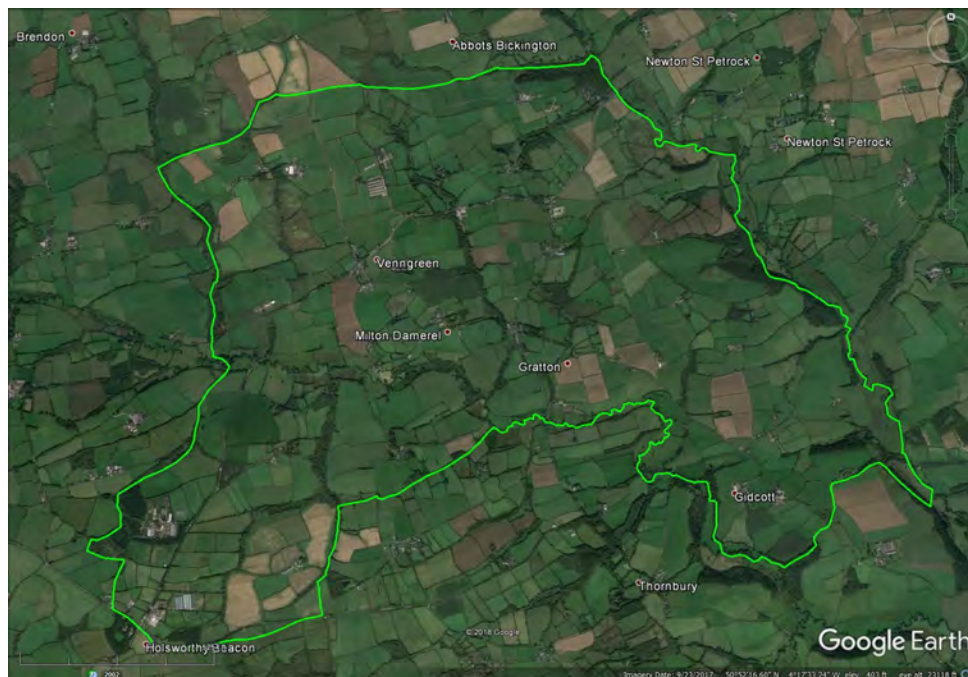




# Milton Damerel Newsletter



The Parish. Image courtesy of Google Earth.

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Milton Damerel Parish Council

September 2018

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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. To comply with legislation 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.

**Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons;** attended the Parish Council Meeting in July but was unable make the June and August meetings due to heavy commitments.

Barry continues to work very hard behind the scenes to support your Parish Council, he sends regular reports by email, there are funds available from him for worthy causes, if you have a request for a grant please contact the Clerk with the details.

**PCSO Raquel Rowe** has now moved on to Okehampton, a letter of thanks was sent to her for all her help and support whilst serving the Holsworthy area. Our new P.C.S.O is called Emma Tomkies and she attended the meeting in July to introduce herself to the Parish Councillors and the members of the public in attendance, her report is within the minutes of the July meeting, Emma will attend as many meetings that she can in the interim periods she will send reports on a Monthly Basis.

### **Planning matters:**

There has still been no decision regarding the planning application for **Town Farm**, quite a few residents attended the July meeting, where they voiced their worries and concerns regarding the development. These comments and concerns were again passed on to Torridge Planning along with the Parish Councils concerns, comments and objections. The Parish Council does not support the application.

Other applications received and approved were a First Floor Balcony at the Old Rectory, Extension at West Cottage and Barn conversion at Ley Farm. The Application for outline permission for one dwelling at Brenden Fields has been refused. Applications for Barn Conversions at West Wonford Farm, Three Safari Tents at Gratton Cottage and replacement dwelling at Southerley, Gidcott are all being considered by 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 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.

### **Website**

The new website, which is now up and running, was instituted and supported by an official government grant and because of current legislation, has to be conducted within the governmental parameters and comply with that legislation. There have been a few teething problems but these have either been sorted or are in the pipeline to be put right. If you have any information you wish to be included please let me know and it will be considered for inclusion.

