across the fields around the back of the Methodist Church, (with permission of John Elliot) We then had our first cider stop at Trinity Church, then alongside Butterfly Lane and through Northtown Farm and back for another cider stop at Trinity Church and back to the hall for Pasties and more cider!

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our regular hirers to our newly bright and shiny hall once again. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further updates and a reopening date.

## **Jubilee Celebrations.**

The Queens' Platinum Jubilee was celebrated in style at the Parish Hall on Sunday June 5. After a will it won't it rain, it was decided it wouldn't. The car park was cleared and converted into a village fete. Main attraction was a 20ft inflatable slide, which was very popular with adults and children alike! The attractions included a children's craft tent, plate smashing, a tin can range, hook a duck, splat the rat and welly wanging.

The local radio club operated from the hall as well as a table for Trinity Church and a Bottle Tombola. A display of the art and photographic competition entries was on show in the skittle alley, with many votes cast on the day. Commemorative medals, certificates and prizes were awarded to all the winners.

Many people brought along a picnic but there was also a barbeque and ice creams available for a nominal charge. All other refreshments were provided courtesy of The Methodist Church and Alan from Whitebear Farm kindly allowed the use of his field for car parking. We had a lovely Jubilee Commemorative Cake made by Nikki Martin, which was cut by Elizabeth Bellew and enjoyed by everyone.

A fun day was had by all and thankfully the rain held off until everything was packed away! It was lovely to see so many members of the community all celebrating this historic occasion.

Thank you to all who gave their help to make the day such a success, and to the Parish Council for the grant which helped to fund our day.

Melanie Richardson (Chairman)

## CONGRATULATIONS!



To:- Marjorie Colwill, who lived at Oxenpark, Gidcott, and celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Friday 12th. August.



## WELCOME

To:- Mr and Mrs Kemp who recently moved into Waldon View.  
Darren and Jo Logan who recently moved to Windy Nook, Gidcott, Milton Damerel.



## OUR SYMPATHIES

To those who have been bereaved recently:



We are sorry if we miss any occasions for this page – our coverage is only as up-to-date as YOU provide information to us. see page 30 for contact details. Thank you.

## Local Success at Work and Play

It's amazing to think it was 20 years ago that I swept out my larder and opened my Farm shop "Lizzys Larder" in Milton Damerel.

Born out of the ashes of foot and mouth it has been a true labour of love.

Building the business has had its highs and lows along the way but I can honestly say that every experience has helped to make the shop and business bigger, stronger and more successful.

2022 has been an incredible year for us.

We have welcomed two Ukrainian families into our home which has been hugely stressful but very rewarding and dreams came true when I had the opportunity to drive my lovely Friesian horse Margje at Smiths lawn in Windsor Great park as well as at our local shows. Winning the championship at Woolsery, a show I have supported for many many years, was the icing on the cake.

We are very excited this year to host three theatres including the British Touring Shakespeare with an incredible cast of 11 and David Walliams Awful Aunty on 31st August. Although we could not fit in Open Farm Sunday we are hosting the Vintage Rally on September 11th.

Our business has won many food and service awards along the way and Mike has been very successful with his Cattle, recently breaking all market records with a Limousin steer he sold at Holsworthy market. Even Mae, our resident meet and greet dog, has received her own dog friendly awards.

It has been very humbling to read the amazing comments we have received over the years and great to see so many local faces visiting the shop and tearoom. A big thank you must go to my loyal and hardworking staff and to our many friends and customers who have supported us along the way as without you all we would not be here today.

Here's to the next 20 years.





## JUNIOR NEWS

### MILTON TODDLER GROUP

We opened the Schoolrooms on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August for all-comers, brothers, sisters and friends on school holidays, who could come along and enjoy playing with the various toys, ride-ons, and have fun with puzzles, games, felt tips and glue. Drinks and biscuits were served with only a donation taken. Despite the really hot weather the rooms were airy and cool. It was great to welcome back some past members who are now in full-time education, along with Mums and Grans. The small parachute caused a great deal of fun and for next time we meet we have been offered a full-sized parachute.

**We are planning on opening up again on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 12.30.**

We welcome any local children to come and join in for a 'cheap and cheerful' morning. The adults can enjoy meeting together for a catch up over a coffee. Bring along a snack if you wish, we will serve our normal drinks and biscuits for a donation only.

*Over the years we have built up a good selection of games, toys, larger ride-ons and craft materials, these get used every week. Local people have also kindly contributed to our varied needs of essentials, we've been really grateful for these!*

*Other adults might like to drop in on a Tuesday morning for a coffee and chat? We would love to see you. We find it's a happy experience to get together; spending time with such joyful children really does lift the spirits and brighten the day.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have been continuing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, thanks to helpers, Suzanne and Della able to lend a hand when they can. Our topic has been 'The Sea', looking at the crossing of the Red Sea from the book of Exodus, and the calming of the storm by Jesus.

At our last service on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, the congregation brought along a picnic lunch; we didn't go outside this year due to the hot weather, but making use of the Schoolroom tables instead, hot and cold drinks were served. It was a nice social time despite a few people being away because of holidays and illness.

**Our next Sunday School will be on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11am**

*All children, young people and parents are invited and welcomed to come along to our monthly service of All Age Worship at the Methodist Church, normally 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month at 11am, when Sunday School is also held. For dates please see details under Chapel News. Please join us !!*

### CAFÉ CHURCH

Please go to Chapel News for a report on Café Church – again, an All-age occasion, including families and children, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11am. All welcome to come along and join in.

### Preserving our heritage

The biodiversity of wild plants is often talked about, but the diversity of garden plants is also of great importance. Every time a garden plant is lost, a piece of social, cultural and horticultural history dies with them. Many garden plants are in fact wild species from other countries which may become endangered or extinct in their native habitat. Gardens can provide a safety net for these plants.

