



# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Spring Edition



Daffodils between Whitebear Cottage and the Parish Hall

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Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agenda for all meetings are displayed on the notice boards and available on the Milton Damerel Website, no later than the Thursday before the meeting. The draft minutes are posted to the website within 30 days. Members of the public and press are always welcome, time is set aside for comments but they may not take part in discussions at any other time.

**Annual Grants:** Grants for the financial year 2018/2019 were agreed at the meeting held on the 16th November 2017 the successful applicants were: Milton Damerel Parish Hall, Milton Damerel Newsletter, Milton Damerel Parish Church, Milton Damerel and District Gardening Society and Torridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau.

All applicants were notified by post, and cheques will be issued during September 2018

**Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons** was unable to attend meetings in December and January due to other commitments, but has worked very hard behind the scenes to support your Parish Council, in particular he was very helpful in securing the bus shelter at Venn Green. Councillor Parsons attended on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, his report will be in the minutes to be published on the website.

**PCSO Raquel Rowe** has not attended any meetings recently but keeps the Parish Council pp-to-date with crimes in the area.

### **Planning matters:**

There have been very few applications over the last three months two approved were for an agricultural shed at the Old Stables, and for a bungalow at Parkfields.

The planning application for **Town Farm** is being considered by Torridge District Council. After the Public meeting that was going to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February was cancelled, another meeting was set up for the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 6pm, which Mr Bill Rabbetts and his architect were going to attend, unfortunately Mr Rabbetts was ill and Drew's had no one to replace him, and once again much to everyone's annoyance the public meeting had to be cancelled at the very last minute The development was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February Three parishioners attended the meeting and asked several questions, and made comments regarding the development. After the discussion the Parish Councillors voted, there were 5 Councillors against and one Councillor abstained, therefore the Parish Council do not support the development. It is felt that there are too many issues that have not been addressed. A full statement will be sent to Torridge Planning.

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

### **Town and Parish Fund:**

This is an annual grant available to two or more Parishes that join forces to apply for a grant for a specific project. The amount awarded is equivalent to £1.10p per elector. For the funds that were available for the financial year 2017/18, your Parish Councillors unanimously decided to once again join forces with Sutcombe Parish Council, in a joint effort to obtain the funding to keep the Parishes verges and hedges cut. The application was successful and some cutting was carried out in September but funds were limited, as such not as many lanes were cut as the Parish Council would have liked. Devon County Council do not carry out this work except on main highways. Your Parish Councillors unanimously agree that the safety of their residents is of paramount importance. The Laptop and Projector purchased with the 2013/2014 TAP grant has been used on several occasions by local organisations. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to use the equipment.

### **Venn Green Bus Stop**

After a considerable length of time the bus shelter has now been built, this is an asset to the Parish and will make waiting for the bus a much safer and comfortable experience. Our thanks go to Julie Pepworth and Devon County Council for their efforts.

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

If at any time you see that there is any damage to the cabinet at either site, or if the light is not working please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.

### **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 always passes on the complaints to Devon County Council and copies in Councillor Barry Parsons, who invariably substantiates 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.

**Annual Parish Meeting:**

This will be held on Wednesday April 18th 2018, this meeting is the opportunity for you to ask any questions of the Parish Councillors and have your say on matters concerning you or the Parish in general, with local organisations invited to report on their activities during 2017.

The AGM of the Parish Council will be on the 16th May 2018, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected during this meeting. Both meetings are conducted before the Parish general meetings.

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)

Lorraine Buttery Parish Clerk 18th November 2018

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To

**Phillip & Jean Reed of Gidcott**, who celebrate their **Golden Wedding Anniversary on 30th April**  
**Charlie Brimacombe** who celebrated his **60th birthday on 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**GOOD-BYE & WELCOME****Good-bye to:**

**Billie Reed & Danni Cory, Maisie and Oakley** who have moved from **St Martin's, Gidcott**  
**Lee & Nina Mclean, Bradley, Harvey & Corey** who have moved from **No: 4 Downs View, Venn Green**  
**Gary & Wendy Copp, Stacey & Danielle** who have moved from **Higher Venn**  
**Michelle Toms, Shane & Josh** who have moved from **8 Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon**

**Welcome to:**

**Dean & Jacqui Cocks, and Doreen Wells** who have moved into Higher Venn  
**Charlotte & Steve, Daisy, Jensen and Autumn** who have moved into No 4 Downs View, **Venn Green**  
**New residents who have moved into 1, Fore Street**  
**Sam Taylor & Kirsty Cousins and Lily** who have moved into 8 Beech Park, **Holsworthy Beacon**

**OUR SYMPATHIES****For those who been bereaved recently:**

**Mrs Joyce Blight and family** on the recent loss of her **husband Stanley Blight** of Meadow View  
**Mrs Lilian Luxton, Fernley, Christine & Gillian**, of Venn, on the recent loss of her  
husband and their **Dad, Lesley Luxton**

## Chapel News – March 2018

### Lent Lilies



*By the time you read this the hedgerows will no doubt have given us a wonderful display of our native species of wild daffodil, Narcissus.*

*The Victorians appreciated this majestic display of daffodils – they nominated the first Sunday of April as daffodil Sunday and families picked daffodils from their gardens and took them to local hospitals to give to the sick – a tradition still carried on today in some parts of Britain. But did you know that the wild daffodil is also known as the Lent Lily? It is because it blooms in early spring with the blooms usually dropping before Easter so it in effect observes the Lenten period!*

*Nowadays of course with the improvements in cultivation it is possible to enjoy daffodils right through from December to late April and we make use of this as they are a popular choice when we come to decorate the inside of our churches on Easter day. The sight of them is guaranteed to lift our hearts as we gaze on their cheerful nodding heads and breathe in their heady perfume.*

*The emergence of the wild daffodils signals the end of winter and entices us with promises of the new beginnings of spring. So next time you stop to admire 'the host of golden daffodils' along the lane may it remind you of Jesus and his rising to new life and the promise of the Holy Spirit, the comforter who Jesus released into the world at Pentecost. May the spirit of God dwell in your hearts and minds this Easter and always.*

**Rev Lynne Burgon**

**EASTER 2018 – Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April** – We open early for Breakfast and an Egg Hunt plus activities in the Schoolroom before 11am service, which this year will be led by Revd Lynne Burgon in the Chapel. All very welcome to join us in an Easter Celebration.

**AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES – Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.** We plan to support Harbour – Bideford, a local homelessness charity. On Homelessness Sunday in January we had a very moving Family Service with Julia Spencer from Appledore. Many were challenged to think of what we could do to help; we have previously supported Harbour – Bideford at Afternoon Tea and Cakes. The project in Bideford provides a place in Queen Street where homeless people can go during the daytime, somewhere to wash, change clothes, have a meal, talk to people and generally find help. This was found to be a core need in Bideford, offering food, shelter, support and access to information and other relevant agencies. Please come along from 3 – 5pm and help us to raise funds for this worthwhile local charity.

### CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of March 2018 to May 2018

4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> March.....	Mrs Grace Millman
18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March.....	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh
1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April.....	Mrs Sheila Daniel
15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> April.....	Mrs Ann Poole
29 <sup>th</sup> April & 6 <sup>th</sup> May.....	Mrs Lorna Dawe
13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> May.....	Mrs Christine Poole
27 <sup>th</sup> May .....	Mrs Lilian Luxton



**BIBLE STUDY** – The Bible Study discussion group meets on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm (for the winter months before the clocks change) in the Chapel Kitchen. Revd Lynne Burgon is leading us in our Lent course – we are following the 2018 York Course titled “On the Third Day”. The course started on 19<sup>th</sup> February and there are 5 sessions; it is not necessary to attend every week as each week is a complete study. 19<sup>th</sup> February – Have I got news for you (The Resurrection). 26<sup>th</sup> February - So What? (Implications of the Resurrection), 5<sup>th</sup> March – “Let Him Easter in us” (personal discipleship in the light of the resurrection), 12<sup>th</sup> March – Celebrating and praying Easter ( energising our prayers), 19<sup>th</sup> March - A Risen Church (Are we full of Easter Joy?). Each study includes an audio containing commentary by Christian leaders and a discussion time.

We are an ecumenical group and we welcome anyone interested - come along and listen, join in the discussion, and add your views. For details speak to Sheila (Tel: 261466)

**CHRISTMAS 2017** – The Christmas Carol Service was led by Revd Lynne Burgon and contained many well-loved carols. The children dressed, mainly as angels (of course, they are!) not forgetting a shepherd or two, processed into the chapel at the start of the service to some very appropriate music. The collection raised £168 for Action for Children, which supports work locally such as ‘Sure Start’. Coffee and mince pies were served in the Schoolroom after.

The Crib Service held on Christmas Eve with Revd Lynne Burgon was a lovely event. The service was short and concentrated on the Christmas Story; we then made Christingles and enjoyed tea together.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - We are now able to offer a monthly Sunday School on the second Sunday of each month. Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466). The next sessions will be on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, all at 11am.**

**FAMILY SERVICES** – All-age, family, friendly worship held at 11am on the last Sunday of each month.. All are welcome to the services, which are followed by tea, coffee, etc., and for this quarter will be:

**25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Roy Harris**

**29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**David Ley**

**27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Local Arrangement**

**SEW ‘N’ SEWS** – continues to meet in the Chapel Kitchen one Saturday each month. We welcome anyone along to join us, bring your sewing, knitting, etc. There’s a small donation towards electricity, tea, etc. only. We had a most enjoyable lunch in December at Blackberry Farm Shop, finishing up with our sewing at the Methodist Church kitchen. Our next meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm – all “stitchers” and “needleworkers” very welcome. For more details contact Barbara – 01805 601651 or Sheila 01409 261466.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** – A few repair jobs have been recently carried out on the chapel buildings, in preparation for a D-I-Y day, the date to be decided at our next Church Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**CONTACTS** – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister, Revd Lynne Burgon (01805 624392): Our stewards: Katie Allin (Tel: 261188) & Roger Daniel (Tel: 261466),. Property Steward: Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466).



Milton Damerel gets a new bus shelter

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

**Reverend Richard Freeman Tel 01409 241315**

**Sadly we ended 2017 with disappointment** – as most of you will by now know - the Heritage Lottery Fund, for a third time, has turned down our application for a grant to renew the church roof. We had been quietly hopeful of success after our church was short listed and a visit from English Heritage supported our application. All we can think is the other churches must have bigger holes in their roofs than ours.

But we are not finished we will continue to find ways of raising money to ensure our church remains in Milton Damerel for future generations. We have one more chance at the HLF so will be at some point 'trying again'.

**Church Roof Appeal 2017:** Monies raised from events totalled £1,100 - after expenses.

**The final fundraiser 2017 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Christmas Tree Festival* at Holy Trinity.**



We are pleased to report that the number of trees brought into the church for display exceeded last year's total.

There are some very enterprising folk out there, and imaginations ran riot, it was colourful, it was bright from smallest to largest. Each and every one was unique.

The Gardening Club showed their roots by bringing along a tree firmly ensconced in a wellington boot and decorated with packets of seeds, another tree featured flotsam collected along the sea shore and imaginatively lit up with a lighthouse, the nursery children each

painted a colourful picture on a paper plate to hang on their tree – which was a monster of a tree and Linda brought us a selection of trees one of which had some very nice birds amongst the branches.

Visitors were able to vote for their favourite tree and a small award was given for the one with the most votes. The Nursery tree was awarded most votes in the children's section and in the adult's section Sutcombe Church was voted the favourite.

The winning tree had a farming theme and was adorned with handmade 'animal' faces, whilst around the bottom of the tree were models of farming machinery, a very worthy winner.

The search around the church for the hidden Christmas trees was enjoyed by the young and the not so young alike.

Thank you to all who brought trees to church and to all who came along for a visit, a cup of tea and a chat.

Special thanks to Roberta for organising this event.

Will we be doing it again next year? You bet we will, so get your plans started for your tree, if you haven't brought us a tree for display yet then make 2018 the year you join in.

## In response to our appeal for help with clearing the bell tower



Mr John Webb answered our appeal and mustered a few people together for a Saturday morning tower operation. Scott and Yvonne (better known as the 'Organic Mechanic') and Robert Stennet volunteered to do the job, thankfully Robert had the foresight to bring us all a face mask to wear.

It turned out that Scott had previous experience in the tower as he had taken part in a previous bell tower clean up. Scott climbed up into the belfry complete with safety harness and with bags to collect the nesting debris, but it became clear that filling bags was not going to be a quick and easy way of getting the job done - so we agreed – **just shove it down the hatch - that worked well.**

Ten years of crows nesting material + other stuff came tumbling down. Yvonne and Robert were getting it into the wheel barrow, Roy was emptying the barrow, and me – well someone has to supervise.

It took a few hours but then Scott was shouting to us that it was now clean, and he safely came back down the ladder.

To celebrate Robert rang the bells, the first time that they have rang out for a few years now as they were so blocked up with twigs. The next job now is renewing the netting to keep the birds out – the netting in place had big holes where the birds had pecked their way through – so before they begin nesting we aim to have the new stronger wire in place. Courtesy of our 'team'.

**A massive thank you to Scott, Yvonne and Robert as well as to John for his help, and welcome to our new bell ringer.**

## Fundraising for church roof appeal.

**Events 2018: We invite everyone to the following events**

### **March 31<sup>st</sup> Spring Flower Festival:**

The festival will be open to visitors on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Refreshments will be available.

We invite you to bring your floral decoration, made up with any spring flowers, to church for display on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm to 5.00pm or tel 01409 261181 to make other arrangements.

**The churchyard in Spring always looks magnificent – lets take it indoors this year.**

**Other planned events:-**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee morning and plant sale to be held in the church from 10.00am – 12 noon.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Summer BBQ at the church from 3.00pm to 6.00pm

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Church Garden Party – stall holders welcome. More information next time or at church.

**Church services for the next three months will be as follows:**

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Easter Day	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
11.30am	10.00	11.30am	10.00am	11.30am	10.00am	11.30am

**Please keep an eye on the notice board as services may be subject to changes**

**Church Gardening** As we all know- it has not been gardening weather of late and as we look out onto the rain sodden fields and gardens we wonder if it will ever dry out again, BUT Spring will soon arrive, and we will be getting on with the church gardening. However, there is a lot of work to get through even now as hedges and trees need pruning as well as the continual growth of the unwanted plants alongside the path and encroaching on the graves, it never stops...