### **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 2017 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 criteria for grants 2018/2019 have changed and the Fund

is not now available for the same use, your Parish Councillors decided that the hedges and verges should still be cut and be paid for out of Parish Council Funds. The T.A.P. fund is still available but must be applied for by two or more Parishes, we are looking at ways that the grant could be utilised. All details can be found on Torridge Website, and if you have any ideas please let us know.

The Laptop and Projector purchased with the 2013/2014 T.A.P. grant has been used on several occasions by local organisations. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to use the equipment.

### **Complaints**

Your Parish Councillors receive many complaints, these are usually discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting, or by email if it is deemed appropriate.

It might be worth remembering that Torridge District Council, and Devon County Council have numerous departments to deal with a large range of complaints, the more residents that complain the quicker complaints will be dealt with.

### **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 Accounts**

The annual accounts have been completed and are on the website along with all relevant information, under legislation it is now compulsory to publish accounts on the PC website. Copies can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

**The AGM,** was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, Councillor Stephen Moyse was unanimously elected as the Chairperson and Councillor Richard Piper Vice Chairperson to serve for the next twelve months. The minutes are on the website.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## **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 and we have been pleased to welcome some new members recently.

The programme for the coach trips for the remainder of the summer is:

September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dartmouth
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Truro

Members have voted to go to The Royal again for the Christmas Lunch, which is booked for Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

Chair:	John Francis (Tel: 261117)	Vice-Chair:	Edwina Hale
Secretary:	Colin Boucher (Tel: 01288-359184)		
Treasurer:	Iris Fry (Tel: 261322)	Asst Treas:	Pam Pidgeon (Tel: 261428)
Enquiries to any of the above			



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**To:**

**Sue Moyse** at Old Trafford, celebrates her 60th Birthday on 2nd September.

**Annabel Bellew** of Court Barton, Abbots Bickington who has just been awarded a Distinction in her Grade 8 (Gold) Acting Examination from the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts.

**To all our young people in the Parish** who have taken exams and completed study courses over recent weeks. We hope you have achieved the grades needed to move on with your plans for university, work, college, etc. Well done on all your efforts.



## GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

**Good-bye to:**

**Andy, Sarah, Jasmine & Laurence Harper** who have moved from Crossways.

**Terry, Marie, David & Bob Fairbrother** who have moved from Rosemead, Milton Town.

**James & Amber Bartlett and Sophia** who have moved from Milton Town.

**Gary Holt & Tracey Goldsmith, Michael Holt, Ryan, Deya & Saffron Goldsmith** who have moved from Costapacquet, Whitebear Cross.

**Joan Vanstone** who has moved from High View.

**Peter & Jane Jury** who have moved from Valley View, Milton Town.

**Welcome to:**

**Geoff & Judith White** who have moved into Crossways.

**John Meggison & Monica Fish** who have moved into Rosemead, Milton Town.

**Nick & Vicky Percival and Izzy Skelton** who have moved into Milton Town.

**Vince White & Yvonne Bray** who have moved into High View.



## OUR SYMPATHIES

We have been asked to mention the death of **Mary Uren (nee Bassett)**, daughter of the late Stanley Bassett, who lived at Northtown for many years, and of Joan Dewar-Wotton, who lives in Abbotskerswell.

**Cyril Fulford** died recently in Hatchmoor Nursing Home, Torrington, aged 87 years. He lived at Ashleigh, growing up there and living there until the 1980s.