Here at Rosemoor, we think of the garden as one huge collection of plants and, as with any collection, they need to be recorded and catalogued so that we know exactly what we have, this is where the numerous labels you see around the garden come in. These labels allow visitors to correctly identify the plants they are looking at and the horticulturists to keep track of specimens within the garden. Some of these plants are easily available through garden centres and nurseries, but some are rare or endangered (including some of Lady Anne's original collection) and are propagated by our nursery team using traditional methods or by specialists, using tissue culture techniques.

Rosemoor also holds National Plant Collections of *Ilex* (holly), *Nerine*, *Ruscus*, *Cornus* (dogwood), Rowden Irises, Devon Apples and *Pelargonium*. National Plant Collections are living reference libraries where plants in a genus or group can be seen together, compared and researched. Some plants need specialist skills to maintain them which are easily lost along with the plants, so by keeping the plants in collections, it is easier to keep the knowledge needed to allow them to thrive. It is also important that rare and unusual plants are made available to the public to buy and grow in their own gardens and to that end, we are holding an autumn Plant Heritage fair on 10 September. As well as specialist nurseries, selling a huge variety of plants, Plant Heritage will have a presence at our Flower Show 19-21 August, ready to answer your questions about their work or just to have a chat.

Sheila Dearing, Garden Technical Services Officer, RHS Garden Rosemoor.



# Holy Trinity Church News

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Hello Everyone

We live in a world of contrasts, too hot - too cold, too dry – too wet, well we have endured the terrific heat of lately, something we are not used to and now we are probably in the throes of downpours which we are used to. We tend to define things, now, by pre Covid 19 and post Covid19, inbetween we endured the loss of our hard won, and valuable, freedom to come and go as we pleased. But we as a human race are built to endure and carry on. We are in a year of contrasts, with the war in Ukraine bringing destruction, fleeing refugees and loss of life whilst fighting for a human right to live in a free and peaceful country of birth. Contrast with our joyous celebrations here in Great Britain as we joined in with unity to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Queen's ascension to the throne, in early June. We thank God for the gift of this wonderful Monarch and the joys we receive in this small island nation of ours.

An invitation from the MD Jubilee committee to take up a place for Holy Trinity in the Parish Hall to raise awareness of the dire state of the church roof and hopefully raise some more donations was gladly accepted. The Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club were also invited and they planned a low power telemetry Beacon to celebrate the Queens Jubilee – a message in a beacon which would travel round and round the world until the end of June. They also devised a guessing game where for a donation to the church roof you could guess furthest point the beacon would be heard, the town and country. You could also follow it online. It inspired many people to have a go and we raised £57 and a foreign coin. So if you haven't already seen the results, which are posted on the church noticeboards, then here they are:

1<sup>st</sup> Marahou, NEW ZEALAND 11776 miles  
town Wellington

2<sup>nd</sup> Canberra, AUSTRALIA 10764 miles      3<sup>rd</sup> Neumayer Station3 ANTARTICA 8370 miles  
The winner has received her prize.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** we held our now 'traditional' BBQ which was began, and still is, to thank the volunteers who work to keep our churchyard looking so tidy, and is always popular event. The weather wasn't the best so plans to put tables outside had to be cancelled but it didn't mar the day. Mel organised a plant sale with beautiful plants that had been donated by local people and they were very quickly sold out. When I look at the price of plants now a days in garden centres it makes me realize how lucky we are to have such generous folk. We also had a Tombola which was fun and people took home some very nice prizes which had been donated.

HARC were kindly supporting the event and were again 'on air' in church Here people could see them working to make contact with other amateur radio enthusiasts and understand something of the equipment needed and talk to the members of the club.. It adds another dimension to a community event and shows what is available to enthusiasts. We were pleased so many people made their way to the church to enjoy the food and spend an enjoyable few hours in companionship with others from our parish.

The total raised for the roof fund was £391.79, this includes further donations from people unable to attend on the day. A huge thank you to everyone for support and to the people who assisted us - from running the Tombola to washing up. Special thanks to Ruth for making the wonderful strawberry and cream cakes for dessert, I know several people were not planning on having a pudding – until they saw what was on offer....yummy. Lastly thank you to Keith for manning the BBQ, you all did a great job.





**July 9th** we invited you all to join us for an afternoon cream tea and cakes, again you turned out to give your support and received wonderful support from our community. ... With the sun shining we put some tables outside under the shade of the 'oldie Yew' trees, which was welcomed by our guests. However some preferred to be indoors next to the cake table to stay near the yummy cakes. We plied our guests with a wide selection of home-made cakes, which they very much enjoyed as there was little left. There was plenty of chatter and laughter, a joy to hear. It was also a pleasure to meet 'new' people who had not been to any church events previously. We know the younger people enjoyed the event and we enjoyed the time to have a chat with them. We do hope to see you and your families again at one of the church events - or even join us for a service. We received generous donations for the roof fund and were able to add a further £163. Thank you everyone.



The coffee morning raised a further £80 with fewer visitors, but my goodness I don't know what was in the tea/coffee but we certainly had a lot of hilarity and real belly laughs. A truly happy and lovely morning. Thank you to each of you.

Some good news. We have been given a grant of £5,250 from the Headley Trust. So we are moving ahead instead of standing still. We hope that it is the start of charities acknowledging that our church is in need and deserves help of this kind. So back to the letter writing and form filling - I am now inspired.



**September 10th** our church will be hosting CHOTA Day with HARC radio club. We are hoping to devise another airwave type game but not sure at the moment. However I do know that it will be a good social event and another opportunity to see the guys at work as they contact others as far across the miles and seas as possible. The doors will be open to visitors from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Our usual food menu is slightly changed but I can guarantee it will be good. Refreshments will consist of bacon rolls or cheese scones from 11.15am to 12.30pm then from 2.00pm cream teas. Everyone is welcome

**December 10/11** Christmas Tree Festival - Our finale of the year, cancelled for the last few years, so let's move on look forward to make this event full of sparkle and joy - the BIG one. Make this the year you throw caution to the wind and let your imagination run riot better than anything before.

