

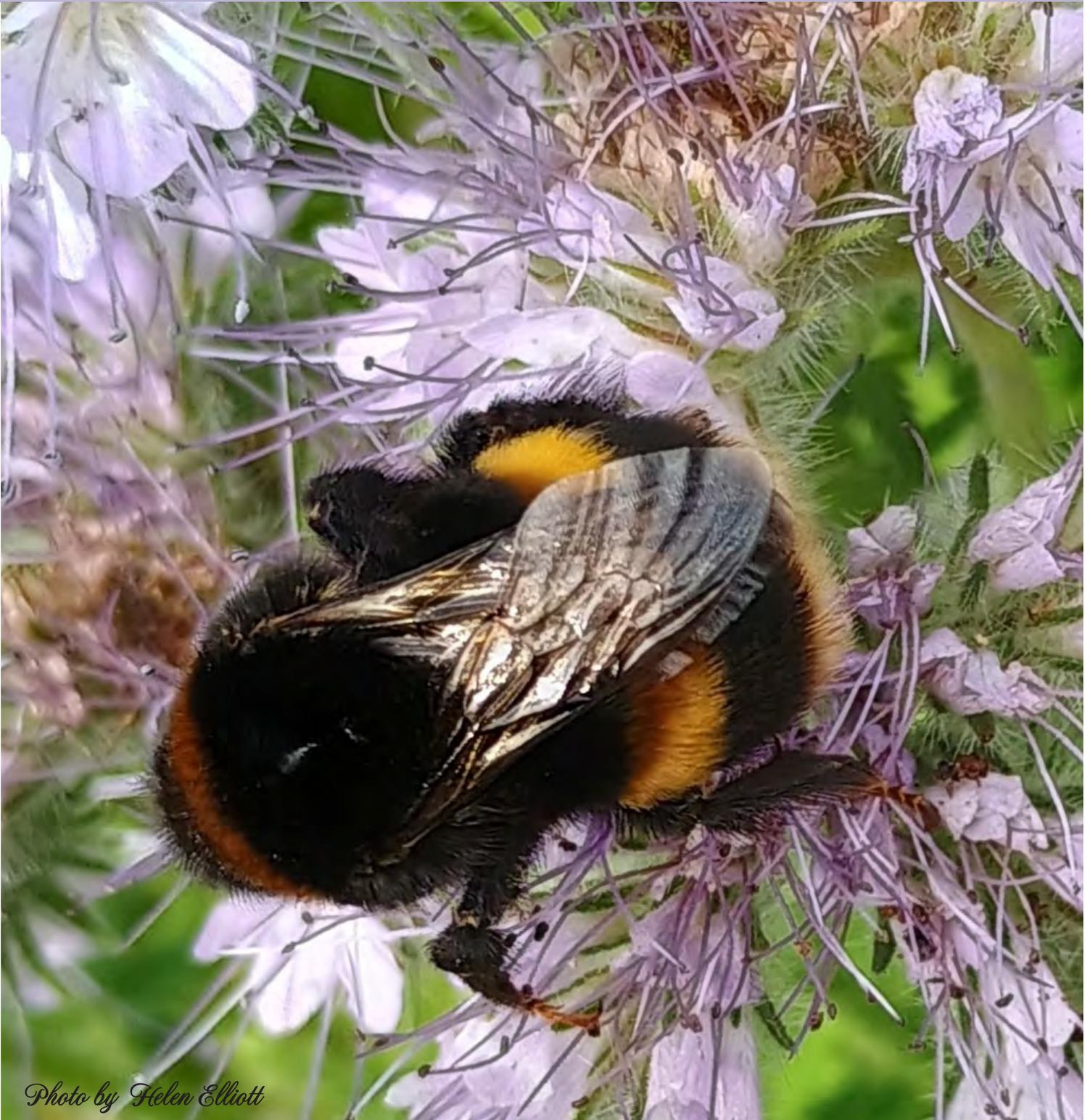
---

# MILTON DAMEREL PARISH NEWSLETTER

---

Spring 2026

102nd Edition



*Photo by Helen Elliott*

**Spring Weeding**

by **Elsbeth MacDonald, Rosemoor Horticulturalist**

As we begin the busy season of sowing seeds for a summer flourish, it's also important to do a little weeding in the garden itself. One of the real joys of weeding as the weather warms up is spotting seedlings you can selectively remove and others you might choose to leave because they're plants you actually want.

Although many gardens rely on fresh seed and new plants each year, once you get down close and really look, you'll often notice that plants from previous seasons have already done some of the work for you. Those foxgloves you planted last year, for example, will likely have dropped plenty of seed, and you'll find young plants

emerging on their own. They may not come true to the parent plant, but it's best to see this as a way of broadening the diversity of your garden.

Some of the gardens at Rosemoor take advantage of this natural process. The poppies in the shrub rose garden, originally planted as *Papaver somniferum* 'Laurens Grape', have been self-seeding ever since. The same is true of *Verbena bonariensis* in the hot garden a habit we use to our advantage.

In my own garden at home, I've had sweet peas, cosmos, antirrhinums, dill, parsley, and many other plants appear from seed dropped in previous years. The key is being able to identify what's coming up. The first step is learning what you don't want. *Cardamine hirsute* hairy bittercress for example, produces two oval seed leaves before developing foliage that closely resembles the mature plant. Be aware, though, some seedlings can look deceptively similar. A good example is *Polemonium caeruleum* Jacob's ladder, which can resemble hairy bittercress when young. This is where learning to recognise seedlings and young plants really pays off.



©RHS / Mark Bolton *Verbena bonariensis*



©RHS / Mark Bolton Foxglove, *Digitalis x purpurea*, *Polemonium caeruleum* and Opium Poppy



©RHS / Mark Bolton *Polemonium caeruleum*, Jacob's ladder and *Papaver somniferum*, Opium Poppy

**The Market Café**

Open Tuesday – Friday 9.00am till 2.30 pm

**All-Day Breakfast – Sandwiches – Burgers  
Weekly Specials, or pop in for a Tea or Coffee  
Eat in or Take Away!**

**LJ & VH Harris**

Find us at Kivells, Holsworthy Livestock Market,  
New Market Road,, Devon, EX22 7FA

**The Market Café**

**On Tor**

**Mobile catering provided for your event !**

Contact Linda; 07800 865 295  
themarketcafeholsworthy@gmail.com

**G Haworth  
Painter & Decorator**

*Specialising in Quality Homes & Listed Buildings  
Traditional & Contemporary Decorative Finishes*

Milton Damerel

☎ 01409 261 301    📞 0790 33 66 926

@ galhaworth@gmail.com

# CONTENTS

<b>RHS Article</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Chapel News</b>	<b>6/7</b>
<b>Gardening Group</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Church News</b>	<b>8/9</b>
<b>Parish Hall</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<b>What's on</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Beacon Solar</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Evelyn's Walk's</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>MD 'A' Skittles13</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Holsworthy Walk and Talk</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Eating Out</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Over 60's</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Congratulations</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Regular Events</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>MDNL Finances</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Useful contacts</b>	<b>22</b>

Photo on front page supplied by Helen Elliott in reply to our front page photo competition. Helen has requested that £10 prize for the photo selected by the NL group is donated to charity.

## ***Centenary Photograph Competition win £10***

To celebrate newsletter editions reaching the hundreds, 102<sup>nd</sup> now, and continuing success of the newsletter there will be an opportunity to submit photographs for use on the front cover of the newsletter. Congratulations to Helen Elliott on this editions cover photograph.

Please send in your photographs which could be used as the front cover of future editions. Anything will be considered, something old or new just with a Milton Damerel or a seasonal theme. Anyone's photograph chosen and printed for the cover will be receive a prize of £10. The only restriction is it must be your photograph and by submitting it you give permission for it to be reproduced as the front cover of the Newsletter.