## *Chapel News - September 2018*

### Lynne's musings.....

I expect by the time you are reading this that holidays are on your mind. Either you might be sharing memories made on your recent holiday or maybe you are still looking forward to one you have planned. **However, for some of our local people this time of year is actually too busy for them to get away. I'm** thinking particularly of the farmers who need to harvest their crops around this time. Often they are worrying about having enough sunny days in which to work but given the long dry spell we have gone through this year they may well be worrying about whether the crops have had enough rain! Not what we are used to at all. The seasons do seem to be changing each year and we have to learn ways of adapting **but we British are very good at 'getting on with the job' no matter what befalls us.**

Not coming from a farming background I get very confused at which crops are harvested when (maybe someone should give me a lesson) but I understand that the wheat crop is harvested in August and **September. Many churches used to celebrate 'Lammas' on the Sunday closest to August 1<sup>st</sup>.** Lammas means 'loaf-mass' and the local farmers used to make bread from the new wheat crop and give it to the church. This bread was then used to celebrate Communion. This was considered to be an act of thanksgiving to God for the harvest to come. The service fell out of use after King Henry VIII left the Catholic Church in order to divorce his wife and remarry. However, some churches and chapels are now reviving these old services, finding in them a reconnection with the rhythm of the land which leads us to an appreciation of the gifts we are given by God. In thanking God, we also thank those who work so hard to produce the crops we need. Celebrating Lammas at the start of the harvest gives us opportunity to think of those who will be working hard to make sure we have enough food for the coming season.

**Celebrating 'Harvest' is the great thanksgiving for all the crops gathered in. This service is traditionally** held on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon. The harvest moon is the first full moon nearest the September equinox. This year this will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. I wonder if all our harvest will be safely gathered in by then? Well I suppose that is weather dependent – **and no I'm not going to predict that, I've** seen others get that wrong many times!

No matter what the weather I hope this August you do get time for rest and recreation, even if that time is spent at home. As you relax and unwind I hope you will take time out to be with God, to thank him for all he is doing in your life and to listen to what He might have planned for you and for your chapel in the Autumn. I certainly hope to spend some time in reflection and prayer – and I know I will come back in the autumn more refreshed having spent time in God's presence. **Many Blessings, Lynne**

[Revd Lynne Burgon] Reproduced from Torridge Methodist Circuit Monthly Newsletter August 2018 – Issue 83

**TORRIDGE CIRCUIT – Staff Changes** – At the end of July a Circuit Farewell was held for Revd Stephen & Bethsan Hill, who were based in Northam. Steve is now taking time, and has been granted leave to recuperate from recent health problems and they were wished Godspeed. On 28<sup>th</sup> August there is a welcome service for Revd Andrew Vidamour, who as circuit minister will be taking over pastoral care of the churches in the northern part of the Torridge circuit from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**SUMMER CONCERT** – On a very warm summer's evening we were blessed with a good number of people, from around the whole area for the concert by the Exeter Male Voice Praise Choir and were rewarded with a worship time of singing, organ playing, bible reading, prayer and thought for the day. Donations for Chapel Funds totalled £240.

**RECENT FAMILY OCCASIONS** – It was a delight to welcome Chris Palmer and Nadine Loick for the christening of their son, Mark at the Family Service in July. Revd Lynne Burgon also welcomed their family and friends for the happy occasion including family from Germany. The service was followed by tea and a slice of christening cake in the Schoolroom.

The chapel hosted the funeral service for Mr Gerald Hutchings, when Revd Anne Curnow from Lifton led the service and gave the tribute. Interment followed in the graveyard where his wife Amy (nee Johns) is also interned. Gerald was the brother-in-law of Gwentyth Johns of Anzac, Gratton and sympathies were expressed to her and her family.

**HARVEST 2018** – We will be celebrating Harvest over the **week-end of 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October.** We begin on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October with bringing flowers, produce, gifts, etc. to the chapel to decorate and create displays. We welcome anyone in the parish to come along and help – please contact Grace (261251) for more information.

**Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11am** will be led by Revd Graham Thompson, who is the Chair of our Plymouth and Exeter District.