This is a major undertaking for few people to organise and we cannot do it without knowing if you are planning to join in the community spirit by bringing along a twig, branch, tree or other, we need a minimum number of exhibits for it to work. So please get in touch to tell us you will be entering 'something'. For the first time, we ask you to confirm a place and light up our church at Milton Damerel, every denomination and non are invited, as especially are children's entries, such fun for them to decorate a tree, a log or such like. There will be a small award for the overall best liked tree or other, chosen by visitors.. Yes it is still summer and Christmas is a long way away but this is advance notice so you can get your thinking caps on as by the time the December newsletter is issued it will be too late. Let festivities begin on a fun note. Tel or email Isabel as above, as soon as you have decided or if you want more information about this event. My favourite saying is 'Don't look back, you are not going that way'. Let's move on together.

Finally I would like to remind you that there is a selection of reading books fiction and non-fiction, available to borrow or to keep from the bookcase at the back left side of the church. All we ask is you give a donation for them and if you have books that need a new home then we will be pleased to take them.

#### Church Service dates from September 2022

<b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.30am</b>
<b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.30am</b>
<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.30am</b>
<b>November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

#### **Church Gardening –**

It has not been an easy year for gardening with Covid re-emerging and maybe you are still feeling a bit uneasy around others but the solid bunch of gardeners are still up and at it...thank you. However sometimes the grass may grow a bit longer or more weeds appear on graves but just remember that people give their free time to look after Holy Trinity churchyard, they are rewarded with a cup of tea/coffee. So if you feel the grass is a bit long or your loved ones grave has not been tended then please remember it is all done by people freely giving a little of their precious spare time. You are welcome to join us to spread the workload a little. We still need a volunteer strimmer - it is a bit too much for 1 elderly person, otherwise we may find in the future that the grass around the graves may grow a bit longer more often. If you are an active person who likes to strim e you would probably enjoy a walk round the churchyard, it's very therapeutic - but please bring your own strimmer - as much or as little as you want to do.

**From 2pm – 6pm summertime twice a month and from November 1pm -5pm just once a month**

#### **Gardening dates - subject to the weather:**

**September 8th September 22nd October 6th October 20th from November 10th 1.00pm November 24th**  
(Clocks go back for winter October 30th)

#### **Take Care**

**Isabel and Roy, Church Wardens**

**Diary Dates September 10th CHOTA Day with HARC**

**December 10/11th Christmas Tree Festival**

## **MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP**

The Garden Group April meeting was changed from having a Speaker, to Members and volunteers tidying up around the Parish Hall. Refreshments were provided and everyone worked hard cutting back the overhanging branches and cleaning out the weeds in the concrete cracks.

May Meeting we provided planters for the Parish Hall.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**, 10 Members and friends visited Stone Farm, Alverdiscott, Bideford. Owned by Mr and Mrs Auvray. It was a lovely evening, we had 1 acre of country garden to stroll around, containing a walled garden and polytunnels, followed by tea and cake.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**, Janet Skuse came to our meeting and gave us a talk on Gardening with Hedgehogs. Janet spoke about the basic facts on caring for young hedgehogs and reintroducing them back to the wild. Her work is all voluntary and she relies on donation. Some vets do support her, but at times a fee needs to be paid. She does belong to the British Hedgehog Society. [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)

No Meeting was held in August

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** this is the groups **FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW**, being held at the Parish Hall. (Being very positive that the refurbishment will be completed.)

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**, we have arranged a Garden Visit to Allenstyle Drive, Yelland, Barnstaple, owned by Steve and Dawn Morgan. The garden is 30m by 15m and contains many of their favourite plants, a pond and two large greenhouses.

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**, TBA

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**, A talk by Paul Rendell 'Dartmoor Paul'. How the weather has changed over the years. Very appropriate, considering how this year has been.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a Christmas Social.

Annual Membership is £10 individual or £15 per couple, £1 per meeting. Non Members £4 per meeting. Refreshments provided.

Garden visit charges vary, but usually inline with the NGS garden visit fee. We normally need a set number to make a visit.

All Meeting are held at the Parish Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

All welcome to our Meetings or Garden Visits

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## **LOOKING BACK.....**

Grateful to Thelma Crook & Anita Edwards for sending this photo from The Western Times & Gazette newspaper in 1960. By the date this was a special effort to raise funds for the modernisation of the Chapel Cottage – the addition of the 2-storey extension to the 2-bedroom cottage to provide a 3<sup>rd</sup> bedroom and bathroom and kitchen. The work cost £854, and was partly funded by a grant from the Local Council and the balance was raised from this special effort; an occasion including a morning service in the Chapel, a sit down luncheon (probably ham salad and desserts) in a marquee in the field behind the chapel, afternoon activities followed by tea (a full sit down tea of sandwiches, cakes, jam and cream cut-rounds, sponges, trifles, etc.) and an evening concert with guest chairman, speaker, singers and elocutionists.... And concluding with a 'supper' served in the chapel. A very busy day!

The helpers were mainly volunteers from the parish; many faces are distinguishable although copy is fuzzy! Other helpers would have been invited to return to their home parish to help for this prodigious occasion.



The helpers at Milton Damerel Methodist Chapel special effort last week.



## **FARE DODGE DISASTER**

I suppose that at some stage in their lives, most of the population have engaged in fare dodging. Sometimes it is very deliberate, and other times it is the result of poor service from the public service provider.

My attention was caught recently with the case of a newly qualified solicitor. She admitted fare evasion in her journeys to the office. Once the rail company had calculated what the total amount of fare dodging amounted to, she self-reported herself to the Solicitors Regulation Authority after a settlement had been made with the rail company. She was then dismissed by her firm. She expressed "deep remorse" for her actions. She said she would usually do the right thing in both her personal and professional life.