The next issue will be the Summer edition number 103 and we must receive any photographs by the end of April. Please send to [mdnlad@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdnlad@hotmail.co.uk)

**Councillors:**

Stephen Moyse (Chairperson) 07966 671543    Richard Piper (Vice Chairperson) 01409 261114  
Jim Richardson 07866 406977    Gareth Piper    07966 558385  
Teresa Walters 01409 261871    Peter Bromley 01409 261838  
Edgar Pett 01409 261277    Jane Elliott (Clerk) 07773 679559

**October 2025**

County Councillor Lynne Rowsell described how the proposal for a large solar farm at Holsworthy has been occupying a great deal of her time. The site includes 17 farms and is over 2,750 acres in size. It is estimated to be twice the size of Barnstaple covering land from Chilsworthy, West Putford, Holsworthy Beacon, and Bulkworthy. Cllr Rowsell identified some of the issues that were raising concerns, including the import of materials, the loss of prime farmland and the increased traffic and disruption to residents. The possibility of increased food imports and food shortages as a result of the loss of farmland is a concern to the CPRE (Council for Protection of Rural England). The solar panels could be added to existing buildings or car parks, but there is a financial gain for the government in using farmland. A public meeting on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October will take place in Holsworthy with MP G Cox in attendance. A discussion followed regarding the plans with Cllr S Moyse asking if anything can be done, Cllr. P. Bromley requested when this proposal may go to planning and Cllr. G. Piper asking for clarity regarding the size of existing solar sites in Devon.

This item was discussed again in matters arising The discussion of the proposed solar farm continued with Cllr E. Pett declaring he had been involved in farming since the age of 9 and was concerned about the potential loss of good quality, fertile land for food production. Cllrs. S. Moyse and Cllr. R. Piper had attended a meeting with Keith Hutchings from Thornbury PC, Mike Smale from Bradford/Cookbury PC and members of Holsworthy Hamlets which involved the 5 parish councils that will be affected by the solar development. Cllr. S. Moyse asked permission of the council to attend further meetings as part of a coalition to enable information to be shared across the Holsworthy Parishes that are affected; this was agreed. This led into a discussion about whether there was any opposition to the plans. It was remarked that no members of the public had come to the meeting tonight to express any opinion for or against the solar farm. Cllr. E. Pett suggested members of the public should be encouraged to attend the Parish Council meetings if they want to express an opinion and Cllr. P. Bromley suggested a piece for the Parish Newsletter to encourage people to air their opinions; he asked to see a visual depiction of what area was affected and Cllr. G. Piper indicated the area on the wall map. This led to Cllr. P. Bromley suggested that the Parish Councils involved could investigate how other local councils in England have responded to such huge developments and whether there were strategies that had helped to oppose such plans. The discussion continued with the conclusion that this matter will be current for some considerable time and that the current government dictates the decisions making process. It was agreed that Cllr. L. Rowsell will receive any representations that the public wish to send by email and that anyone who is available should attend the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October in Holsworthy.

**November 2025**

The large number of public representatives present contributed to a discussion about the recent meeting with Beacon Solar at Holsworthy on 31 October 2025. Some representatives of Stop Beacon Solar and the Campaign for the protection of Rural England asked for the Solar farm to remain on the Parish Council Agenda under Item 7 Matters Arising while the topic is current. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr S Moyse explained that the parish council can allow the public a voice, but has limited influence and will only be consulted if this proposal reaches the planning stage. A further discussion followed, with the resolution to add a separate General Public Meeting in 2026 to give notice to enable representatives from both sides of the proposed solar farm to share facts, date to be confirmed. Cllr S Moyse offered congratulations to Cllr N Kenneally on his recent election to TDC and read a short update from Cllr K James. Councillor K James sent an email update of the LG the recommendation is still a 4:5:1 model with Torridge, Mid Devon, North Devon, East Devon and Exeter but ultimately the government will make the final decision. Cllr N Kenneally introduced himself and described his roles on the working party for the Beacon Solar project and the planning committee. His update included a further summary of the Devon unitary councils which will be proposed at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November. He explained that a recent consultation for 270 new homes at Stanbury Wharf had only 40% affordable dwellings. Cllr S Moyse asked whether S106 money could fund more dentists, healthcare and education.

Annual Parish Grants were awarded to Holy Trinity Church £150, Village Hall £100, Citizens Advice £50.

A letter was read from a concerned resident regarding speeding on the A388. The parish council advised a letter to Highways as the best course of action.

**December 2025**

Only 3 members of the parish council were present so the meeting was short, with most items deferred to 2026 to allow absent councillors to contribute .

Cllr N Kenneally TDC gave a brief update of the £7.3 million levelling up fund which includes the Agri centre at Holsworthy which it is hoped will produce high end tractors/machinery in an area dominated by low value industries. Stop Beacon Solar is an action group set up because of proposals for a 2,700-acre solar farm. They are talking to people in the parishes to assess opinions; the plans have not yet been submitted. The LGR decision regarding Devon County Council, is due in March 2026 and a shadow authority will start in August 2027. 85% of the current county budget goes on adult and children's services. There is a Locality budget and community organisations in Milton Damerel can apply for grants of iro £150 by contacting Vicki Feather at Torridge District Council.

January 2026

The laybys at Comfort Cottage, Chapman's Green have both been used as an area to dump rubbish. Some of this has been cleared by David Wyatt, but there are heavy items which will be reported to TDC Environmental Services. Cllr K James stated that TDC are planning to double fines for littering. A request was made to consider the installation of a speed warning sign or signs at problem locations on the A388. Cllr N Kenneally asked if there was a local speedwatch group. There was a short discussion about this matter and potential sources of funding for signs. Cllr N Kenneally Torrridge District Council gave a report of OSCAR the new operational site at East the Water, Bideford. This provides improved conditions for the staff of the waste team and came in at 5 million under budget. The Appledore Innovation Centre will encourage marine technology and off shore wind farms. Potholes have been filled on the road at Holsworthy Golf Club/Holsworthy Show site. The £650 Locality budget is still open for applications; community organisations in Milton Damerel can apply for grants by contacting Vicki Feather at Torrridge District Council. Cllr Kenneally has been added to the planning enforcement committee and has been able to assist a homeless resident Cllr Ken James Torrridge District Council has been travelling to Local Government Reorganisation meetings and the next stage consultation will consider the options put forward by the representatives of Devon County Council. Cllr James has been added to the solar panel committee. TDC will have no input in the Beacon Solar scheme, but will have input into what disruption may be caused. Their role is to safeguard the community in the areas involved in Holsworthy and Hartland. There is no definitive map of the proposal available yet. If it is approved TDC will receive business rates and will endeavour to get as much revenue as possible reinvested in the local community. The pipeline proposal to Morocco never happened despite millions being spent. It is a financially difficult time for councils with costs rocketing by 10% to 20%. The deficit at 2025/2026 stands at £400,000 and is estimated to be £3million by 2027/2028.

## Connectivity Forum

### Holsworthy Memorial Hall

10.00am Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The forum was hosted by The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Cox KC MP. Guest speakers, who also had trade stands, were from the following organisations: BT Open Reach, Airband, Building Digital UK, Wildanet and RadioFibre.

The event was well attended, with representatives of communities across Torrridge and Tavistock.

Each speaker gave a presentation regarding the roll out of fibre broadband by their own organisation. Slides from the various presentations are to be sent out to the forum participants at a later date. The choice/number of alternative network operators emphasises the complexity of connectivity in rural areas.

The organisations all emphasised the broadband successes they had achieved elsewhere, but direct questioning from the host and members of the audience established the fact is many areas in Torrridge and Tavistock are not considered economically worth connecting to fibre broadband.

There are many locations where coils of wire have been left at the top of telephone poles with no date anticipated for further work to take place. The Government expects 99% of the country to be connected by 2032.

Organisations present urged councils/residents to get in touch through their websites to see if they would be in an area likely to receive and upgrade to fibre, but the maps they displayed indicated that many rural areas were not included. The communities that are not listed were encouraged to make their own plans. The final speaker from a small local Devon based firm RadioFibre encouraged landowners to join as a community to dig their own trenches to lay the cables.

Milton Damerel was listed as "not announced" i.e. no date for the work

Sutcombe was not listed i.e. no broadband connection planned

There is a voucher scheme in operation where residents/communities can group together to buy in the broadband at a reduced cost. The scheme ends in August 2026; a large number of the public present had not heard of this.