Celebrations will continue on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm** with a Bring and Share Tea, followed at 8pm with a short time of Thanksgiving. The sale of produce auctioned by James Morrish of Kivells completes the evening.... Except in true 'Methodist style' there is invariably still food for a final cuppa and chat!

*All are most welcome to come along and join us in the celebration of Harvest at any, or all, of the occasions over the week-end.*



**AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES** – By the time the Newsletter is printed we will have held another Tea & Cakes on 18<sup>th</sup> August and also used the occasion to make presentations to those in the Toddler Group moving on to primary school in September. Please look out for posters for the date of the next Afternoon Tea & Cakes, probably in November.

**BIBLE STUDY** – The discussion group will continue with summer time get-togethers, until the clocks change in October, meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Chapel Kitchen. We are an ecumenical group and we welcome anyone of 'any persuasion' to come along and join in the discussion and add your views. We are currently following a study on prayer. For details speak to Sheila (Tel: 261466)

**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, cross stitch, etc. etc. There's a small donation towards electricity, tea, etc. only. Date for next meeting in September, still to be fixed. Please look out for notices. For more details contact Barbara – 01805 601651 or Sheila 01409 261466.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - We are offer a monthly Sunday School on the second Sunday of each month at 11am. We join with the morning service congregation for a short time then get together in the Schoolroom for activities and stories. The next sessions will be on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, and Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November all at 11am.** Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466).

**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 **30<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> October & 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

#### **CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of September to November 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September.....Mrs Grace Millman  
 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September.....Mrs Margaret Fishleigh  
 30<sup>th</sup> September & 7<sup>th</sup> October.....Mrs Ann Poole  
 14<sup>th</sup> October.....Harvest Festival  
 21<sup>st</sup> October.....Harvest Flowers  
 28<sup>th</sup> October & 4<sup>th</sup> November.....Mrs Sheila Daniel  
 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November.....Mrs Christine Poole  
 25<sup>th</sup> November.....Mrs Lorna Dawe

**CONTACTS** – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister, Revd Lynne Burgon (01805 624392): Our stewards: Roger Daniel (Tel: 261466) & Dan Brett (Tel: 261609). Property Steward: Julian Allin (Tel: 261188). Secretary: Katie Allin (Tel: 261188).

#### **From the Torridge Circuit Newsletter – August 2018**

##### **A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT**

It is a strong feature of Methodism that ordinary lay people play a major part in the running of the Church. Local lay people called 'stewards' take responsibility for the fabric of church buildings and manses and for the handling of money. They share with ordained ministers the role of setting direction for the churches in a particular area or 'circuit'. Worship each week is not always led by an ordained minister, but often by a local preacher – a lay person who has been trained and authorised to lead worship and preach. At all levels of the Methodist Church lay people are involved in decision making, and the vice-president of the Conference is always a lay person or deacon.

This emphasis goes back to the roots of Methodism. John Wesley was very much a folk theologian who wanted to speak 'plain truth to plain people'. He took seriously the working people of his day. He addressed his preaching to them, and drew great crowds in the street or on hillsides. He also trusted them with responsibilities. In building the local Methodist groups or 'societies', he trained many lay people who then maintained the meetings and gave pastoral care and challenge to the members. He also trained preachers, who led worship locally, rather than travelling the country like himself.

*There are 14 societies in our Torridge Circuit with a superintendent minister, Revd Rob Blackhall, Revd Lynne Burgon, who is our authorised minister, and they are soon to be joined by Revd Andrew Vidamour. It is not required to be Methodist to go to any Methodist Church – all are always welcome.*

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Freeman Tel 01409 241315

## *What a lovely afternoon we had at the Church BBQ on July 21<sup>st</sup>*

In past years the BBQ was held on a Friday evening after gardening as a thank you for the hard work the volunteers put in all year through. Now however we no longer work at church on a Friday as it became a problem for a few of our regular gardeners, so we moved it to Thursday, but the BBQ is still held as a tribute to the people who work in and around the church and churchyard in whatever capacity without their help the church would be in a much poorer state all around.