As we move through spring and into summer the times of gardening will be changed, we will resume the twice monthly routine. Gardening is done on the Thursday before the first Sunday service which is Holy Communion, and from summertime adding on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month. The start time too will change from 1.00pm winter time to 2.00pm summertime.

We welcome everyone who can give a hand even half an hour, if you can't garden you might be able to do other small jobs. There is great satisfaction and comradery in seeing the churchyard nice and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

Join a great team and enjoy a well earned great cuppa. We are very sociable.

**The all-important Gardening Dates for the next four months will be**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> March 29<sup>th</sup> April 12<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup> May 31<sup>st</sup> June 14<sup>th</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Finally, with another hole in the roof from more falling tiles which means more water entering the church is there anyone in the area competent and willing to help the church survive by replacing them for us. Contact me if you can help on 01409 261181.

Isabel

Church Warden



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## **JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS**

### **Toddler Group**

Just before Christmas we were delighted to have Santa turn up on the Tuesday morning. This was thanks to Liz Kirby who offered to deliver this special guest with her horse and carriage along with a group of Santa's helpers. Gifts were presented to about 30 children. As it was already Christmas holidays older brothers and sisters of our toddler group were also around to enjoy the excitement and receive a gift. We sang Jingle Bells to send Santa on his way knowing he had a lot of work to look forward to; it was amazing to think he had time for us!!

We meet on Tuesday mornings, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Any local children from 0 – primary school age are welcome; by local, we mean from local surrounding villages and towns. We are pleased to see all who care to join us. We were very grateful for help given just recently by Kate and Lesley. Also the gift of some brand new ride-ons; also Lisa, who works for Action for Children drops in to see us from time to time.

### **Holiday Club**

We normally have a free party for local children and their friends at this time of the year. This has been booked for **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. See notice below

### **Sunday School**

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and have been delighted to be joined by Della Beeley of Torrington who helps and prepares some of the craft work. The last few sessions have concentrated on Christmas activities, the visit of the kings and the Good Samaritan. Activities in the Schoolroom are centred around a popular Bible story with art, craft, games, songs, drama and so on

The sessions in the New Year will be on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May all at 11am**. Any young people are very welcome to come and join in the fun. Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466).

**DONT MISS THE PARTY!!**

**IN MILTON DAMEREL**

 **SCHOOLROOM** 

**ON SAT 3RD MARCH**

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**For Local Children -**

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**2018 COMMUNITY LUNCH**

In the  
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on



**Sunday 29th April**

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## EASTER

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
**EARLY BREAKFAST**  
 Egg Hunt & Activities

Followed by  
**EASTER DAY SERVICE**

11am in the Chapel  
 With Revd Lynne Burgon

## Afternoon Tea & Cakes

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
**In the Schoolroom**  
**3pm – 5pm**  
 Proceeds for Harbour - Bideford



**Friends of Bradford Primary School**

invite you to their **Easter Bingo**  
 on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at the Village Hall.

Doors open 7:15pm, eyes down 8pm

With various prizes for 1 and 2 lines,

Chicken Dinners for every full house!

There is also a Goods and Cash Flyer

and a free flyer for the Children

followed by a Raffle.

Please come along, support the Primary School  
 and have an enjoyable evening.

For further information, please contact  
 Caroline on 01409 231261/07976 914399

Holsworthy Beacon  
 Methodist Church

## COFFEE MORNING

Last Thursday of each month  
 10am – 12noon  
 Chapel Hall  
 A warm welcome to all!

## PILATES...

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Mondays

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&

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## Woodford Bridge Country Club Bar and Restaurant.

A change of management at the Woodford Bridge Country Club restaurant prompted us to try Sunday lunch, what a pleasant surprise.

It is now a carvery, with usually a selection of 2 or 3 meats and a wide selection of fresh vegetables, all well cooked and tasty, eat as much as you can, all for £9-95, desserts were delicious and obviously home made, a little expensive but you can download an app for Diamond Resorts which will entitle you to a free dessert when you have lunch, a bit fiddly, ( I got the receptionist to do it for me).

The al a cart menu looked good, reasonably priced and a good selection.

With a new regime in place the Woodford Bridge Restaurant is well worth a visit.

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## Classic Motor Show November 10/11/12 2017 held at the NEC Birmingham

*If you like classic vehicles or like to reminisce about 'the old days' then this is the show you cannot miss it is the biggest and best in the UK and in Europe. Petrol Heads or just pure nostalgia it has it all.*

For car clubs it is a prestigious show the best place to be to display some of the best of our members cars and an opportunity to recruit new members as well as to meet and discuss parts with would be suppliers of parts and car sundries. **Space is not guaranteed, and it is a bit of a lottery these days as to which car clubs are chosen.** There are several hundred car clubs and the number grows as 'newer' cars become classics.

Our club is the Capri Mk1 REGISTER – you may have seen me driving my old car – a 1969 model in silver with a black vi-nyl roof. I haven't included my car in this show for several years as we have plenty of cars to choose from and it is hard work organising a stand and trying to clean your car on setting up day. Though the open show is over 3 days we have an extra day to set up the club stand, get regalia and show cars into position, once there the cars cannot be moved until the show finishes on the Sunday night. The whole place is a hub-bub of noise and activity and as it covers numerous halls there are literally hundreds of cars trying to get to their allocated entrance door. The bigger clubs can buy space, but it is very expensive and can cost upwards of a thousand pounds, but generally free space is allocated according to the size of the club. We are a small club as we cater for cars built between 1969 to the end of 1973 so we usually have space for 3 cars sometimes 4.

When these cars were built who would have expected them to still be around nearly 50 years after production, after all many were rusting away by the time they were past 5 years old? In the 70's there was a big following for stock car racing and many Mk1 Capri's were used as they were very cheap to buy, hence there are not many left. Over the years the Capri had a bad press but now today they are one of the most sought-after classics and much loved by the public. The style of the Capri is unique and there is no mistaking it for any other vehicle, though these days younger folk have to look at the badge older folk smile and talk about the time when they or dad or grandad owned one of these iconic 70's cars, one man said to me 'Best bird puller I ever had'.



We are always proud to be back amongst some of the best cars in the country, where else would you see around 20 tiny little bubble cars to marvel at and wonder how people dared to ride on the main roads in them, or vintage turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century cars running on steam. As well as cars with the smallest of engines and the biggest of engines there was also on display a massive Rolls Royce airplane engine alongside a Rolls Royce of course. There are also buses, lorries and we spotted - yes – some tractors.

In 2017 we were in Hall 5 with most of the Classic Ford clubs. Behind our stand were the Ford 100E's with a selection of Pops, their camper van made a nice blue background for us, and to the side of us was the Cortina Mk3 club with a very yellow selection of cars, all brightly shining, and the Ford Granada's. To the front of our stand were the V8 Pilots and then a selection of beautiful American limousines

In the left-hand corner of the Hall 5 were 'The Sporting Bears', they are a group who raise money for children's charities. Money is raised by inviting classic car owners to donate themselves and their car for the public to be able to take a ride in 'their dream car' during the show, they pay a donation which then goes to the charity. In 2017 over 10,000 rides were taken over the 3 days. The favourite car which was kept busy for the 3 days and 'earned the most money' was a 700bhp Super-charged Ford Mustang. Over £35,000 was raised over the 3 days.