The Solicitors Regulation Authority calculated that she had failed to pay for 82% of her journeys to and from work, and she did not dispute the calculation. She said she had some financial hardship but she was in fact able to afford to pay the fares, but chose not to do so.

The Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal took the matter up, and found that she had breached two principles of its ethics guidance. One is that she should have acted with integrity. The other is that she should have behaved in a way that maintains the trust the public places in solicitors and in the provision of legal services. The tribunal found that she had acted dishonestly. She had continued to commit misconduct over a period of time. She stopped only when an inspector caught her. It was held that she knew or ought reasonably to have known that her actions were in breach of her obligations to protect the public and the reputation of the legal profession.

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In mitigation she said that there had been no previous disciplinary matters concerning her. She said she had relative inexperience as a solicitor. She said she had self-reported the matter to the Regulator. The tribunal accepted the mitigating factors, but held that the misconduct only ceased once she was caught.

Her case shows what serious consequences there are if there is a breach of The Solicitors Regulation Authority's Principles. It highlights the overarching high levels of ethical behaviour expected by solicitors, even in their private life. For the sake of defrauding the rail company by £650, she has sacrificed her career, and has also had to pay costs of just over £3,000. She was sacked from her job.

Rest assured, I always make sure that I pay for my ticket whenever I use public transport!

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## Faster Internet if Fibre not Available

SpaceX founder Elon Musk promised high-speed internet around the globe. After a successful beta phase (early testing), Starlink internet launched into the UK in the autumn of 2021. It currently has more than 2,000 satellites in orbit, delivering service in 32 countries worldwide.

Starlink uses a low-orbit satellite constellation to bring internet to remote areas, providing internet access to areas where high-speed broadband is not reliable or readily available.

Starlink's main advantage over traditional satellite internet is its low-earth orbiting satellites operating 300 miles above the earth's surface, reducing latency (time lag between sending and receiving information) and improving speed.

The connection is dependent upon the number of satellites passing over-head but will be further improved by a proposed "constellation" of 40,000 satellites that SpaceX plans to launch into orbit in the coming years.

The network offers currently an average speed of 100Mbps, depending upon location and other factors, this can go up-to over 200 Mbps.

Even with its current download speeds, with low latency, Starlink internet in my experience is more than adequate for browsing and video streaming with multiple devices.

The major disadvantage is the cost to buy and run, so it's not for everyone, but if you need reliable fast internet for home or business this is far better than the slow phone line broadband on offer in our area. Having said that, you can get Starlink internet service for £89/month without data caps, there was an upfront cost of approx £450 for the equipment. More recently Starlink has introduced a premium business tier with higher speeds but at much higher cost.

The other disadvantage is potential interference due to any obscured view to the northern sky to detect satellites passing overhead, posing a challenge for houses in wooded areas.

Now that Starlink is available in the UK and in particular our area, it claims to ship equipment within 2 and 8 weeks, it's accepting orders on a first-come, first-serve basis. It should not be compared to fibre (if its available), which can deliver speeds typically up-to 5 gigabits per second (Gbps). But you can expect speeds to increase as they add more satellites and improve their capabilities.

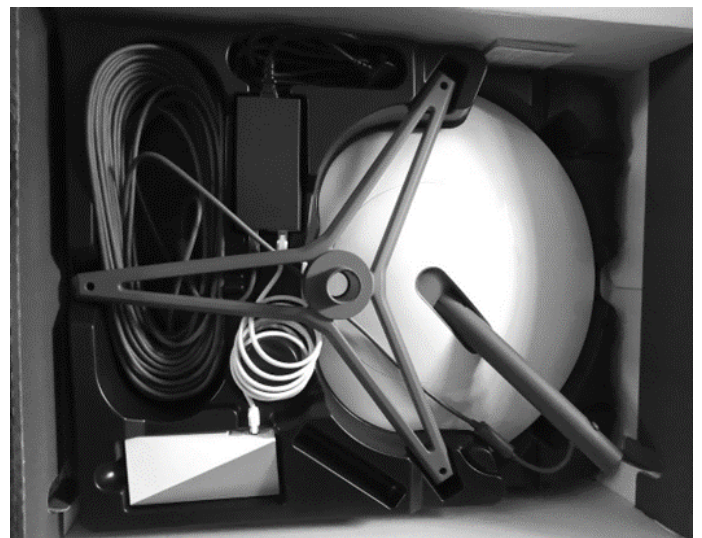
You can sell your Starlink equipment to anyone within Starlink's serviceable area and can return the equipment for a refund within the first month if it proves unusable.

Despite the company warning about outages due to the initial low number of satellites and pre-production technical issues, in my experience there have been very few of these during the past year. In-fact during the stormy weather, there was no loss of service at all, unlike the phone line broadband.

In addition, the equipment has a positive response for being easy to set up without technical expertise. All you need to do is ensure the dish has a clear view of the northern sky either on the ground or on a mast. Set-up typically takes 15 minutes as the dish will automatically align itself to the satellites and can initially be placed on the ground. There is a very long cable between the dish and the power supply and router.

Our overall experience has been good since we installed this in November 2021, but it's not for everyone because of price and visibility of the Northern sky, however where there is no practical or reliable alternative, its worth considering.

Peter Bromley, Summer 2022





## MILTON DAMEREL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL 1871 – 1972

July 2022 commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the closure of Milton Damerel County Primary School, which was located at the Methodist Chapel. Its closure had been rumoured from about 1965.

Devon County Council leased part of the Chapel premises – the Schoolroom, the room now the kitchen, and ancillary premises, (school kitchen and stores and toilet blocks – now demolished) and were sited to the south of the Toddlers' playroom. The school lane was the playground and part of the field at the rear of the chapel was available for playtime and sports days, if conditions were suitable! 8-11 year olds were taught in the school room, whilst the primaries, 5-7 years olds were taught in the lower room, (now the kitchen). All activities were delivered in these rooms – lessons, PE, and school dinners; the school desks were moved together and covered with oil-clothes and the food was carried up the lane from the school kitchen and served at tables set up at one end of the schoolroom. Medical and dental inspections were carried out in the primary room – with stripping off to underwear in the lobby!