So wonderful weather meant that sitting outside was a pleasure, but those who like to eat in a cooler spot found the inside of the church a welcome relief from the searing heat, plus that was where the food was.

Keith and I had the hot job on the cooking, Edwina collected money and Roy was serving the meats whilst Roberta was in charge of the drinks and the kitchen, Rob rang the bells for dinner. There are not many of us but working as a team got the jobs done, thank you to all of them.

Many guests said how much they enjoyed the food and the ambience of the company, this makes it all worthwhile. Thank you too to Sanders Garage and the Union Inn for their raffle donations, both are very supportive to church events and helping us achieve £227 for the church.

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day.

## **The Christmas Tree Festival will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> this year.**

The year is moving on so have you started planning your tree?

**Tell your friends and neighbours, young and not so young can join in this event– just bring a tree – and boys you can join in too.**

## **Church Roof**

I don't know if anyone noticed, on one hot Saturday just a few weeks ago, two persons creeping around on the church roof or of them peering over the parapet of the tower - it wasn't suspicious as Roy and I were there too as was Rob (but not on the roof), it was just two very good people who voluntarily went up onto the roof to replace slates where they had come down and to re-nail as many of the insecure slates as they could manage in the space of a day thus sealing up some of the worst of the holes that were in the church roof.

A temporary measure to keep out the rain that was pouring in through the roof in all parts of the church.

Step up Scott and Yvonne (Organic Mechanic) who spent a hot time up there, they cleaned and sealed the gulley, secured as many slates as possible, then went up into the belfry to check that the crows hadn't gotten in and the new mesh had held tight, finally coming out at the top of the tower to give us a wave... It was a hard day's work that they undertook.

What a generous couple they are. We are extremely grateful to them for working so hard in such fierce heat to save our church. **'Thank You' from all of us at Holy Trinity.**

## **Church Service dates for the next 3 moths are as follows:**

Sept 2nd	Sept 16th	Sept 30th	October 7th	October 21st	November 4th	November 18th
Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	United Benefice	Harvest Festival	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer
11.30am	10.00am	10.30am	2.30pm	10.00am	11.30am	10.00am

**September 30<sup>th</sup> United Benefice Service at Milton Damerel Church (refreshments served after service)**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> No Eucharist service as Harvest Festival will be held at 2.30pm**

**Please bring a harvest gift that can be auctioned immediately after the service**

Please keep an eye on the notice board as services may be subject to change.

**Church Gardening:** In the last newsletter we were saying that the grass was growing very fast and lush, as I write the grass has all but disappeared after sun filled hot days of summer. The barren earth is dry and cracked with no sign of the

lush grass but still the Ribwort Plantain weeds manage to survive and grow. Gardeners are just mowing off the flowers of the Ribwort Plantain as their flowers stand tall above the scorched brown grass throughout the churchyard. Weeds in the gravestones continue to grow but we could do with more helpers to keep the weeds under control and the graves tidy, many of them have roots so deep it is difficult to get it all out. But we will keep on trying.

**Many people who visit praise the tidiness of our churchyard, it is nice to know that all the hard work is appreciated both near and far.**

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

**August 16th August 30th September 13th October 4th October 18th November 1st**

**Clocks will go back in October and gardening will be back to once a month**

**Devon Historic Churches Trust – RIDE and STRIDE will be on September 8th.**

You can walk or ride to each church in the benefice sign the sponsor form and make a donation at any of them.