Sir Geoffrey then opened the forum to the public. The following discussion raised further information about the gigabyte voucher scheme, where communities described how they have cooperated together and bought in their own services. There was strong criticism from one councillor of the OpenReach organisation for failing to respond to emails or phone calls regarding connections. Other questions raised the concern of the safety of elderly residents in isolated locations where copper wire phones are being replaced by digital services that rely on electricity. Some areas have no mobile signal and need to retain other methods of communication. One councillor expressed his frustration at having to use his local village hall for his business if he wanted to upload to the internet. Another councillor described how Elon Musk's Starlink is cheaper and more accessible than what is being offered.

The meeting continued for over 2 hours.

I left after the main questions had been asked. We were promised that more information and contact information for the organisations in attendance will be emailed out to all present in the next few weeks. Jane Elliott (Clerk)

## Chapel News – Mar 2026

### A Commentary for Easter Day reflecting on the Resurrection, as reported in St. John Chapter 20, verses 1 - 18

As Creator, God has rested on the seventh day after accomplishing his work. Now, as Saviour, God keeps the Sabbath after the accomplishment of his redeeming work. With the beginning of a new week comes the most amazing new life which is forever free of the threat of death. Now Jesus emerges triumphant over humanity's fall from grace. The blockade is down, just as the stone has been rolled away, so that the way is now clear for us to children of our heavenly Father, loving and beloved in a close relationship which death cannot destroy.

The very human, realistic accounts of Easter morning show us the lovable, varied characters and their predictable reactions to an unimaginably amazing event. We see Mary of Magdala, distressed at finding the physical body of Jesus missing; the petrified guards; the younger John racing ahead, but losing his nerve; the elderly Peter, puffing up behind and impetuously running straight into the tomb. We, too, all react differently and will have different experiences of the resurrection in our own lives.

The important thing is that they all suddenly realised what Jesus had meant about rising from the dead. It was not to be an other-worldly rising from which they were excluded: suddenly they understood that he meant real life – fulfilled, accomplished, physical and spiritual – a total existence. Not only had Jesus become man: he had also brought humanity into the very essence of the Godhead.

*'The Word of the Lord' Notes on the ASB Sunday Readings by Susan Sayers Copyright Kevin Mayhew Ltd.*

### Services at Milton Damerel Methodist Church from March to May 2026

<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Mrs Linda Davis</b>
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Café Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Day ...see below</b>
<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Revd Lynne Burgon Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Café Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Mr Paul Bate</b>
<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Café Worship</b>

Our 2 services per month, normally held in the Schoolroom at 11am, are inclusive of all ages from the youngest to the eldest. In December the services are switched for Christmas arrangements, but normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday service is led by one of our Ministers or Lay Preacher, and an activities table for children is provided. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday service is in Café Worship style and is inclusive of activities, crafts, songs, readings, etc., for all to contribute and join in. Please come along to any of our services – a warm welcome to you. Tea & Coffee served during Café Worship and following All-Age Worship.

**Easter Day** – Please look out for posters or on Milton Damerel Community Facebook for details of an early morning (from 9.30am) celebration for Easter Day in the Schoolroom incorporating activities for all ages and an Easter egg hunt, planning to end in time for people to attend Easter morning services elsewhere at 11am. Come and celebrate with us!

### Dates of Services at Lake Methodist Church (Shebbear)

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, the churches within the Shebbear Church Council, are meeting for morning worship together – **all at 10.30am and at Lake Methodist Church**. Normally these are United Services with members of St Michael's Parish Church, Shebbear.

<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Preacher: Revd Paul Booth Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Preacher: Mr Paul Bate</b>
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Preacher: Revd Paul Booth Holy Communion</b>

### Flower Plan

**8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Margaret Fishleigh

**12<sup>th</sup> Apr 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Phyllis Piper

**May 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sheila Daniel Ann Poole

**At Home Worship - Circuit offers Zoom services and Live Stream of Buckland Brewer's services.**

**Zoom @ 6.30pm – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Elsie Potter**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Revd Andrew Vidamour**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May Deacon Debs Marsh**

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'.

**Live Stream** – Buckland Brewer continue to Live Stream Services on the **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church You-Tube Channel** on **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in March, April & May**

**Christmas Carol Service** – it was a great joy to have such a good attendance for the Carol Service. Donations were received for Action for Children, previously National Children's Home, and £200 was forwarded, for which grateful thanks have been received.

**Valentine & Pancake Café Worship** – On 15<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated Valentine's Day and anticipated Shrove Tuesday with freshly baked pancakes. Ruth Jones, Holsworthy College Christian Youth Worker, came along with activities, based around Love, teaching us how to make hearts using origami techniques, and how we express love by following the lessons we learn from the parable of the Good Samaritan. Ladies in the kitchen produced a stream of pancakes for everyone, including several 'seconds' – they were much commented on about how good they were! Thank you to everyone for their help and to everyone who came along – it was a pleasure to have so many join in..

**Deacon Debbie Marsh** – We are delighted to be welcoming an additional presbyter in our Methodist Circuit. Deacon Debbie joins us from 1<sup>st</sup> March, and on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March there is a Welcome Service for her and her husband, Ian, at Torrington Methodist Church at 3pm followed by a bring and share tea. Everyone is welcome to join in this occasion. You may recognise her name, Deacon Debbie has been serving in the Bude & Holsworthy Methodist Circuit for the last 10 years and has been based in Bude, where she has encouraged several initiatives in the life of their church and in the town of Bude.

**BIBLE STUDY – 10.30am in the Schoolroom at Milton Damerel Chapel**, This is an Ecumenical 'venture' and a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us. We meet monthly and continue using "Worship – His Love Endures For Ever" by Sundee Tucker Frazier from the Lifeguide Bible Studies series. Please contact David & Janet Fisher (Tel: 07858506973) or Grace Millman (Tel: 01409261251) for further information.

**Torrige Methodist Circuit Newsletter** - If you would like to receive this monthly Newsletter please let us know. It includes diary details, the preaching plan for all the chapels in the Circuit, information on weekly Bible Study groups, other study events, and news from the Methodist Church. 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. Finally, there is also a private Facebook Group, where we share thoughts, prayers and other material – this is Torrige Methodist Circuit Group – if you wish to join please go to this Facebook page and use the Join button.

**CONTACTS** – *For further information or help please contact: Our Lay Minister: Frank Watson (Tel: 07446157329) Our steward: Jeremy Sharp (Tel: 261548), Property Steward: vacant; Secretary: vacant.*

## **THE GARDENER'S GROUP**

Our Members are still 17 and we still correspond using Whatsapp. 2 members receive emails. We all seem to have been hibernating these last few months and not getting out into the garden. Peter and Jill Bromley invited us to view their garden, with an evening buffet thrown in, late summer. The weather was good and the evening was very enjoyable. They also invited members of the group to their home for a Christmas get-together. Mel and I (Lesley) did view the gardens in Chilsworthy on their open Sunday last year. It rained a lot of the time but the gardens were very varied and interesting.

We will have a group get-together in the better weather and maybe a garden visit. We may have a Plant Sale at one of the Parish Halls Community Cafes.

Our main event this year, hopefully, will be putting on the Flower and Produced Show in August. So you gardeners out there, please start getting your seeds planted. We would like lots of entries.

As said, hopefully we will continue to host the Show in future years, but help in putting it on is always required.

Melanie Richardson 261 353  
Lesley Self 261 294

# Holy Trinity Church

## Not Dead Yet

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here; he has risen."* **Luke 24:5-6**

Easter begins with a question that sounds suspiciously like a raised eyebrow. The angels at the tomb do not whisper or tiptoe around the moment. They ask, quite plainly, why anyone would look for life in a place set aside for death. It is not an unkind question, but it is a mischievous one. As if to say, *you've rather misjudged what's going on here.*

That question has a habit of echoing far beyond the empty tomb.

We live in an age that is very fond of declaring things finished. Communities are finished. Faith is finished. Tradition is finished. Meaning is finished. People, we are told, have moved on. And yet, rather inconveniently, life keeps refusing to behave itself. People still gather. They still care. They still mark moments that matter. They still show up for one another, often without announcing it or making a fuss.