The Chapel retained 'rights' to use the schoolroom for occasions such as Sunday School Anniversary's and Harvest Festival celebrations held on the Monday (for afternoon teas, etc.) following the Sunday services, and school was normally closed, also when funerals were held.

### **Two extracts from locally written histories ....**

From 'Milton Damerel in 1951, prepared by Seymour Marks on behalf of Milton Damerel Parish Council'

*A word about the school. Under the Education Act of 1944 it is now confined to infants and juniors under 11 years of age, after which they attend a secondary school, which may be a modern school at Holsworthy, to which they are taken by bus, a grammar school at Barnstaple, or a technical school at Crediton. At this moment there are 31 scholars, 15 infants under 7, and 16 up to 11. In addition to the formal subjects, craft work plays a large part in training. School broadcasts are heard through an excellent receiver. Close contact is kept with parents by means of open days and personal visits. There is a completely equipped kitchen for school meals, taken by all the children and the staff.*

### **From 'History of Milton Damerell 1906 – 1970 written by Cecil Stidwell, Milton Damerel'**

*Adjoining the Chapel is the Primary School where, before the First World War, there between 80 and 90 scholars with two Senior and one Junior teachers. Today there is only one teacher and less than 20 children. About 20 years ago the old horse stable was altered to a canteen for the Primary School. The school is used for a polling station for various elections .... It is also used for Parish Council meetings, the festival and other teas. ... Today part of the field is used by the Primary School children for games and their annual sports day. .... Also in the 1914 days there was an apple orchard below School Lane belonging to Town Farm, where children would go to steal some apples*

A few photos below from through the years ..... photos taken outside the Chapel main entrance doors in 1919 & 1938; photos taken in the field in 1950s-1960; and two photos showing the Schoolroom as used for school dinners and 'group photo'! Apart from 1919 photo, there are still several current residents of the parish included and more recognisable who have moved away. There must be many more school photos from through the years.

Records about the School are held in the North Devon Record Office in Barnstaple.

Milton School 1919







From about 1938/1939.....

Probably taken in the field... 1950



Another one in the field ...about 1955

Inter-school sports day with Sutcombe School in c.1960 in field behind the chapel



In the Schoolroom – lunch is served ... about 1961

Another in the Schoolroom about 12 months later (1962)



If you would like a larger copy of a photograph, please contact [dave@grawley.co.uk](mailto:dave@grawley.co.uk) or tel 01409 261577.



## **HOLSWORTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP & RESOURCE CENTRE**

The centre is a non profit organisation and many people may not know, we have been running for over 40 years. We are situated in the front of the Manor Offices, in Manor Car Park, North Road, Holsworthy. It has a well stocked Shop providing Arts and Crafts resources, at reasonable prices. Also a Scrap Store with an assortment of interesting items, which can be acquired by a donation, if not already priced.

We used to run on a Membership basis for local families and organisation, having regular Family Workshops. Sadly over the past five years our Membership numbers gradually dwindled and we were considering the dissolution of the project. Then we found ourselves plunged into the Covid lockdown. As we no longer had paid members of staff and were completely run by volunteers we did decide to dissolve the project and close the centre. This was not taken lightly, but we knew our expenditure was never going to be met by our income.

We had a meeting and decided to reopen the centre on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. We also decided to end the Membership and open to all. We carried on from week to week and just waited for the monies to run out. Once people realised we were considering closing down, the word spread and gradually we started seeing more customers. We then realised that there was still a need for this sort of project. One of our Committee recently applied for a grant from Holsworthy Town Council and we were successful. We can now get our insurance in place to do a workshop and rebuild our management Committee. We have just recently applied to be considered for the CO OP Community fund. If selected please can you give us your vote? Unfortunately this can only be done online.

We are now hoping that this project will once more become the thriving project that it once was. We need the support of the community. Everyone is welcome, besides running the Shop and Scrap Store, we are happy to give advice and help on creating interesting craft projects.

At present we only open on Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12.30.

You can find us on Facebook: - Holsworthy-FW-Resource-Centre-Scrap-Store-  
Please look us up and come in and see us, even if it's only for a chat.

## **MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT OVER 60 GROUP**

The Coach Trip to Looe in June was a very good day. Weather was just right and although we were a few seats short it was decided that the future coach trips would carry on. In July we went to Lynton and Lynmouth, again a few seats short. We did post an article in the Milton Damerel Community Page and manage to get some extra passengers. We thank everyone who supported us.

August 16<sup>th</sup> our Coach Trip will be going to Sidmouth and September 20<sup>th</sup> Taunton.

Although we call ourselves 'Over 60 Group', you do not have to be over 60 years of age to join us. Anyone is welcomed to come to our meetings for a social afternoon and of course, our Coach Trips.

Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2.30 to 4.30 at Milton Damerel Parish Hall. (The kitchen at the Hall is being refurbished at the moment, so if it is not available for our Meetings another venue will be decided on)

New Members always welcome

Chair: Linda Gifford  
Vice Chair: Margaret Walters  
Treasurer: Iris Tel 261 322  
Vice Treasurer: Dora Reed  
Secretary: Colin Boucher

## **Eating Out (Fremington Quay)**

Following an early start for an appointment in Barnstaple our thoughts turned to breakfast! So we headed off to our favourite breakfast spot which has never failed to please. The café at Fremington Quay. A full breakfast is £8.95 for this you get the full works, 1 egg. 2 rashers of bacon 2 large sausages, and the tastiest mushrooms, to this is added a thick wedge of granary bread toast and no stinting on the butter, jam/marmalade available on request and it also includes a decent mug of tea or coffee. There is such a plateful I usually bring one of the sausages home to eat later.