At the other corner was the Live Stage with Mike Brewer and Ant Antsted, They had a mix of guests and crowd giveaways and you could purchase their merchandise. The show saw the completion of their Classic Rumble. Mike had restored an Es-cort XR3i and Ant had built a single seater race car from scratch. The cars were judged

and a draw was declared - later the cars were auctioned with both cars selling for a total of £22,500. This money went to charities of their choice.

The Meguiar's (manufacturer of car cleaning products) concours championships are held at the show, Concours means as good as showroom condition and absolutely as the manufacture made it. But now a day many classics are better than when they were made. Sadly, many of the people who enter this event restore a car for winning only so the tyres never see the tarmac. We watched a while as the judges in white latex type gloves ran fingers over joints and fittings, they shone torches in and around petrol caps and any other orifice they couldn't get their finger into, it is intense.

Anyway, the winner 2017 was a 1959 Morris Mini.

There were masses of cars for sale, we looked at a lovely Jaguar which was just £14,000 but there were many Jaguars around this price and cheaper, almost can't give them away, but I suppose you need deep pockets to afford the spares.

Silverstone Auctions were selling cars on Saturday and Sunday, we had a look around the cars on Thursday night after set up, on show days you have to buy a programme to get on stand at £25 per person. There was a vast selection of nice classics for sale, but it is a case of buyer beware as there is a premium to pay on top of the final price which can make the car overpriced. However if you were interested in buying, there were bar-gains to be had.

In Hall 4 on Friday Judge Rinder began the Mini clubs 'Italian Job' 2018 fundraising event. Isn't it funny how the film is most remembered for the mini's going through the Italian sewers, but did you know it wasn't in Italy but in newly built sewers in Coventry in 1969 that it was filmed, not quite so romantic, but all in a good cause.

There were so many cars and things going on I could fill the newsletter but even though we are there 3 days I don't think we even saw them all.

Then there were all the services, Insurance companies, all the leading magazine companies, you could get a quote for anything.

Then of course we mustn't forget the motorcycle clubs, though this area looked a bit smaller this year and no 'Wall of Death' for



Roy to escape to, but still enough bikes to satisfy the old rockers.

Back to cars... there were some amazing American Hot Rods with their outlandish paint and interiors not to mention engines. These guys must spend thousands on their cars and such a sight is not to be missed.

Onto the Restoration theatre a working display on wheeling and body panels by the students from Leeds Uni-versity—here were seats and people were glad to take advantage of them, and here the seats were comfy. The useful information and displays on restoration are also of the highest calibre, so win win.

The autojumble was packed with the usual traders at the usual inflated prices for the NEC but bargains could be had. However, it pays to be careful one trader was trying to sell a young guy a part for a Capri that actually was for an Escort, luckily, we saved him quite a bit of money. There are car fixings, car electrics, dampers, head lamps, door seals and much more but sadly not for our cars, we have real problems finding parts for the old Capri. You can almost build an MG, Triumph or Jaguar from the parts available but being a small club we find parts difficult to remanufacture as prices are horrendous.

You can fully equip your garage with all manner of lifts, jack, hoists and every tool you will ever need as well as buy a new weatherproof garage protection for cars.

It is quite exhausting to get round it all and the floor makes your feet and legs ache. The show is so big that one day is not enough to see everything. Fortunately we can do it in small sections over 4 day, and get around first thing in the morning before the public are in as there are tens of thousands of people come through the doors.

Entry to this show is expensive but if you are interested in vehicles you won't be disappointed. Its worth a trip if you only ever do it once.

We will be back at the NEC in March for 'The Practical Classics Restoration Show', but this time our cars are under restoration and we hope to have a 'Barn' find, as well as a Capri that took part in the 1970 World Cup Rally— London to Mexico.

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Lasting Powers of Attorney are now considered by most advisors to be a vital tool to assist you as the years progress. There are two kinds of LPA. One is a Financial Affairs LPA, and the other is a Health and Welfare LPA. You can only consider making them if you currently have mental capacity. If you lose mental capacity without them in place, it will be necessary to make an application to the Court of Protection. The application will be for the appointment of a deputy. That could be a next of kin. It could be a lawyer or social worker. Whoever it is, the application process is complex and expensive. The risk is that a deputy may be appointed who does not know you well, and therefore has to make decisions which are in your best interests but based on a lack of true knowledge of who you are and what makes you tick.

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## Holsworthy Walk and Talk

Thank you to those eagle-eyed readers who noticed last month's 'deliberate mistake' with the date of the Snowdrop Walk at Dunsland. On the correct date 24 people attended and walked through the Park towards the site of Dunsland House. Sadly the house burnt down in 1967 very shortly after having been completely refurbished by the National Trust. They felt unable to complete any further works there at that time and erected a plaque to mark the site and the event. Last year the snow drops were stupendous but this year they seem to be resting. The National Trust continues to work in and around the site and have erected some new gates throughout the Park with interesting snippets of information etched into the woodwork.

Our new programme of walks is now available listing dates and locations from March to June. We have some new walks to look forward to including Week St Mary and a bluebell walk at Meldon near Okehampton.

If you are planning to get out and about a bit more once the warmer weather arrives or would like to get to know the local area better our walks are a good way to start. All walks are graded on the programme to give an indication of the level of intensity or terrain to be expected. For those new to exercise or returning following illness or surgery our Level 1 and 2 walks would be a good introduction. Research has shown that regular exercise, especially after a lifetime of inactivity, can go a long way to reversing the effects of heart damage. Walking is a particularly good form of exercise and can also help conditions such as Type 2 diabetes and cancer. For those looking for more of a challenge our Level 3 walks take us off road and offer an interestingly different perspective on the local area.

Our Monday walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am from The Scout Hut next to the Leisure Centre with tea and coffee served afterwards in the Youth Centre. The Friday walks move off at 10.30 am from various locations around the area. Details can be found on our walk programme. All walks are free.

For further information regarding the Monday walks please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642. For information regarding the Friday walks please contact David Arney on 01837 861829.



## PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



**Affordable Housing** .. In the second part of last year and the early part of this year there has been a renewed interest by the developers in submitting planning applications for developing the Milton Town site.

The first application concerned re-submission of proposals for 8 new dwellings and barn conversion to 2 dwellings as previously consented in 2004 with discharges of conditions attached to this consent continuing until 2011. This application was withdrawn by the developers in February and they are now seeking approval of a Certificate of Lawfulness pursuant to an earlier application 1/2124/2001, and submit that this grant of planning remains extant.

A further application ref: 1/1067/2017 was validated by TDC for public and other consultations in January 2018 – this application proposes "Erection of sixteen dwellings and conversion of barn to 2 dwellings, creation of new vehicular accesses, new sewage treatment plant and associated landscaping - Affecting a Public Right of Way". Sixteen dwellings includes the eight dwellings to be located on the old farm yard site surrounding the barn for conversion, and a further eight dwellings on the site to the east of the old farm yard. 3 of these additional dwellings are termed social housing, thus affordable housing.

The Parish Council facilitated public comment on the first application (eight dwelling plus barn conversion to 2 dwellings) at its meeting in October 2017, when parishioners raised many issues of concern, and many of these were reflected in personal comments submitted to TDC and the Parish Council's consultation response.