Reports of death, it turns out, are frequently exaggerated.

Across our communities, in Milton Damerel, Abbots Bickington, and everywhere in between, life has a stubborn habit of continuing. Not in grand statements or dramatic gestures, but in small, human ways. In checking on a neighbour. In turning up to support something because it feels important. In conversations that wander into unexpected depth when no one was planning anything particularly meaningful.

People may not always describe what they are doing as spiritual, religious, or even intentional. They are simply being human. And Easter, rather cheekily, insists that this is precisely where God likes to be at work.

The resurrection does not arrive as a tidy conclusion. It arrives as an interruption. Just when everyone thinks they know how the story ends, life slips out the back door and refuses to stay put. The tomb is empty not because everything is resolved, but because God has a habit of exceeding expectations and ignoring neat endings.

That matters, because many people today are quietly tired of being told what no longer matters. Tired of narratives that insist something essential has gone missing. The lived experience of community suggests otherwise. People still look for connection. Still long for meaning. Still carry questions that refuse to be silenced. They still gather around joy and grief, birth and death, celebration and loss. Life, in all its stubborn complexity, keeps turning up.

Easter does not scold that instinct. It affirms it. The angels do not say, "You should know better." They simply redirect attention. *You're looking in the wrong place.* Life isn't where you thought it was. It has moved. It is doing something new, something unexpected, something quietly revolutionary.

And perhaps that is the mischievous heart of Easter hope. Not that everything suddenly becomes easy or obvious, but that life proves far harder to extinguish than we imagine. Hope keeps resurfacing. Meaning keeps knocking. God keeps meeting people not where they are told He ought to be, but where they actually are.

This is not optimism. It is realism of a deeper sort. Easter does not deny loss, uncertainty, or weariness. It simply refuses to let them have the final word. Resurrection is God's gentle, persistent reminder that life is not finished yet, not in the world, not in our communities, and certainly not in the ordinary, messy, beautiful business of being human together.

So this Easter, we might allow ourselves a smile. Not because everything is perfect, but because life keeps surprising us. Because community keeps forming. Because care keeps happening. Because questions keep being asked. Because, despite regular announcements to the contrary, something essential is very much alive.

Why do we look for the living among the dead? Easter's answer is quietly amused and wonderfully hopeful: *you're looking in the wrong place.* Life is already on the move.

And into that movement comes an invitation from Jesus himself, not shouted, not forced, but spoken with the same calm confidence that marks the resurrection. *"Come and see."* Come and see what life looks like when love has the final word. Come and see where hope is turning up now. Come and see and walk the next part of the story together.

Blessings

Revd Mark James, Rector of Bradworthy Benefice

Tel: 01409 251015

[The New Rectory, St Peterswell Lane, Bradworthy, Devon, EX227TG](#)



## The Friends of Holy Trinity Church

Friends of Holy Trinity would like to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in December. We had a wonderful display of trees provided by individuals local organisations and businesses. Over the two afternoons almost 60 people attended to cast their votes for the tree they most liked and nearly £300 in donations was raised towards the church restoration fund. We would like to make this year's event even bigger and better, with more entries. This year's event will take place in early December, so plenty of time for you to come up with some innovative and creative entries.



1<sup>st</sup> Lizzy EGGcellent Christmas



2<sup>nd</sup> Leah Let it Snow



3<sup>rd</sup> Lesley Willow Rolls

Thank you to those who completed *Friends Group* membership forms that were distributed with the December newsletter. It is not too late to complete a membership form to become a *Friend of Holy Trinity Church*. I know there are members of the community who support the Church without wishing to attend services but have a desire to help secure the future of this historic Church. Membership forms are also useful to show community support when applying for grant funding. Forms are available in the Church

The most urgent restoration project is the ROOF which is in a seriously poor condition.

We are pleased to announce our conservation architect, Jeremy Chadburn has agreed to give an **Illustrated Presentation & Talk** to explain what is wrong with the roof, what we need to do and the catastrophic consequences that would result from doing nothing. I am sure no one would want Milton Damerel to be left with a roofless ruin of a Church. Members of the community are invited to attend to learn the scale of the problem. The event will start promptly at 2.30pm on Saturday 18 April in Church. A raffle will be held and Cream Tea refreshments served after the talk.



On Thursday 12 March, 2.00pm to 5.00pm, there will be a Church Spring Cleaning afternoon. If you would like to support the church by helping to polish the pews and clean the floors all volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be provided.

Roberta Jackson, Chairperson, Friends of Holy Trinity Church

### Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Milton Damerel



## ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION & TALK

Members of the community are invited to attend, to hear our Conservation Architect Jeremy Chadburn explain what is wrong with the Church Roof, what we need to do and the catastrophic consequences that would result from doing nothing.

## SATURDAY 18 APRIL

starting promptly at **2.30PM**

Followed by Cream Tea refreshments  
There will be a Raffle

All donations to the Church Restoration Fund

For enquires email: [friendsofholyltrinity.md@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholyltrinity.md@gmail.com)

### Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Milton Damerel

# CHURCH SPRING CLEANING AFTERNOON

Thursday 12 March 2pm to 5pm

Please come and help to  
polish the pews and  
clean the floors etc.  
Volunteers much appreciate

*Refreshments will be served*

Enquires Telephone Roberta: 01409 261196  
Or Email: [friendsofholyltrinity.md@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholyltrinity.md@gmail.com)



# Milton Damerel Parish Hall News

Some fun and free events were held at the hall to round off 2026. The Christmas Party was a great success and around 50 people enjoyed some unusual party games courtesy of Hayley and David, we had some carol singing and even some dancing.

The old year was seen off with a celebration evening, more fun and games, David doing his best compere and D.J act, we had dancing, singing and even a conga. We finished the night with a celebratory glass of bubbly, fireworks and, of course, Auld Langs Syne.

A collection at these two events raised £100 for Devon Air Ambulance. The November Community Cafe raised £66

for the Poppy Appeal. So, a big thankyou to all who donated.

Currently the Hall is looking a little unloved from the outside and so we have planned a "Spruce Up Day" on 29<sup>th</sup> March. This is your hall, so any hour or two you can spare would be greatly appreciated, the committee cannot do it all and tradesmen cost! We have had a donation of some exterior paint and so weather permitting we will be able to use this. Also, general tidying up outside and inside so brings any tools you think may be useful and wear your work clothes! There will be free hot drinks, refreshments and Cake! Surely it will have stopped raining by then?!

We have been forward planning events for the next few months, and these are on the events list. Including several Bingo sessions, Annual Plant Sale, Breakfasts and regular cafe. We hope to make improvements to the skittle alley this year to make it a more versatile space. We will be applying for grant funding for this project, but this will need to be match funded so on 9th May we are holding a skittles tournament to raise money towards this. There will be a bar and refreshments. More details to be announced later.

And finally on 27<sup>th</sup> June we are having another Summer Barbeque and Games so "Save The Day" and watch for more details nearer the date.

Thanks for your support, from all on the Committee

**Can you lend a helping hand?**

# HALL SPRUCE UP DAY!

at MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL

## Sunday 29th March

**Can you spare an hour or more?**

Inside and outside jobs (weather permitting)

Join us anytime from 10.00am onwards to give your hall some T.L.C.

**I ♥ MD** FREE Cake, hot drinks and refreshments

See facebook for more details




## MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL

# Upcoming Events 2026

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH	COMMUNITY CAFE
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH	BIG BREAKFAST FOR BEACON SOLAR
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH	SPRUCE UP THE HALL DAY!
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL	COMMUNITY CAFE
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL	EASTER BINGO
SATURDAY 2ND MAY	COMMUNITY CAFE & PLANT SALE
SATURDAY 9TH MAY	SKITTLES TOURNAMENT OPEN TO ALL
SATURDAY 6TH JUNE	COMMUNITY CAFE
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE	SUMMER BBQ & GAMES

# Christmas and New Year Fun and Games at the Parish Hall



## Beacon Solar Update

It has recently been announced that "Following collection of technical and environmental data" the project is undergoing further assessment in term of layout, scale and detailed design. Currently there is a pause in the consultation process and the status of NSIP (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project) has been withdrawn\_\_ for the moment.