The views from the café are tremendous, across the Taw estuary, at low tide there are often various birds feeding on the mud flats and calling, often the haunting sounds of Curlews. There is a range of menu options other than breakfast with coffees, light lunches and afternoon teas served. The range of cakes looked very tempting but that's for another visit.

The café is signposted from the Fremington/Yelland road or if you feel you need to "earn" your chosen refreshment it is situated on The Tarka Trail so you can also walk, run or cycle there to work up an appetite!

Melanie Richardson

## **Evelyn's Walk (11/07/22)**

Quite often people apologise for not coming on a walk because of the weather. It's normally due to rain or wind, or both! I have to admit that I doubted whether anybody would want to join me on Monday 11th July ..... because it was incredibly HOT!!! I was pleased to see a variety of sun hats when we met in The Square in Bradworthy as there was very little cloud to protect us from the UV rays. Val Stevens very kindly led the walk as she's a resident of Bradworthy & looks after their Public Rights of Way (PROWs) through the Parish Council. We set off north along the road but took a little detour through the park. The Millennium Garden was looking particularly pretty with the roses in flower. It's such a special feature with a decorative metal framework. There are plaques dedicated to Angela Yeo who was a leading light in creating the Millennium Garden & Steve Ham who was the builder responsible for its original construction. Around the edge is a paved area with pretty mosaic tiles that were made by the School children in year 2000. There is also an impressive selection of play equipment for anybody who has children needing entertaining. It's well worth a visit. We left the park & rejoined the road. We took a turning on the left & then joined a footpath on the left. This field can be a bit boggy sometimes as it's close to the River Waldon but the track was really quite parched & the cattle were hiding in the shade of the hedge. Beah enjoyed a swim in the river but the rest of us opted for the wooden footbridge as the water was actually quite deep & unusually, no-one was wearing wellies. Val explained that a new Permissive Footpath has been created within the last twelve months. The route now bears left before reaching Berridon Farm. Mr. Hills, the land owner, has made a fantastic job of installing some new gates supplied by DCC through the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) scheme. He very kindly cut a path through the grass to make the new route obvious but to be fair, the new wooden posts with way markers made it very clear. He has opted for a very nice wooden gate where we emerged onto the entrance drive of the farm. It blended in beautifully under the trees. Everyone thought that we would follow the lane straight back into the Square but Val led the way along another of Bradworthy's PROWs. It's actually a bridle way but it provided a more interesting route, especially when we met a horse & a pony. I don't know who was more surprised to see the other. It was interesting to see how damp it was underfoot but it doesn't really get the benefit of the sun due to the trees. I think we were all happy to take advantage of the shade even if we had to pick our way through on the drier bits. We joined the Holsworthy - Bradworthy road which was quite busy but it was only for a short distance as we joined a footpath on the left before we got to the Church. This brought us out very nicely by The Square so we avoided walking around the bends along the road. I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walk but we were all keen to find a shady place with a cool drink by the time we got back to our cars.



## **Evelyn's Walk (13/06/22)**

On Monday 13th June, eleven of us met in the Village Hall car park in Chilsworthy. Knowing how popular the hall is for various classes, I contacted the Booking Clerk in advance to make sure that we wouldn't cause a problem. We set off along School Lane & followed the footpath signs which took us across the grassy fields. It was a lovely sight to see the young lambs frolicking whilst their Mums watched us closely to ensure that we meant them no harm. The route took us through the grounds of Parnacott House which I believe has similar architectural features to the Old Rectory in Pyworthy. In all fairness, we couldn't really tell as they would have been more evident at the front rather than the rear. What we saw would probably be described as the "tradesman's entrance" but it's still grand in my view. When we reached the lane, we turned right. It was surprisingly busy but it is a well-known shortcut between Burnards House on the A3072 (Holsworthy - Bude road) & the road between Holsworthy & Bradworthy. We continued all the way to the T-junction which gave me the opportunity to point out a couple of Tumuli from the road. One of them is in a field on the left & the other on the right. You really wouldn't know unless you study the OS map & see that they are identified as Ugworthy Barrows. Ordinarily, I wouldn't recommend walking along such a busy road on a week day BUT it was literally only for 100m & we were VERY visible with our hi-viz vests. We popped through the hedge on the opposite side of the road & joined Holsworthy Hamlet's footpath No. 5. It's very well-marked & much more accessible since a stile was recently replaced with a gate thanks to funds from DCC through the P3 scheme. We were all most grateful to the land owner for enabling the installation of the gate to take place as we would have been reluctant to walk that way if it had involved negotiating a stile. By that stage, we were all quite tired & a stile would have been seriously challenging. The footpath brought us out on the lane by the houses known as Quarry Park in Chilsworthy. By turning right, we passed the Chapel on our left & it was only a short stroll back to our cars from there. I've just realised that this circular route of approx. 3.75 miles actually includes three PROWs & not two as I had initially thought. We took the option of deviating from the road along what is known as the BOAT (By-way Open to All Traffic). It might be a 30mph limit through Chilsworthy but even at that speed, it isn't altogether pleasant being on foot in such close proximity to vehicles. It was much more pleasant venturing alongside The Green. I know that my legs were tired by the time I got home & I have every admiration for the lady from Pyworthy who cycled to Chilsworthy & back again in order to join us on the walk!!