In February the Parish Council sought to give parishioners opportunity to meet the developers and raise their concerns with them, but regrettably the developers' representatives cancelled on the day of the meeting. However, the normal Parish Council meeting in February will facilitate comments by parishioners about the latest application and the Parish Council will be incorporating concerns in its consultation response to TDC. All of this will have happened by the time this newsletter is available.

Whilst TDC has set deadlines for consultation responses, time will elapse as the planners consider all the planning issues and responses received.

The TDC Planning web-site, [www.torridge.gov.uk/plans](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/plans), public access section, contains details and documentation for all applications received and the consultation responses by public bodies and submitted by individuals – going to this site and searching for planning references quoted above provides full access.

For more information on the Parish Plan 2008 – please refer to the Plan delivered to every household. If you have recently moved into the Parish and have not seen a copy, please refer to the relevant section of the web-site: [www.miltondamerel.com](http://www.miltondamerel.com). There is also a copy of the housing needs survey conducted in 2009 showing at that time the identified needs for affordable housing.

Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk (contact details are shown on Page 2) about any issues in the Parish Plan.

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However a holiday cottage will need to be furnished to a good standard, holiday makers are demanding more and more facilities such as Internet connection, Sky TV etc, and if the owner is not locally based then a cleaner would need to be employed on change over days and deal with any maintenance problems. A Holiday Letting Agency typically charges around 20% to 22% commission plus vat and the owner would be liable for all utility bills. The weather is also a contributing factor, many holiday makers will not book a holiday in the UK if the forecast is not good therefore leaving the owner with void periods but bills still to be paid. However the return on the investment could be higher, although the initial outlay is far greater.

If the investor decides to let the property on an AST, although the return may less but so is the initial expenditure. The agents commission is typically 10% plus vat, maintenance problems will be dealt with by the agent, on a fully managed property, and most properties are let unfurnished with the utilities being the responsibility of the tenant. At the moment the rental market is very buoyant with demand often outstripping supply.

Perhaps a nice dilemma to have!

Peter Oxborough—Bond Oxborough Phillips

## Litter Litter Every Where

I wonder if anyone else has noticed the amount of litter that seems to be laying around our roads and lanes. When we first moved to Devon about 19 years ago, litter was hardly a problem, the main roads actually had gangs of men picking any laying about, the lanes were basically litter free, today when your out and about there seems to be so much laying on the verges or blowing in the wind, I think it's sad.

I do wonder about the mentality of folk that can't be bothered to either find a bin or take their litter home so it's just dropped or thrown out of the car window with no conscience. I would hate for Devon to become like it is in the Midlands where paper and fast food containers are not an uncommon sight on verges and in the streets.

I don't know where I saw it but the idea was when you go to the beach pick up 3 pieces of litter, wouldn't it be a good idea if that also included if walking out and about on our roads and lanes we picked up 3 or 4 pieces of litter and took them home and put them in our own bin, of course make sure it's safe whilst doing it but I'm sure our roads and lanes would look a lot better.

## Footpaths

### Inter-Parish Walks

By the time you are reading this newsletter the inter-Parish footpath walks will have restarted  
The next four walks are detailed below and the full list is on the Parish website:

March 12	<b>Halwill.</b>	Meet by Parish Church (Note- <b>NOT</b> Halwill Junction).
April 9	<b>Pyworthy.</b>	Meet at Crinacott Farm.
May 14	<b>Milton Damerel.</b>	Meet at the Parish Hall car park
June 11	<b>Bradworthy.</b>	Meet in Bradworthy Square.

As always, anybody is welcome to come along but please bear in mind that some of the paths may be wet and muddy, and can be over rough ground. All walks are on Mondays and start at 10.00am, with the aim of finishing by noon. For further information please contact Evelyn (259848). Evelyn has put together a short quiz, based on last year's walks, to whet your appetites and this is printed elsewhere in this issue.

### Parish Footpaths

All of our own footpaths are open and useable although due to the prolonged rainfall over the last couple of months everywhere is very wet and slippery in places. The blocked culvert at the bottom end of "Butterfly Lane" has been cleared and the damaged pipe drain replaced, which is helping to clear a lot of the flooding and standing water. Our Rights of Way Warden has asked that if you are taking a tractor or 4x4 along the lane could you please keep to the centre of the track so that the pipe drains along the edges are not damaged. They are not always visible and are easily damaged by vehicles driving over them.

### How well do you know our local Parishes & their footpaths?

It doesn't matter whether you have come on the Inter Parish walks or whether you have read about them in the local newsletters, see if you can answer these questions -

- 1) What is the very apt name of the pub in Halwill Junction?
- 2) What is the name of the archive room in Bradworthy?
- 3) Which river that runs through Pancrasweek marks the county boundary between Devon & Cornwall?
- 4) What does P3 stand for?
- 5) What animals that live at Crinacott Farm produce ENORMOUS eggs?
- 6) What sport was played in the field between Lower Walland Corner & Whitebear Cross in years gone by?
- 7) In which Parish did we experience "walking through the Amazon"?
- 8) What is the name of the Church in Pyworthy?
- 9) What was the name of the cottage that used to be situated between East Vognacott & Gearns Farm?
- 10) Along which stretch of water would you find a sign with the initials B.H.C.?
- 11) In which Parish did we experience the "domino effect"?
- 12) In which Parish would you find Court Barn Country Hotel?

### Inter Parish Walk Report

Our first walk of the year was on Monday 12th February. We parked at the old School/Village Hall in Thornbury with kind permission of the Parish Council. I set off from home seriously considering whether anybody would want to join me bearing in mind that we had a heavy hail storm earlier in the morning & the roads were quite white & icy. I was amazed that by 10am there were twenty eight of us all well wrapped up & sporting hats, scarves & gloves. A great turn out. We were fortunate to be joined by Meg & her black Labrador, Tinker Taylor (great name). Meg has lived in Thornbury for several years & is very knowledgeable about the local area & its history.

Due to the atrocious weather that we have endured, the ground has become absolutely saturated. I have recently explored some of our local footpaths & I made the decision to walk along the lanes rather than the footpaths in Thornbury in order to avoid walking through deep mud & negotiating slippery stiles with a group of people. Our route took us in a loop of about two & a half miles. We set off towards Woodacott but turned right at Windy Cross.



This brought us out at Branches Cross which is actually the start/end of a couple of footpaths. It was a good opportunity to point them out as potentially very nice walks when the ground conditions improve. One of them goes around the lakes at Thornbury Holiday Park. The new owners have been keen to promote their property as a venue for various events in the evening as well as somewhere for holiday visitors to stay. Details can be found on the Thornbury Facebook page along with details of all the other events that take place in our local communities. It's well worth joining if you want to know what's going on! From Branches Cross we turned right along the lane to Cranapool Cross & then turned right again along Thorn Lane. By this stage the sun had come out but it was amazing how it was still icy where the road was sheltered by the overhanging trees between "Bagbeare Cross" & St. Peter's Church. We were interested to note the new tree that has been planted to replace the one that was cut down at "Bagbeare Cross". It must have been a mammoth task to remove the stump & roots. Meg was also able to tell us about the history of some of the gravestones in the Church yard. She has been involved with a project to catalogue the details of the inscriptions on the headstones. Some of them have obviously become very difficult to decipher. One of them dates back to 1702 & is actually a Grade II listed monument. An index has been produced & a copy is kept in the Church with a view to helping visitors find the graves of their ancestors. There are over 450 headstones & memorial plaques so no mean feat! For more information about this project & all sorts of other local information, have a look online at the "Thornbury Tatler". It is Thornbury's Parish magazine that is published quarterly. It is always an interesting read whether you are a resident of Thornbury or not.