A conversation with Sir Geoffrey Cox indicated that this is quite a common procedure. Therefore, it has been decided to start with some fundraising events to fight this plan. Starting with a Big Breakfast in the hall on 28<sup>th</sup> March then followed by a Barn Dance on 18<sup>th</sup> April at Bradford and Cookbury Hall. In the event that the project gets completely withdrawn then any funds raised will be split between CPRE and local charities.

Keep a watch on Stop Beacon Solar on Facebook for more event information and posters etc.

## WHAT'S ON .....

Arts & Entertainment in our area

HATS Theatre, Holsworthy

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

HATS is an amateur theatrical society in Holsworthy, having their own 250-seat theatre and produce plays and pantomines for the local community. Also the theatre is a venue for other entertainment.

**A Bunch of Amateurs (A comedy)**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Doors Open from 7pm for 7.30pm performance

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

## Spelling Confusion

In this little verse,  
A nice, young nurse  
Followed a hearse,  
But lost her purse.

To make matters worse,  
She became very terse,  
And began to curse.  
A sad little nurse.

Why, oh why is English so perverse?  
When words that rhyme as we converse,  
Have various spellings - quite diverse!

## GRASCOTT FIREWOOD

tel. no. 01409 281393  
email: [info@grascottfirewood.co.uk](mailto:info@grascottfirewood.co.uk)  
website: [www.grascottfirewood.co.uk](http://www.grascottfirewood.co.uk)

Loose Logs • Nets • Kindling • Kiln Dried  
Local & Sustainable



## Evelyn's Walk (8/12/25)

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we met in Bradworthy Square. Coincidentally, the weather was rather like last year in that on Sunday it was decidedly glum & probably kept a lot of people indoors. There were undoubtedly a lot of Christmas cards written & decorations put up. Thankfully, the wind & rain abated on the Monday & encouraged us to enjoy some fresh air & good company. We turned left out of The Square & followed the lane that took us past H.J. Wicketts & the school. At the bottom of the hill we noted that the River Waldon was flowing fast & I was impressed that one of the group remembered its name. Last year nobody could remember, not even me! We continued up the hill through the avenue of trees & admired the views to the left. We turned right into the entrance for Berridon Farm following the footpath signs. Historically, the original route went right past the buildings but in recent years a diversion was put in place which is well-marked with a couple of lumps of granite acting as way-markers. They were probably originally gate posts. We went across a paddock which is sometimes grazed by donkeys & through a couple of self-closing galvanised gates. No stiles! We turned right & picked our way across a couple of fields which were a bit squelchy but not bad given the amount of rain we have had in December. According to Spotlight News the other night, we have had a month's worth of rain in the first nine days of December! When we reached the lane, we turned right & then right again which brought us back to The Square. It's a nice circular route of approx. 2.3 miles & took us about 1.5 hours.



This was the last walk for the year & there isn't one planned for January. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their company over the last twelve months. I must also thank the land owners who very kindly give us permission to park on their land. This enables us to walk routes that would otherwise be awkward to access due to a lack of suitable parking. I am very grateful to the P3 volunteers who are usually associated with the Parish Councils as they check our local PROWs for accessibility & report back to DCC if there are any problems.

## Evelyn's Walk

Confirming that there wasn't a walk in January so the next one will be the first one of 2025. We will set off at 10am from Devon Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve (Dunsdon Nature Reserve) in Pancrasweek on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. You are very welcome to contact me if you need directions or would like any information about the route. I'll look forward to walking with anyone who would like to join me on any of the walks that I have planned for this year. They are on the second Monday of the month starting at 10am. The meeting points are announced in the Parish magazine each month

## Evelyn's Walk (9/2/26)

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, we met at Devon Wildlife Trust's Nature Reserve at Dunsdon in Pancrasweek. It isn't the easiest place to find & it was a bit soft underfoot after all the rain that we have had so well done to everybody who found the car park & for not getting stuck. We set off promptly as we normally do but with the weather forecast very much in mind, threatening more rain at midday. We didn't venture through the actual Nature Reserve but walked back to the entrance of the car park & turned right along the lane. It was very grey & overcast so we couldn't enjoy the far reaching views of Bodmin. However, we could still admire St. Pancras Church in the distance. Whether you love or hate wind turbines, the one at Thorne Farm was equally as visible & we



have to remind ourselves that it generates lots of money for various community groups in the parishes of Pancrasweek, Pyworthy & Holsworthy Hamlets through Devon Community Foundation. At the point where the lane beared left at Lishaperhill Cross, we turned right & then joined the footpath on the right. This is a lovely level walk along the Bude Aqueduct, the feeder arm of the Bude Canal. We were effectively walking inland towards Lower Tamar Lake but only walked as far as Puckland Farm. It was a bit sticky underfoot but not really muddy which is amazing given how much rain we have had. Credit must go to the volunteers associated with the Bude Canal Trust who do their utmost to keep the route accessible. When we reached the gate at Puckland, we rejoined the lane & turned right. By turning right at the T-junction & right again at Dunsdon Cross, we completed a very nice circular walk of approx. 3.5 miles. Given how mild it has been, we were surprised not to have seen more spring flowers though we did see a few Snowdrops, a Primrose & a Camelia was in bloom. The weather forecast was pretty accurate as it started to rain just as we returned to our cars. Great timing!

The next walk will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We'll be setting off from Thornbury Holiday Park in Woodacott, EX22 7BT at 10am. Everyone is most welcome to join me. If you would like more information, my contact details are –

Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: [evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com](mailto:evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com)

## Skittles - Milton Damerel 'A' top of league, at Half Way Mark.

THE first half of the seasons in both divisions of the Holsworthy and District Skittle League were completed in December.

Division One champions Milton Damerel A have a five-point lead with several teams competing for second position, including Bradford A who have two games in-hand. Clawton B are four points ahead of Launcells B, in Division Two with all first half fixtures completed.

The Divisional Cup Finals took place on Tuesday, November 11.

The Launcells Trophy for Division one was played at Launcells Village Hall with Kilkhampton seeing off Halwill in the final.

The Sandercock Cup was held at Pyworthy Village Hall where Morwenstow edged out Launcells.



## Holsworthy Walk and Talk

At this time of the year we are grateful to have a choice of forestry tracks and well-maintained paths such as Tamar Lake and Roadford Lake as many of the walks which involve fields tend to be very wet and muddy. However, having checked out Holsworthy Woods and Witherdon Woods we found that forestry works are being carried out at both locations. Our Level 2 group did walk a section of Holsworthy Woods which was not being cleared although the main track was quite muddy caused by large machinery. We will need to change some of the scheduled walks due to these works so, if in doubt, please check our website for up to date changes or contact the designated Walk Leader for a particular day.



Early January saw our level 3 group visiting Milton Damerel, which we usually reserve for the drier summer months when there is less mud about. Despite the forecast of heavy showers we were blessed with sunshine and had an enjoyable walk across cattle free fields and tracks around the Parish with a brief history talk about Milton Mill and a look inside the old church, which boasts a fine plaster royal coat of arms from the time of Charles the Second (1664).

Speaking of mud, quite a lot of it was found at Highampton during the recce ahead of the walk. We therefore let everyone know that wellies would be the required footwear for the day. A total of 23 suitably clad walkers were rewarded with a beautiful sunny morning.

The first scheduled Walk in the Park of the year was cancelled due to icy conditions, so it was really good to get together again once ground conditions improved. The Youth Centre and Devon Mind were very welcoming as always and we had a good turnout despite the rain. Amongst the jollity of Christmas some can find it a difficult time of year so the opportunity for socialising, fresh air and exercise can be very important for overall well-being.

Following on from our Group becoming an independent organisation a few of years ago, one of our new Walk Leaders, Sue, has designed and printed new Walk Leader tabards complete with our logo, photos and our individual names, so that we can be easily identified.

If you would like to join us on any of our walks to visit local places, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of walking our current programme of walks is available. Walks start at 10.30 and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders 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.