## Evelyn's Walk (8/8/22)

On Monday 8th August, the forecast was for another hot day. I was quite surprised when I counted seventeen of us including a lady who had driven all the way from Launceston & two ladies who arrived on bicycles. We met at Clawton Village Hall & admired the beautiful flower display & new seating area which provided some much needed shade. We set off down the lane & it was noticeable how much the vegetation on the banks had shrivelled. Presumably, the mature trees were soaking up any moisture. We followed the footpath sign on the right. I hadn't walked what used to be a regular route since pre COVID. Some years ago, DCC replaced several seriously challenging stiles with self-closing gates & I was keen to show them to everyone. I was somewhat surprised to see a polite notice on the second gate asking people not to follow the footpath. To be fair to the residents, this route goes straight through their gardens & very close to their houses so I could understand their concern during the lockdowns. However, since all restrictions have been removed apart from in medical settings, I decided to continue as planned bearing in mind that I made a point of being the only person to open & then close the gates as my fellow walkers passed through. I had done a Lateral Flow Test before leaving home & felt confident that we had managed any risk to health as much as possible. It was interesting to note that further along the footpath, what had previously been a maize field has now been returned to pasture. When we reached Higher Sellick, I offered the option of turning right & following the lane back to the Village Hall. It seemed sensible to offer a shorter route given that it was getting quite hot by this stage. The longer route also included a very steep climb up hill on the return. This did not deter the majority & we turned left along the bridle path. Initially it was a track that would have taken us to Fernhill but the PROW goes through a double galvanised gate on the left. We entered a large grassy field which took us down to the River Claw. We took a moment to enjoy the peace & tranquility in the shade, contemplating how the flow of the river was reduced to a trickle & would have been easily navigable on foot. Ordinarily, anybody on foot would traverse the river using the magnificent bridge leaving horse riders to deal with the river crossing. We discussed the different possible routes back to our cars but opted for the shorter one on such a hot day. This meant retracing our steps back up the hill which was no mean feat. However, the extraordinarily clear day enabled us to enjoy far reaching views towards Bodmin whilst catching our breath.



The next walk will be on Monday 12th September. We will set off from Lower Tamar Lakes car park at 10am for a walk along the feeder arm of the Bude Canal. This will be a there & back walk as far as the picnic bench. If you would like to join me, you are welcome to bring a snack as we will stop for a brief break. If you would like any further information, you are welcome to contact me.

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## Nature's Natterings

For this edition's column I thought I would include some relevant poetry from North Devon Poet Jeremy Bell and also give you a date for your diary. Jeremy will be visiting Nature's Rest again where he will be reciting some of his nature inspired, powerful and sometimes political verse. I will be the first to admit 'poetry' isn't normally my thing but upon meeting him at Appledore Book Festival last year where we were both guest speakers and then listening to him in action, I was hooked! The massive long queue that had appeared to speak to him and get a signed copy of his book afterwards demonstrated quite clearly the impact of his words.

### SCREENED OUT

Why do you ignore the rest of creation?

Are you now so deaf – blind and dumb?

To be no longer aware

Of that great orchestra of birdsong,

Those muting choirs still singing in every tree and  
hedgerow

That can lift your spirits to the skies?

Are you deaf to the snuffling hedgehog

Don't you look for the sleek water rat

Or the owl as it swoops in the moonlight

The butterfly, mole or the bat?

The vole, the badger and slow worm

The fox trotting back in the dawn -

When did you last see a dragonfly

Or delight in the spread of frogspawn?

When did you last run barefoot

Through a meadow of web-dewed grass

Or lie down in clusters of wild flowers

So still, that a deer wandered past?

When did you last gather blackberries

Hazel-nuts, crab apples, sloes

Rose hips, mushrooms and king cups

Inhale those scents through your nose?

Are you scared of the silence inside you

Do you only see light through a screen

Divorced from the planet around you

And all that is rampant and green?

Your i-pad and mobile have dumbed you

Numbed the spirit that bids you engage

With all of the rest of your nature

Your free-range – don't live in a cage.

(extract from 'Shouting at Sleepwalkers' by Jeremy Bell)



**On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 1pm**

you can listen to Jeremy at Nature's Rest (Halwill area) and purchase a copy of his book/CD. The event is FREE to attend and we anticipate it lasting a couple of hours or so. Bring a chair/umbrella/picnic and wear suitable clothing/footwear. Booking is essential as we will need to cut an area of grass for car parking and create an area for you to sit in and listen in the next field.

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The recent break-in and thefts from a Venn Green property is a timely reminder that our Parish is not immune from crime, especially as similar activity has been on the increase in the other parishes and villages around us. Criminals need transport to visit the area so please keep a look-out for unfamiliar cars and vans which may be parked or loitering in strange places. If you are able to make a note of the vehicle details then these can be passed on to the police and retained as 'intelligence'. This only works during daylight hours of course, but as there is very little traffic movement over night and sounds tend to travel more this can alert us to something unusual taking place. If you do suspect some criminal activity is in progress please call the police dialling 999, otherwise all other information can be passed on using 101 either by phone or email (**101@dc.police.uk**), which can usually be quicker as the phone service is frequently under pressure.



### **Do You Use WhatsApp?**

WhatsApp users are currently being targeted by scammers. The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) is warning the public about the continued increase in reports about scams where victims are targeted on WhatsApp by criminals pretending to be someone they know – typically their children or other family members. Criminals will usually begin the conversation with “Hello Mum” or “Hello Dad” and will say that they are texting from a new mobile number as their phone was lost or damaged. They will then ask for money to purchase a new one, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill. The criminal will provide bank details for the payment to be made to, with some coming back with further demands for money. Between 3rd February 2022 and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, there have been a total of **1235 reports** made to Action Fraud linked to this scam, with total reported losses exceeding **£1.5million**.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

- **STOP. THINK. CALL.** If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.
- Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS)

### **Free Internet Security Guides**

The internet security firm Avast has produced a series of “cyberhood” guides covering various aspects which are of frequent concern to internet users. These have been made available through our national organisation and are listed below. If anybody would like any of them, which are all **FREE**, then please contact your coordinator.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Password Managers   | 5. Phishing                  | 9. Cookies Toolkit    |
| 2. Protect your Family | 6. Online Safety Tips        | 10. Instagram Privacy |
| 3. Social Engineering  | 7. Two Factor Authentication | 11. ios threats       |
| 4. Facebook data       | 8. Android Threats           |                       |

### **Text & Email Scam Warnings:**

#### **No.1 -**

Please be aware that Torridge District Council have received a number of reports from residents who have reported suspicious texts or emails, supposedly from Torridge DC, asking them to respond in order to claim the £150 energy rebate. This is a scam and Torridge DC will not be contacting anybody by text for this scheme. Please do not click on any links, give any of your personal details or reply to the text. If you have any elderly or vulnerable relatives who may be duped by this type of message, please make sure they are not taken in by it.