From the Church, it was only a short stroll back to the cars. I think everybody enjoyed the walk. It was good to get some fresh air & exercise as well enjoy good company on a Monday morning. Our next walk is on Monday 12th March. We will set off from Halwill Church (NOT Halwill Junction) at 10am. For more information, you are welcome to ring me.

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## Tool Thefts

The theft of tools left in traders vans overnight seems to be on the increase across North Devon at the moment, with several instances in the Holsworthy area recently. The Police advise that if you are not able to unload the tools each night, that they should be prominently security marked and even painted in a bright colour to deter theft. As most thieves will be looking to quickly sell-on the stolen goods, any security marking and the more outstanding the better, is going to be a deterrent. It may seem like a chore but it's better than not being able to work due to the loss of your tools.

## Domestic Oil Thefts

The theft of domestic heating oil and farm fuels is on the increase again everywhere and we have had another incident in Holsworthy Beacon very recently. Fuel oil is a bulky item to steal and will need a vehicle of some sort for transportation. Please keep a look out for suspicious activity and vehicles in the vicinity of oil tanks and report it if you have any concerns.

## Using Mobile Phones Whilst Driving

There has been a recent national campaign against using mobile devices whilst driving which was supported by Devon & Cornwall Police. They have asked that we publicise this message because it is just as relevant driving along the rural lanes as on the "A" roads and in towns. It has been calculated that a person's reaction times whilst using a mobile device is nearly 3 times higher than somebody who is at the drink-drive limit or been using mild drugs. With increasing numbers of accidents being attributed to using mobiles whilst driving, harsher penalties are now in place and are being enforced. Please see the box below.

**Using a handheld mobile device while driving is illegal. Driving while distracted is dangerous to you and other road users.**



Saying you didn't know is **no** excuse

**Penalties for using a handheld mobile device while driving:**  
**6 points** on your licence and a **£200** fine

For new drivers, if you get 6 points in the first two years after passing your test, you will also lose your licence.





## Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/12/17 – 31/12/17:



The following incidents have occurred:

**ASHWATER: Criminal damage to property**

**HOLSWORTHY BEACON:** Criminal damage to tyres

**COOKBURY:** Burglary – gold jewellery was stolen

**ANVIL CORNER:** Theft of vehicle accessories ( batteries )

**ST GILES ON THE HEALTH:** Theft of bird cages.

In addition to my role, I have just taken an additional role as a Diversion Support Officer covering Okehampton, Tavistock and Holsworthy. My role is working with offenders and providing support to liaise with other agencies.

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

**PLEASE BE VIGILANT!**

Don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for non-emergency  
or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

..... and further information received in late January .....

Please could you disseminate message to the parishioners in the area as a matter of urgency. Residents in our local area had received calls from people pretending to be from HMRC. They asked their victims and informed them that they need to pay their taxes otherwise the police will be involved. They are asked to buy things from the supermarket and are told that officers will collect the items.

Make sure not to engage on any conversation with them and if need be use another phone to call HMRC direct.

Thank you.

PCSO 30099 Raquel ROWE

Diversion Support Officer and PV Support Manager

Holsworthy Police Station

### Beware!! Comment read on Facebook from local source

**\*\*WARNING TO THOSE WHO DO TESCO ONLINE\*\***

just had a phone call from a mobile number saying that the order I put through yesterday hasn't cleared and asking for different banking details. When asked why she was calling from a mobile number, she said because she was a delivery driver. When I asked why she was calling me about my payment when she's a delivery driver, she couldn't answer and hung up.

BE WARNED!!! I know a lot of people who use Tesco online for shopping and don't want anyone scammed. I also googled the number and people have reported the same issue. The number is;

07718 539470

## MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

Club normally meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. (Except January).

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

Christmas lunch at The Royal Hotel, Bideford was well attended, and those travelling by coach enjoyed a short visit to Barnstaple afterwards for Christmas shopping.

The New Year Party was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, with entertainment provided by Richard Wooldridge, and a very enjoyable 'bring and share' tea.

At the March club meeting there will be opportunity to discuss the 2018 coach outings programme, the outings will commence in April.

Chair: John Francis (Tel: 261117)  
 Vice-Chair: Edwina Hale  
 Secretary: Colin Boucher (Tel: 01288-359184)  
 Treasurer: Iris Fry (Tel: 261322)  
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 Enquiries to any of the above

### IF ONLY

A man from the racing stable on the phone  
 He said I believe you have a donkey that's lost all its hair  
 By eating apples so they say  
 Part of my job is clipping hair of horses  
 But I'm looking for a better way  
 So would you consider selling your apples to me  
 Together with some cuttings from your apple trees  
 Well I said I can sell you some apples maybe  
 But I can't sell you cuttings from the apple trees  
 You see those apple trees are special you see  
 My Great Grandfather planted those trees for which he paid a hefty sum  
 When asked why he paid so much, he maintained some trees were crossed with a plum  
 Really said the man of the phone  
 Does the fruit come with a core or a stone  
 Ah I said that's just it, it's difficult to tell for sure  
 That's why father always hung goggles over stable door  
 Under the goggles was a message which read  
 "When grooming your horse you do it with pride  
 Always be gentil and kind  
 You start at the front, and when you get to other end stand a lot to one side  
 Never stand directly behind"  
 You see as a very young child I remember Great Grandfather had a patch over his eye  
 And it wasn't till I was very much older that I was told why  
 You see poor old chap, spent years with his eye swollen and sore  
 If only he had that message over stable door.

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The Group reports on the finances for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The financial statements are set out below

	£.	£.
<b>Receipts during 2017:</b>		(2016)
Advertising (Annual payments from September 2017) <sup>NOTE</sup>	1102.36	(1229.00)
Personal donations/subscriptions	74.40	( 74.00)
Subscription	00.00	( 17.00)
Grant – Parish Council	<u>100.00</u>	<u>( 100.00)</u>
	<b><u>1276.76</u></b>	<b><u>(1420.00)</u></b>
<b>Payments during 2017:</b>		
Printing	1156.84	(1201.04)
Sub Correction	0.00	( 17.00)
Postage	<u>9.12</u>	<u>( 11.13)</u>
	<b><u>1165.96</u></b>	<b><u>(1229.17)</u></b>
 <b>Net gain for the year</b>	 <b><u>110.80</u></b>	 <b><u>( 190.83)</u></b>

Funds in hand at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017:

HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	2274.13	
Cash & Cheques held .....	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		2274.13
Add net gain for year		110.80

**Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017** **2384.93**

Represented by: HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	2384.93	
Cash & Cheques held.....	<u>0.00</u>	
		<b><u>2384.93</u></b>

**NOTE:** Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, include the advertising revenue 'in advance' for 2 editions – March & June 2018, valued at £531.25.