**Finally just a reminder that in the church is a small selection of books and a small selection of various cards such as birthday cards etc, available to purchase for a donation.**

Isabel

Church Warden

**Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Last Thursday of each month**

**10am – 12noon**

**Chapel Hall**

**A warm welcome to all!**

**PILATES...**

Methodist Schoolroom

Mondays

9.45am – 10.45am

&

11am – 12noon

Enquiries to Di Sluggett, our tutor, should you wish to join (281637)

**Milton Damerel Methodist Church**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEK-END**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October – Decorating the chapel**

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11am**

**Harvest Festival Celebration in the Chapel,  
Guest preacher: Revd Graham Thompson**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm**

**Bring & Share Buffet Tea**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Auction of Produce, etc.**

**James Morrish of Kivells**

**Warm welcome to everyone**



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## **JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS**

### **Toddler Group**

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. Also Lisa, who works for Action for Children drops in to see us from time to time.

The Toddler Group took two trips out during the lovely hot weather, the first to the Gnome Reserve, where we much enjoyed the cool shady paths under the trees; the second to the Venturers, Bude, where everyone could enjoy the soft play ball pits, slides, etc.. We continued more or less as normal during August with only one Tuesday not open. On 4<sup>th</sup> September we have a shorter event with music, from 11am till noon. School starts the following day, and we will have said goodbye to three regular members, Edward, Emily & Felicity.

### **Holiday Club**

On two Tuesdays in August Holiday Club was held with a variety of crafts to keep everyone happy, and lots of Messy Paint projects included.

### **Sunday School**

A special holiday Sunday School was held in mid-August, a free and easy drop in morning with animals as the theme.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Activities in the Schoolroom are centred around a popular Bible story – **it's a lot of fun with songs, stories and lots of 'making and doing'**. Come and see what it's all about, it's definitely different from the old style Sunday School!! **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September** and **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** will have 'Harvest' as our theme, so should include some good food! But there's always nice biscuits and drinks and no charge.

Any young people are very welcome to come and join in the fun. Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466).

### **What did you do in your holidays?**

Caine and Leighton helped Granma & Grandad make a Bug Hotel. We took the wheelbarrow to the woods and filled it with fallen logs and sticks. Grandad cut these up into chunks and we stacked them by the wall near the wild flower garden. We hope lots of good bugs and insects pay a visit. We've already seen 3 centipedes, woodlice and some funny jumping beetles. We are going to add more wood as it's a work in progress!

*Have you found an interesting project for the holidays? We'd love to have a little report to include here!*

## **MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT GARDEN AND PRODUCE SHOW**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**At The PARISH HALL**

**Entry Fee 25p per Item.**

**All Entries to be placed between 9.30am and  
11.30am.**

**Doors Open to Public at 2.30pm.**

**Refreshments will be Available.**

**Prize Giving and Raffle at 4.30pm.**



## ‘Hark! Hark! Hark! The Dogs Do Bark’ - Is It Your Dog Calling Out Your Name?

Do you have a dog living with you?

Is your dog left on its own for long periods of time?

Do you know if your dog is barking, howling or whining, when you are not at home?

Is your dog barking for long periods, when you are at home?

Concerns have been raised that the periods of time dogs can be heard either barking, whining or howling has been on the increase. Residents have voiced their concerns with the Parish Council, in hope that owners of dogs are made aware that there are several dogs in the area trying to communicate to their owners, that something is upsetting them.

It should not be expected that a dog will never bark, everyone knows that's a fact. That could be said the same as expecting a child never to talk. Some dogs do bark excessively. If yours does, it would be in your dog's interest to try and figure out what is causing it to bark too much. Once you know why, you can then start to help your dog.

**Loneliness & Boredom:** Dogs are pack animals. When left alone for long periods of time, whether in the house or in the garden, they become bored or sad and will often bark to let you know they are unhappy.

**Seeking Attention:** Dogs will often bark when they want something, such as going outside, playing, or getting a treat.

**Compulsive Barking / Separation Anxiety:** Separation anxiety could often result in your dog barking excessively, when left alone. They also usually exhibit other symptoms as well, such as pacing, destructiveness and depression. Compulsive barkers seem to bark just to hear their voices. They also often make repetitive movements as well, such as running in circles or along a fence.