#### **No.2 -**

In April, Action Fraud received 196 reports about FAKE emails purporting to raise money for those effected by the crisis in Ukraine. If you are considering donating to this very worthwhile cause please make sure that it is through an established collections agency.



## WHAT'S ON .....

### HATS Theatre, Holsworthy

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

"We have no productions planned now until **16th to 28th January 2023** when we will be staging our **Pantomime Hansel and Gretel**. They are reading the panto now prior to casting and then going into full rehearsals. If anyone would like to come along and be involved in the production we'd be delighted to see you. Rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday nights at the theatre starting at 7.30pm. We are always looking for help with building/painting scenery, helping in the wardrobe department - you don't have to be an expert as all skills are welcome. The lighting and sound department is also looking for people to help out here too. If anyone is interested please just give me a call 01409 254757 or 07799 208057 or send an email to [nettjdennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nettjdennis@yahoo.co.uk)

We do have our AGM on Monday 19th September 7.30pm at the theatre - everyone is welcome to attend."

### The Plough, Torrington

Box Office: 01805 624624

[www.ploughartscentre.org.uk](http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk)

..a selection of events at The Plough, Torrington, unless indicated. For a full programme of all events in The Plough diary please go to the web-site. There are several events, workshops, etc., held at other venues in North Devon.

#### HIDDEN HISTORY TOURS

Bideford – start opp. The Library	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.30pm
Torrington – start at The Plough	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept @ 7.30pm; 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm

#### THEATRE

National Theatre Live via satellite:	
‘Much Ado About Nothing’	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7pm
‘Prima Facie’	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7pm; 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 4pm
‘The Seagull@ by Anton Chekhov in a version by Anya Reiss	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov @ 7pm
Stagedore Theatre presents Side by Side Sondheim	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.30pm; 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 4pm & 7.30pm
Icarus Theatre present @The Lesson@ by Eugene Ionesco	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.30pm
Up Close Theatre presents ‘ Breaking the Code – The Alan Turing Story’ by Hugh Whitmore	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm
Quirk Theatre presents Mary: The Pigeon Who Never Gave Up	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 10.30am & 1pm

#### WORKSHOPS

Plough Youth Theatre – Juniors	From 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept to 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec Saturdays 1pm – 3pm
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#### DANCE

Mi Flamenco present ‘Echoes’	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm
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#### FILMS

Fisherman’s Friend One & All	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 2pm & 7pm 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7pm 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 4pm & 7pm
Three Thousand Years of Longing	15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept @ 2pm & 7pm 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 4pm & 7pm 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept @ 7pm
The Father – special screening for World Alzheimer’s Day	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept @ 11am
The Railway Children Return	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7pm; 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 4pm & 7pm
Long Way Back	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 2pm & 7pm
Eric Ravilious Drawn to War	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 2pm & 7pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct @ 4pm & 7pm

#### MUSIC

Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept @ 8pm
Kiki Dee & Carmelo Liggeri The Long Road Home	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct @ 8pm
Ruby Turner	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 8pm
Vonda Shepherd	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 8pm
The Beach Boyz Tribute Band	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm
Barbara Dickson with Nick Holland and Support	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8pm

#### TALK

An Evening with Sir Geoffery Boycott	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm at Devon Hall, Bideford
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# SUDOKU

By KrazyDad

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Difficulty: Intermediate

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. Use logic and solve the puzzle without guesswork. For puzzle solving tips, and more puzzles, visit KrazyDad.com.

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## Regular Events

Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club - Parish Hall  
Photographic Society - Parish Hall  
Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall  
Chapel Sunday Worship  
Chapel Café Worship  
Trinity Church Holy Communion  
Trinity Church Morning Service  
Fitness Classes - Parish Hall  
Holsworthy Walk & Talk  
New Baby & Toddler Group - Methodist schoolroom

1st Wednesday every month 7.30pm  
2nd Wednesday every month 7.30pm  
3rd Wednesday every month  
2nd Sunday every month 11 am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month 11 am  
2nd Sunday every month 11.30am  
4th Sunday every month 10am  
Every Tuesday 7pm  
Every Monday & Friday 10.30am.  
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## Bradworthy Primary Academy Term

### Dates:

Autumn Term (1)	Tuesday 6th September – Friday 21st October
Half Term	Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October
Autumn Term (2)	Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 19th December – Friday 6th January 2023
Winter Term 2023	Monday 9th January – Friday 10th February



## THE NEWSLETTER GROUP and GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Newsletter Group has reviewed the guidance on how we should comply with the new requirements which came into force in May 2018. We have compiled 3 documents:

- Milton Damerel Newsletter GDPR Statement Privacy Notice
- Milton Damerel Newsletter Data Protection Policy
- Milton Damerel Newsletter Data Protection Procedures

Which set out the data we collect about individuals and organisations, our policy in collecting data, and the procedures we follow to protect the data we hold. All of these documents are available on request.

In summary we hold personal data as openly published in the Newsletter and for the purposes of administration in liaising with our advertisers and subscribers to the Newsletter. Regular readers will note the level of detail included on Page 4, about celebratory occasions and residential 'comings and goings', has been amended to comply with our data protection statements, and most importantly to achieve good protection of personal data, minimising the risk of inappropriate use of the data.

If there any concerns about the data we hold or publish please contact any member of the Group to request changes to the data. Group members and contact information is listed below.

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