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

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

## Milton Damerel Parish Hall

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### Events Report

The Quiz Night in November was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Unfortunately the Carol Singing did not happen in December due to the inclement weather. Some donations were received and with the money raised from the Charity Christmas Whist Drive the sum of £74 was sent to Shelterbox.

### Future Events for the diary

17<sup>th</sup> March      **Whist Drive**    7.30 pm start

31<sup>st</sup> March      **EASTER BINGO**  
Doors open 7 pm    Eyes down 7.30 pm

21<sup>th</sup> April      **Whist Drive**    7.30 pm start

### 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 COMMUNITY LUNCH Ticket only

Four course lunch, bring your own drinks

A Raffle will be held

Adults £12, Children (5-11) £6, Infants (0-4) free

Tickets available from committee members or

Telephone Roberta Jackson 01409 261196

19<sup>th</sup> May      **Whist Drive**    7.30 pm start

24<sup>th</sup> May      **Coffee Morning** at Roger and Sara Lawes' home    10 am – 12 noon

10<sup>th</sup> June      **Quiz Night**    7.30 pm for 8 pm

16<sup>h</sup> June      **Whist Drive**    7.30 pm start

### Hiring the Hall

The hall is available for hire for events and private functions at very reasonable rates. See the community website [www.miltondamerel.com](http://www.miltondamerel.com) to download a booking form and Terms and Conditions of Use, or contact:

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## MILTON DAMEREL GARDENING GROUP

All meetings are normally on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month** at 7.30, at the Parish Hall or stated venue.

Meetings start again on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at 7.30, this will be our **AGM**. We will have a plant/seed swop/donation if any Members have any going spare. Also discuss the 2018 Garden Show.

Any new charges will be agreed at above Meeting. At present, Membership is £5 and £2 per meeting, visitors welcome, at £3.

Tea and Biscuits provided

At our last meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, We had a **Christmas Social** with a **quiz** and a **Bring and Share Supper**.

### Meetings

19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. As Above

16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Speaker from Boarder Alpines.

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. TBA

Our Garden Show will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. Please put this date on your calendar. Looking for lot of entries.

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### What to do in your garden in March

Sowing flower seed should be at its height now, plus it is also the start of the main sowing season for vegetables outdoors. Early flowering bulbs will require some attention this month. As long as weather conditions allow preparation for lawns can begin. Gardens could very well need a general tidy up at this time and keep a look out for any weeds that are beginning to appear.

As long as the ground isn't too wet and soggy early sowings can be made by warming up the soil prior to sowing using cloches or environfleece which will help to ensure good seed germination results. As soon as soil conditions are suitable sowings of artichoke, beetroot, broad bean, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, carrot, lettuce, parsley and spinach. Sowings of aubergine and cucumber, along with other tender vegetables, can now be made in a heated greenhouse.

Shallot sets can be planted this month, spacing at 15cm (6") intervals in rows 30cm (12") apart, and once conditions have warmed up, generally towards the end of March, onion sets may also be planted.

To ensure a regular supply of parsley later in the year sow the seed in pots. To encourage strong growth of chives it is best to divide the clumps.

Early varieties of tomatoes will develop well on plants when grown under glass in a heated greenhouse. For quick germination it is best to sow the seed in a heated propagator or you could use a windowsill. It is best to sow outdoor varieties later in the month and the plants are potted on as they grow, ready for planting out in early June.

Seed potatoes should be set out in trays which are placed in a bright but cool, frost-free situation so that the shoots will form. Plantings of early varieties can be made during March, however, main crop varieties are best planted in April.

During March and April celery seed can be sown into pots then placed in the greenhouse so you will have plants ready for planting out during May and June.

Seed sowing is at its height now as most of the summer bedding plants can be sown.

Half-hardy annuals such as ageratum, impatiens (busy lizzie), cosmea, gazania, petunia, lobelia and marigold can be sown in the heated greenhouse or indoors.

Provided soil conditions are not too cold and wet, early sowings of hardy annuals can be made outdoors.

Suitable plants for sowing where they will flower include the following popular items – anchusa, calendula, clarkia, larkspur and nigella.

Sweet Pea Plants are happy to be situated in sunny borders remembering to tie stems onto supports which will encourage quicker climbing and flowering. View our scented sweet pea varieties guide for more inspiration.

Fuchsias, whether bush or trailing, in their pots that may have been kept over the winter will more than likely have lost their leaves, and these should be cleared away just in case pests such as whitefly are present. If conditions have been severe the main stems may have died back and it will be difficult to see whether they have survived, however, this should become apparent by keeping the compost slightly moist along with conditions beginning warm up, then any dead stems should be pruned back. When they begin to grow strongly, watering can be increased along with weekly feeds being started, and, they could also be potted up.

Flower beds can be prepared so that they are ready for sowing hardy annuals during late March through into April.

A general fertiliser should be sprinkled around trees and shrubs, and along hedges, then give a generous mulch of well-rotted compost around the base of roses, fruit trees and shrubs a mulch of garden compost can be spread

Houseplants and ferns can be potted on into slightly larger pots.

Flowers on fruit trees should be protected on frosty nights but during the day it is ideal for the covers to be removed so insects can get to the blooms.

Winter digging may not have been completed by gardeners who have heavy soil due to the amount of rain which fell during autumn and beginning of winter, therefore, as conditions begin to slowly improve any opportunity available may have to be taken so that any outstanding preparations can be finished.

Clean paths, paving, patios and steps with a pressure washer or chemical cleaner. Also cloches and frames can be washed, inside and out, with soapy water removing any build-up of dirt. By doing this now will let full light pass through glass or plastic.

If not already done, make sure garden tools and mowers are checked over ready for the coming season.

If peanuts are put out, remember, it is best to put them in mesh feeders to avoid young birds choking on any large pieces. It might be a good idea for any bird boxes that may have been put away in sheds for safekeeping during the winter to be checked over for any damage prior to fixing on a suitable tree or wall. However, before doing so make sure cats will not be able to get near them by climbing any fences or branches that may be close by.

Reproduced courtesy Sutton Seeds



## Recipe for Adults

**Simnel spiced breakfast loaf****Prep: 30 mins Cook: 45 mins plus proving**

More effort

Cuts into 12 slices

**Freezable**  
**Ingredients**

- 225g strong white bread flour, plus extra for dusting
- 350g malted grain bread flour (we used Waitrose own brand), sieved to remove the grains
- 2 x 7g sachets fast-action dried yeast
- 25g golden caster sugar
- 50g dark brown muscovado sugar, plus 1 rounded tbsp
- 1 tbsp mixed spice
- 1 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 200ml whole milk
- 50g butter, plus 2tbsp extra for greasing
- 2 medium eggs, beaten separately
- 175g raisins

**Method**

1. Put each flour into its own mixing bowl and add a sachet of yeast and ½ tsp salt to each bowl. Stir the caster sugar into the white flour, and the muscovado and spices into the brown flour.
2. Put the milk and butter in a small pan and warm gently until the butter has melted. Make a well in the middle of each flour mix and pour half the milk mixture into each. Add 1 egg to each, and mix to a soft, sticky dough – if you have a table-top mixer or food processor with a dough hook, use that to mix, as the dough is quite sticky.
3. Turn each dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead each for 5 mins until smooth (or knead in your mixer). Put back into their bowls, cover loosely with oiled cling film and leave somewhere warm until the dough has doubled in size. Lightly dust a 900g loaf tin with flour.
4. Turn out the doughs and knead each for 30 secs more. Roll out each dough thinly so that its width is the same as the length of the loaf tin, but roll it as long as you can – the longer it is, the more ‘swirls’ you’ll get. Melt the 2 tbsp butter and brush the spicy malted dough all over, then scatter with the raisins and extra 1 tbsp of muscovado sugar. Lift the white dough on top and press together. Brush the top with the remaining melted butter, then roll up from one of the ends that matches the length of the tin. Lift the roll into the tin and cover loosely with oiled cling film. Leave somewhere warm for 20-30 mins until the dough has risen nicely above the top of the tin.
5. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and bake for 20 mins, then turn down to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and bake for 20 mins more. Turn out the loaf and check it sounds hollow when tapped on the base – if not, pop back in the tin and bake for another 5 mins. Cool on a wire rack, then slice, toast and butter or eat cold.