Contacts:  
[holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com)

<https://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk>  
Gillian Aston 07584677784

- Class 4 & 7 MOT Test Centre
- All Makes Car and Light Commercial Repair and Servicing
- FIAT Authorised Service Agent
- Petrol Forecourt INC LPG, Off Licence and Shop



# W. Sanders & Sons Ltd

Family-run for Over 100 Years

**Tel: 01409 261212**

For any further information, please ask for  
Rex or Denyse (Workshop) | Penny or Sue (Petrol Forecourt)



Horrelsford Garage, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy EX22 7NU, United Kingdom

# Blackberry Farm Shop

Award Winning

Tel - 01409 261440

Sat Nav - EX22 7NP

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

Open 7 Days

Free Entry

Dogs Welcome

## Café

## Tea Garden

## Plants

## Farm Animals

Real Food from a Real Farm Shop



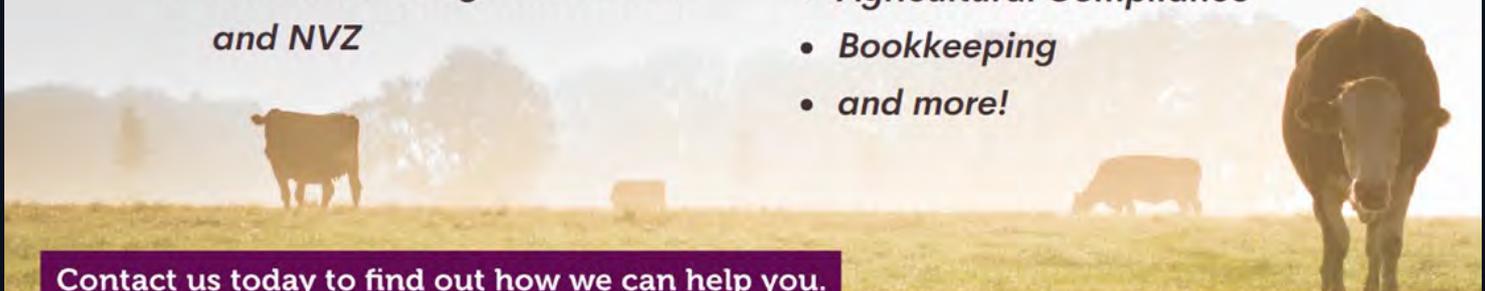


# Farm Business Services

Supporting your rural business

RSJ Farm Business Services can provide a complete solution to all your farm business and administration needs.

- *Business Planning and Financial Forecasting*
- *Grant Funding and Stewardship*
- *Nutrient Management Plans and NVZ*
- *Soil Management Plans and Soil Testing*
- *Hedgerow Assessments*
- *Farm Audit Preparation*
- *Agricultural Compliance*
- *Bookkeeping*
- *and more!*



Contact us today to find out how we can help you.



01409 261 218



info@rsj.farm



www.rsj.farm



@rsj.farm



## RUBY HERITAGE

Traditional Building & Renovations

Lime Rendering & Plastering

Cob & Stone Repairs

Painting & Decorating

Limecrete Floor Systems

Contact Craig on:

07368 579466

rubyheritage@hotmail.com

Based in North Devon

# Wades

OF BRADWORTHY

Furniture Beds

The Square, Bradworthy,  
Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 7TD

Tel: 01409 241228

Email:

[wadesofbradworthy@btconnect.com](mailto:wadesofbradworthy@btconnect.com)

Web:

[www.wadesofbradworthy.com](http://www.wadesofbradworthy.com)

# **Kivells Estate Agents & Auctioneers** **Thinking of selling your property?**

- ✓ **Local** experienced team
- ✓ **Established** auctioneers & estate agency sales
- ✓ **Free** market appraisal for sale
- ✓ Your first point of call for **professional** advice

Contact the Holsworthy team today for your  
**FREE** market appraisal:



**Daniel Stokes MNAEA**  
Director



**Mark Kivell**  
Office Manager



**Jack Alford**  
Valuer



**William Braunton**  
Sales Negotiator



**Enya Garrett**  
Property Secretary



**01409 253 888**  
**holsworthy@kivells.com**  
Kivells Property Suite, Market Square,  
New Market Road, Holsworthy EX22 7FA

Formerly Martin & Co

**corner stores**

**IN STOCK NOW**

*We're in the corner of the square*

**NOW SELLING BEDS**

Visit our Bradworthy showroom to see our range of beds and mattresses.

**THE SQUARE  
BRADWORTH  
EX22 7TB**

01409 241 421 | sales@cornerstorescarpets.co.uk | cornerstorescarpets.co.uk

Formerly Martin & Co

**corner stores**

**IN STOCK NOW**

**CARPETS**

SUPPLIED & FITTED

**FLOORING**

*We're in the corner of the square*

**CARPETS • VINYL • WOOD • RUGS**

Visit our Bradworthy showroom to see our wide range of flooring.

**THE SQUARE  
BRADWORTH EX22 7TB**

01409 241 421 | sales@cornerstorescarpets.co.uk | cornerstorescarpets.co.uk

## Eating Out The Bratton Clovelly Inn

Unsurprisingly this is in Bratton Clovelly! Just head towards Okehampton and turn right at the radio mast and just keep going. On a clear day you will be rewarded with far reaching views towards Dartmoor and Brentor. As you enter the village the pub is on your left. If the car park is full then turn right and head up to the village hall carpark.

This is one of the loveliest traditional pubs we have visited. It still has plenty of character. Excellent traditional pub food is served daily from 12.00 - 2.30pm and 6.00 - 9.30pm. We have visited a couple of times and have been amazed at the extensive menu and very reasonable prices. Food is prepared fresh with seasonal vegetables with several main courses being under £15. We can recommend the lamb chump chop, beautifully tender, and huge, thankfully they are happy to give "doggy bags" if you cannot manage it all!

The atmosphere in this quintessential Devon pub is everything you could hope for including the log fires the staff who are so friendly and helpful. After a substantial meal the walk back up to the car park will help to work some of it off. If feeling extra energetic there are several walks from the village, or maybe do them before eating to work up an appetite!



**Hayley's Helping Hands**  
Holsworthy - Torrington

Home Help & Respite Care - Housekeeping  
Gardening - Decorating  
Admin & Online forms - Tidying & Organising  
House & Pet Sitting - Animal Care



**Hayley Garner**  
hayleyshelpinghands.com  
tel: 07515 770641  
email: hayley@hayleyshelpinghands.com

Qualified Care Worker  
Fully Insured - Enhanced DBS  
Over 30 Years experience working in  
Care, Education & Farming

**Please call or message me for a helping hand!**



**CBL STOVES**

The Showroom Unit 5,  
Red Post, Bude, Cornwall  
EX23 9NW  
01288 381852  
carl@cblstoves.co.uk  
www.cblstoves.co.uk



- \* Stainless Steel twinwall flues
- \* Chimney Lining
- \* Iskoern Pumice lining
- \* Fireplace alterations
- \* Stove installations
- \* Wood, Multifuel, Gas & Electric traditional and contemporary stoves and fires
- \* Chimney rebuilds
- \* Slate, granite and glass hearths
- \* Wood and ceramic beams and surrounds
- \* Floating shelves

Registered Heating Business 



### Local Co-ordinators:

**Strawberry Bank**  
**Gratton, Whitebear & Fore Street**  
**Venn Green**

**Edwina Hale**  
**Edgar Pett**  
**Mike Jackson**

**Tel: 261263**  
**Tel: 261277**  
**Tel: 261196**

**Bude Police Station is open 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Saturday**  
**Okehampton Police Station is open 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday**  
**Barnstaple Police Station is open 9.30 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday**

*The following article has been provided by the Devon & Cornwall Police who are concerned at the rising levels of cyber crime.*

#### FREE EXTRA SECURITY FOR YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNTS

When it comes to your home, we all know the routine: lock the front door, check the windows, leave a light on connected to a timer switch, and maybe set the alarm if you have one. We do it to protect our homes without a second thought. But are you doing the same for your online life? Passwords alone aren't as strong as they used to be. Cyber criminals can guess them, steal them, or buy them from data breaches. If they get your password, they could have the keys to your email, your financial accounts, your personal information, and your fondest memories.

The Solution: Turn on 2-Step Verification (2SV)

2-Step Verification (also called Two-Factor Authentication or 2FA) is like adding a second lock to your digital door. Even if criminals obtain your password, they still can't get in.

What is it?

2-Step Verification requires two different ways to prove it's really you:

Something you know – generally your password

Something you have – usually your mobile phone

Something you are – like your fingerprint or face

When you combine two of these methods, you get 2-Step Verification. This makes your online accounts much harder to break into.

How does it work?

Most online accounts now offer 2-Step Verification. Here are the common methods:

Text message codes: A code is sent to your mobile phone which you enter after your password.

Authenticator apps: Free apps like Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator generate codes on your phone (often more secure than text messages).

Biometrics: Using your fingerprint or face to confirm it's you.

Security alerts: You receive a notification on your phone if someone tries to log in to your online account using a new device or from a new location. If you get such an alert and it was not you logging in, you can immediately log in to your online account yourself and change your password.

Why should I do it?

It adds extra security to your money: Stopping criminals accessing your banking or shopping accounts

It further protects your identity: Preventing people pretending to be you on social media

It increases the security of your information: Adding additional protection to your photos, your emails, and your personal / sensitive data

It will give you peace of mind: In most cases you will be immediately alerted if someone tries to access your online accounts

How do I set it up?

It's free and usually takes less than five minutes to set up.

Go to the Settings or Account menu of your online account

Look for Security, Privacy, or Login

Find and turn on 2-Step Verification or Two-Factor Authentication

Follow the steps to link your mobile phone or set up an authenticator app

*Important: Please save any backup or recovery codes in a safe place just in case you lose your phone*

Our advice

Start with your email account. Your email is often how you reset passwords for all your other accounts. If you secure that first, you instantly make everything else safer.

Then set it up for:

Online banking (although many banks routinely set it up for you)

Social media (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp etc) and Shopping accounts (Amazon, PayPal)

You can do this so take action today

Set aside five minutes today to turn on 2-Step Verification for your email account. It's one of the smartest things you can do to protect yourself online. Once you're comfortable with it, add it to your other important accounts. (Remember – Many banks will automatically have this set up for your online bank accounts).

Need more help?

If you need further assistance setting up 2SV, please go here - [Turn on 2-step verification \(2SV\) - Stop! Think Fraud](#)

Reporting

If you think you have been a victim of cybercrime, please report the incident to Report Fraud via phone (0300 123 2040) or via their website at Action Fraud

If you think you have lost money or given out sensitive financial information to scammers, immediately alert your bank / financial institution. Call them right away to inform them of the suspicious incident. You can quickly reach many UK banks' fraud departments by calling 159. If you've received a suspicious email, please forward it to the NCSC's suspicious email reporting service (SERS) at [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Forward suspicious text messages onto 7726

With immediate effect Action Fraud which was set up as a tool to deal with cyber fraud has been absorbed into Report Fraud which has been developed by the City of London Police as the national platform for reporting all types of cyber crimes and fraud. It has been designed to provide a better experience for victims and provide improved information to law enforcement.

## MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT 60's CLUB

Our last meeting of the year was in December, this was well attended. We set the tables up, into a large square and played communal tables games. We finished the afternoon with a bring and share tea. We had our Christmas Lunch once again at the Royal Hotel in Bideford, which is now under new management. The menu was slightly different from previous years, but was very enjoyable. The Hotel was very Christmassy and pleasantly decorated. After lunch the coach took us onto Barnstable for a bit of Christmas Shopping. Suggestions for the coach trips for 2026 were put forward while on the coach.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> was our first meeting for 2026. After the Happy New Year greetings and business side was over, each table had a table game to play. This was followed by tea, biscuits and a chat. The committee arranged to meet at midday on the Tuesday of the March meeting, to decide on where to go on the monthly coach trips. A list will be posted on the Milton Damerel Community Page once agreed.

Coach for the coach trips leaves Holsworthy Memorial Hall car park at 9am. Then normally picks up at, the Football Field, Venn Green and Holsworthy Beacon. This depends on what direction we will be travelling in. Please book with Iris Fry on 01409 261322 or 07968 326462.

Although we call ourselves '60's Club', you do not have to be over 60 years of age to become a member. All ages are welcomed to join us for a social afternoon and any Coach Trip. Once members have booked a coach trip, any remaining seats are available for friends of the group. We do use Milton Damerel Community Page to say if any seats are available.

Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2.30 to 4.30 at Milton Damerel Parish Hall. Membership is £4 and monthly subs £2. This does include a raffle ticket, tea/coffee and Biscuits. Our Coach Trips are £11 for members, who attended that month meeting and £13 for Non Members. These are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

New Members always welcome

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

## CONGRATULATIONS



To:-

Charles Bellew, Abbots Bickington, was 90 in January.



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 contacts page for details. Thank you.

## Regular Events

Milton Damerel Over 60's Club – Parish Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month 2.30pm
Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall	3rd Wednesday every month
Whist Drive – Parish Hall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month 7pm for 7.30pm
Chapel Sunday Worship	2nd Sunday every month 11 am
Chapel Café Worship	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month 11 am
Holsworthy Walk & Talk	Every Monday & Friday 10.30am.

Holy Trinity Church services monthly.

For dates and times see the church notice board  
or search **[bradworthybenefice.org](http://bradworthybenefice.org)**

## NEWSLETTER FINANCES 2025

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

The financial statements are set out below.

		2025	2024
<b>Receipts during 2025:</b>			
Advertising	Notes	1262.75	1299.00
Grant – Parish Council		0.00	0.00
Subs Fund Raise		0.00	0.00
Other		0.00	0.00
Total		1262.75	1299.00
<b>Payments during 2025</b>			
Printing		1060.53	1016.46
Other	Payment for Parish Hall	46.00	10.00
Total		1106.53	1026.46
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		156.22	272.54

Funds B/F 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025:	FY 2025	FY 2024
Nat West Treasurer's Account.....	3575.08	3302.54
Cash & Cheques held .....	0.00	0.00
Liabilities Note 3	-619.00	-649.5
Total	2956.08	2653.04
Add net gain for year	156.22	272.54
<b><u>Available Funds at 31st December 2025</u></b>	3112.30	2925.58

Represented by: Nat West Treasurer's Account - 31 Dec 2025....	3731.30	3575.08
Cash & Cheques held.....	0.00	0.00
Liabilities Note 3	-619.00	649.50
	3112.30	2925.58

Note: 1 Ruby Heritage and Corner stores amended their 24-25 ad, resulting in an additional payment in 2025 FY.

Note: 2 Ruby Heritage paid £38 instead of £38.50 iaw invoice

Note 3 Liabilities take into account advertisers paid up to Summer 2026. (2 further issues)

The Newsletter Group decided not to request a grant from the Parish Council in 2025

Various forms of community support enable the continued delivery of approximately 240 copies free of charge, to each household in the parish and in Abbots Bickington.

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

# 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 10, 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 are 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 over the page.

If you would like to receive, or stop receiving, a digital copy of the Milton Damerel News Letter by email, please drop a line to the Compiler.

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in any article are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Milton Damerel News Letter Team.

## 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 of 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.

## SUDOKU

By KrazyDad

6	2	9			1			
		4		5	9		7	
5			8				9	
						2		3
3	4						8	6
2		6						
	6				5			8
	5		7	8		3		
			3			7	5	9

Difficulty: Tough

© 2018 KrazyDad.com

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.