**Bradworthy Primary Academy Dates**

Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April	Easter Break
Monday 16th April	Back to School
Monday 7th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May to Friday 1st June	Half Term Break
Monday 4th June	Back to School

## Easter Recipes for Children

### *Crispy chocolate fridge cake*

**Prep: 15 mins Cook: 5 mins Plus chilling**

Easy

Makes 16-20 chunks



#### Ingredients

- 300g dark chocolate, broken into chunks
- 100g butter
- 140g golden syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 200g biscuits, roughly chopped
- 100g sultanas
- 85g Rice Krispies
- 100-140g mini eggs (optional)

**50g white chocolate, melted**

#### Method

1. Line a 20 x 30cm tin with baking parchment. Melt the chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring occasionally, until smooth and glossy. Add the vanilla, biscuits, sultanas and Rice Krispies, and mix well until everything is coated.
2. Tip the mixture into the tin, then flatten it down with the back of a spoon. Press in some mini eggs, if using, and put in the fridge until set. When hard, drizzle all over with the melted white chocolate and set again before cutting into chunks.

Recipe courtesy of Good Food magazine

#### Answers

- 1) The Junction Inn
- 2) The Collacott Room
- 3) The River Tamar
- 4) Parish Paths Partnership
- 5) Emus
- 6) Football
- 7) Clawton
- 8) St. Swithun's
- 9) Scorhill
- 10) The Bude Aqueduct or the feeder arm of the Bude Canal
- 11) Thornbury
- 12) Clawton

### Keep your dog on it's lead

How many times have you seen that or read it but still there are reports in the agricultural newspapers of dog attack on livestock, mainly sheep but also cattle and horses, some people just can't get the message.

Most people in Milton Damerel and the surrounding area are aware of the damage a loose dog can do and keep theirs under control but with newcomers into the area they may not realise that even the smallest dog can terrorise a flock of sheep, (all dogs have wolves as ancestors and the hunting/killing instinct is still within them) chasing ewes at any stage of their pregnancy can cause stress and abortion and can result in death, farmers are legally entitled to shoot any uncontrolled dog that is worrying their livestock. The next couple of months see's the lambing season in full swing.

Also be very careful walking in any field with your dog where there are cattle, they are very inquisitive creatures and will often come over and have a look at you, if there are cows with calves in the field you could be putting yourself in danger.

So please remember to keep your dog under control and keep it on a lead when out and about.

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**The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 11th May 2018**

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

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Tavonians Theatre Group present ‘The Thrill of Love’ (story of Ruth Ellis)	9 <sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm	H.A.T.S
Holsworthy Rotary Show 2018 15 <sup>th</sup> Charity Extravaganza	23 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 7.30pm	Tel: 01409 253826 <a href="http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk">www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk</a>
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Workshops:		
Back to Basics - starting from scratch watercolour painting	12 <sup>th</sup> March 10am -1pm	
Introduction to making Silver Jewellery with precious metal clay (PMC)	27 <sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm	
Lino Cut Workshop (suitable for 12+)	9 <sup>th</sup> April @ 10am	
Mono Printing Workshop (suitable for 10+)	16 <sup>th</sup> April @ 10am	
Photography Workshop	21 <sup>st</sup> April @ 10am	
Story Walk (starting on TorringtonCommon)	13 <sup>th</sup> May @ 10am & 2pm	
Making Silver Rings using precious metal clay	19 <sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm	
The Edible British Flora in Wild Cuisine	26 <sup>th</sup> May @ 10am	
Aca Theatre present A Clowning Workshop for 4 -10 years ..followed by “Better Together” A clown show for all the family	31 <sup>st</sup> May @ 1pm  @ 3pm	
Satellite Screening:		
NT Live – Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (Encore)	3 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 7pm	
NT Live – Julius Caesar	22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 7pm	
NT Live - Macbeth	10 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm	
Theatre:		
Plough Prism present Beauty & The Beast	20 <sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am	
Vienna Festival Ballet present Swan Lake	8 <sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm	The Queen’s Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 316063 <a href="http://www.thequeens theatre.co.uk">www.thequeens theatre.co.uk</a>
Wizard of Oz	31 <sup>st</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June @ 7pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> June @ 2pm	

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Holy Trinity Gardening	1 Mar		7
Childrens Party	3 Mar	3-5:30pm	8
Village walks Halwill	12 Mar		18
Easter Bingo Bradford village hall	16 Mar	7:15pm	10
Whist Drive	17 Mar	7:30pm	24
MD gardening group meeting	19 Mar	7:30pm	25
Holy Trinity Gardening	29 Mar		7
Spring flower festival	31 Mar		7
Easter Bingo MD Parish Hall	31 Mar	7pm	24
Early breakfast, Methodist Church	1 Apr		10
Easter Day Service Methodish Church	1 Apr	11am	10
Village walks Pyworthy	9 Apr		18
Holy Trinity Gardening	12 Apr		7
Whist Drive	21 Apr	7:30pm	24
MD gardening group meeting	16 Apr	7:30pm	25
Afternoon Tea & Cakes	28 Apr	3pm-5pm	10
2018 Community Lunch, MD Parish Hall	29 Apr	12:30 onwards	8
Holy Trinity Gardening	3 May		7
Coffee morning	5 May	10am-noon	7
Village walks Milton Damerel	14 May		18
Holy Trinity Gardening	17 May		7
Whist Drive	19 May	7:30pm	24
MD gardening group meeting	21 May	7:30pm	25
Coffee morning, Roger & Saras home	24 May	10am-noon	24
Quiz night parish hall	10 June	7:30pm	24
Village walks Bradworthy	11 June		18
Holy Trinity Gardening	14 June		7
Whist Drive	16 June	7:30pm	24
Holy Trinity Gardening	28 June		7
Summer BBQ	7 July	3-6pm	7

## Regular Events

Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Mobile Library	Wednesdays – every four weeks 3:45pm - 4:30pm
MD & District Over 60s Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (not Jan)
Parish Council meetings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Last Thursday of each month 10am
Methodist Morning Service	Sundays 11am
Parish Church Morning Prayer	10.00am 3rd Sunday every month
Parish Church Eucharist/Lay Service	11.30am 1st Sunday every month
Pilates	Monday 9:45 - 10:45 11:00 - 12pm
New Baby & Toddler Group Methodist schoolroom	Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12