## Word Search

O Q O K O P Z Z W M N H D B P L  
 N B M Q U P Q S U S S I C R A N  
 H V J M K L U N G W O R T Z W H  
 Q Q Y M X V N K Y X T F X A H E  
 E C L L E B E U L B D T L U C L  
 H Y A C I N T H K A O L P R J L  
 Z E C D M X N C F N F S O C Y E  
 Q A W N A K E F E L I C A P R B  
 W Z F E Z Y O M O F U K P G A O  
 I R I S O D T W X S K O I B L R  
 B H S G I E E K X B U R L U L E  
 D S C L G R S Y A V B W U J I S  
 L Q H R R G A W Q C Y S T W T I  
 B B O I E S O R M I R P V Z I H  
 M F L U N X I E T I N O C A R V  
 Y A B J X P O R D W O N S X F Q

Aconite	Fritillary	Narcissus	Wallflower
Bluebell	Hellebores	Primrose	Lungwort
Crocus	Hyacinth	Snowdrop	Forget Me Not
Daffodil	Iris	Tulip	

## Useful Contact details:

### Parish Councillors:

Stephen Moyse (Chair) Tel. 07966 671543  
 Richard Piper (Vice Chair) Tel. 01409 261114  
 Jim Richardson Tel. 07866 406977  
 Gareth Piper Tel. 07966 558385  
 Teresa Walters Tel. 01409 261871  
 Peter Bromley Tel. 01409 261838  
 Edgar Pett Tel. 01409 261277  
 Jane Elliott (Clerk) Tel. 07773679559

### Chapel:

Revd Rob Blackhall Tel. 01805 628041  
 Steward Jeremy Sharp Tel. 01409 261548.  
 Property Steward (vacant)  
 Secretary (vacant)

### Church:

Revd Mark James Tel 01409 251015  
 Church warden  
 vacant

### Parish Hall:

Booking Secretary Hayley Garner 07515770641  
 or Melanie Richardson 07929 509534 .

### Walks:

Gillian Aston Tel. 01409 254642  
 email: holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com  
 Evelyn Sharman Tel. 01409 259848  
 email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

### Over 60's Club:

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

### Holsworthy Rural Police:

Urgent 999  
 Non-Urgent 101  
 holsworthy@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

### Neighbourhood Watch:

Edwina Hale Tel. 261263  
 Edgar Pett Tel. 261277  
 Mike Jackson Tel. 261196

### The Gardener's Group:

Melanie Richardson Tel. 261353  
 Lesley Self Tel. 261294

### Newsletter:

#### Chair

Peter Bromley  
 email: pgbromleyuk@yahoo.co.uk

### Compiling & Adverts

David Taylor  
 Tel. 261577  
 email: hgrawley@hotmail.com  
 email: mdnlad@hotmail.co.uk

### Treasurer & Advertisers

John Binns  
 email: mdnlad@hotmail.co.uk

### Regular contributors and features:

Rose Haynes  
 Lesley Self  
 Mel Richardson

## SUDOKU Answer

6	2	9	4	7	1	8	3	5
8	3	4	6	5	9	1	7	2
5	7	1	8	3	2	6	9	4
1	9	7	5	6	8	2	4	3
3	4	5	2	1	7	9	8	6
2	8	6	9	4	3	5	1	7
7	6	3	1	9	5	4	2	8
9	5	2	7	8	4	3	6	1
4	1	8	3	2	6	7	5	9



**Chimney Sweeping  
 Reasonable Rates  
 Ring David Seggons  
 01409 241702**

Now offering a new service  
 Carpet cleaning, £2.50 per m/2



JO  
07759705549

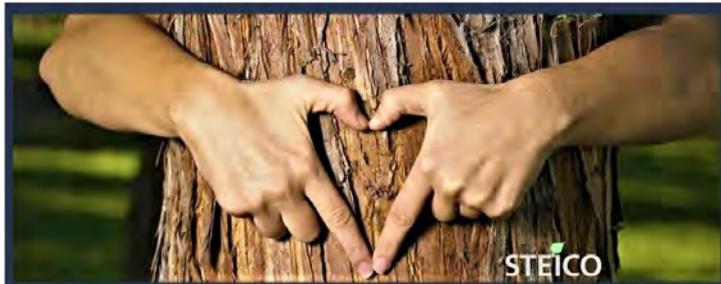
TURNING YOUR IDEAS INTO CAKE  
BASED IN MILTON DAMEREL, HOLSWORTHY  
5 STAR HYGIENE RATING  
FIND ME ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM



MIKE  
WYE

The Home Of  
Sustainable Building

We supply our comprehensive range of traditional natural and sustainable building and decorating products to builders, conservation specialists and home owners throughout the UK



Lime Mortars & Plasters | Natural Insulation  
Breathable Paints | Polished Plasters | Clay Plasters  
Tools | Technical Advice

Tel: 01409 281644 | [www.mikewye.co.uk](http://www.mikewye.co.uk) | [sales@mikewye.co.uk](mailto:sales@mikewye.co.uk)

Buckland Filleigh Sawmills, Shebbear, EX21 5RN



Keeping your home up to date

New Build - Extensions & Renovations  
Conservatories & uPVC Products  
Roofing & Rendering  
Plastering & Stonework  
Property Maintenance  
Kitchens  
Bespoke services & much more

Fully qualified and insured.

For a friendly, local and professional approach,  
contact Paul for a no obligation quotation or advice.  
Please see Facebook 'Paul Newman General  
Builders' page for portfolio.'

01409 240331

07919 008161

[paulnewman@sky.com](mailto:paulnewman@sky.com)

Slimming World  
taste  
the  
freedom



Contact your local Slimming World Consultant  
and join a warm and friendly group today!

NEW VENUE

Bude  
Bude Rugby Club  
Wednesdays  
5.30pm & 7.00pm

Holsworthy  
Holsworthy Memorial Hall  
Tuesdays  
5.30pm & 7.00pm  
Thursdays  
9.00am & 10.30am

Essie 07816 686121

[slimmingworld.co.uk](http://slimmingworld.co.uk)



**Humphrey Pullar Chimney Sweep**  
 NACS Registered & HETAS Approved  
 Fully Insured  
**Professional Chimney Sweeping Service**

- \* Full Brush & Vacuum Service
- \* Pots, Cows & Birdguards Fitted
- \* All Types Of Appliances & Flues Swept & Serviced
- \* Traditional & Powersweeping Techniques
- \* Chimney CCTV Surveys
- \* Bird Nests Removed
- \* Smoke Testing

The Old Barn, Pancrasweek, Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 7JN  
 Tel : 01409 240138 Email: humphreysweep@mac.com




 **GEORGE PRESTON**  
**Plumbing and Heating Engineer**  
 Gasafe Registered  
 Nat Gas and L.P.G.

Boiler Upgrades, Installs and Servicing  
 Central Heating and Solar  
 Landlord/ Commercial Gas Safety  
 Certificates

All plumbing works  
 from dripping taps to complete  
 bathroom installs/makeovers



**MOB 07958901777**  
**Contact e-mail**  
**george54preston@gmail.com**

 **T 01409**  
**253533**

9 Tamar Business Units  
 Holsworthy Industrial Estate  
 Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6HL  
[www.renew-sw.co.uk](http://www.renew-sw.co.uk)

**QUALITY WINDOWS, DOORS,  
 CONSERVATORIES,  
 SOLAR PV & ROOFLINE**

*Your Local Home Improvement Specialists*



**“Do you need Driving Lessons?”**  
 Whether you are a complete beginner,  
 Partly Trained or a  
 Qualified Driver in need of a refresher

Contact- **EVELYN SHARMAN**  
 For Professional Driving Tuition (DVSA, ADI)



Tel. 01409 259 848 Mobile. 07885 352 082  
 Email. [evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com](mailto:evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com)  
[www.evelynsharman.co.uk](http://www.evelynsharman.co.uk)

**RAW PIPER and SONS**  
**Est. 1975**

Kerry Heights, Milton Damerel  
 Your local aggregate suppliers for  
 Top Soil, Sand, Stone, Dry Concrete Mix,  
 Cement  
 Plum Slate, Chippings (Including Coloured)  
 Terram

Small bags and Dumpy bags available  
 Collected or Delivered

**Tel: 01409 261439**



**ATLANTA FIRST AID**  
**TRAINING**

Courses Offered:  
 First Aid at Work.  
 Emergency First Aid at Work.  
 Paediatric First Aid.  
 Paediatric Emergency First Aid.  
 Annual refresher courses.



All courses are certificated and OFQUAL regulated.  
 Fully qualified Tutor.  
 Can be conducted at your place of work.

Further information please contact:  
 Lorraine Buttery Tel:01409 282956  
 email: [atlantafaaw@gmail.com](mailto:atlantafaaw@gmail.com)