Remember!! If you are a dog owner and your dog is Barking excessively, Whining or Howling, your dog is trying to communicate to you that it is unhappy and wants your attention.

### BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER !!

Holsworthy Beacon

Methodist Church

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am

Guest Preacher: Revd Howard Curnow

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## September Update Milton Damerel Video Project

I've met some fantastic people and have learnt so much about farming this year. Ok, so the last one is a slight exaggeration but I do know a little more than when I started.

I now have the job of compressing many hours of video into a just a few minutes with just three months of the year remaining. If you have something for me, please get in touch, I'm saving a space on the credit roll for you.

**The Milton Damerel Video Project**  
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Who is going to watch it? Well, you, me, maybe no one at all but remember, 80% of the UK population live in urban areas and have a genuine interest in the countryside. The majority of the remaining 20% live in small towns and villages, and then there is us, a minority within a minority and that is who it is for.

I've been updating the web page (link below) each month with new images, short video clips plus the occasional post on the Milton Damerel Community Facebook page to keep the project alive in peoples minds.

If the internet is to be believed, the de rigueur photograph of Milton Damerel is dark wet and muddy. Surely it's not too ambitious to want to change that?

Milton Damerel Video Project: <http://miltondamerel.wordpress.com> or just Google 'Milton Damerel Video.'

A link to the finished video will be published early in the New Year.

Robert

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Edwina has a Garden Pond liner.

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(An excerpt from the Molesworth Arms web page.)

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The Molesworth Arms re-opened for business in December 2015.

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All our dishes are prepared and made from scratch in our kitchen and designed by our Head Chef Mark & during the summer we open up our outdoor kitchen with a wood fired pizza oven serving delicious handmade pizzas.

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### **HE'S A VERY NAUGHTY BOY!**

It's rare that solicitors come across forgeries of Wills. It is pretty obvious that if someone does a Will and their signature has been forged or the entire Will has been forged, it will be invalid. Forgery is a form of fraud. We have recently had a case of a Boscastle builder who did just that. His name is Hedley Venning.

Hedley's uncle, Peter Ascott, died in 2012. Before he died he wrote his last Will, and this was done in the presence of his solicitor of many years' standing in 2010. In that Will he left the bulk of his money to the charity Christian Aid. He also left some other legacies, including money to go to his nephew Hedley. Clearly Hedley got wind of the fact that the bulk of the money was going to charity. Surprise surprise, the day after his uncle died Hedley came forward with another Will. He said that it was signed by his uncle two months previously and in the new Will virtually everything had been left to Hedley. All references to Christian Aid had been removed from the new Will. To rub salt into the wound, legacies which had been left by Mr Ascott to other family members, including Hedley's own two children, were significantly reduced. Local churches who also stood to benefit in the original Will also had legacies removed or significantly reduced.

Christian Aid smelt a rat and challenged the authenticity of the new Will. The charity got statements and other evidence from several beneficiaries of the true Will, and started a civil action in the High Court. In that case the two witnesses to the forged Will came forward with Affidavits swearing they had been present when Mr Ascott signed the Will. That seems to have persuaded Christian Aid to come to terms with Hedley in 2016. Under the agreement reached he paid a sum to Christian Aid and the charity in turn removed a block it had placed on the forged Will being admitted to probate. Hedley thought he had got away with it.

But it didn't stop there. When the forged Will was submitted to the Probate Registry and Hedley obtained a Grant of Representation for himself, the police were called in and criminal charges were brought.

There followed a three week trial in Truro Crown Court which ended in June. Hedley and his co-conspirators pleaded not guilty - he obviously thought he could still hoodwink a Cornish jury into accepting his version of events.

The prosecution produced expert forensic evidence. This showed conclusively that the 2012 Will was a forgery. The jury was not duped, and gave a unanimous guilty verdict. The result was that Hedley Venning was given a 5½ year sentence. The two "witnesses" to the fraudulent Will, chums of his, received 2 year sentences suspended for 2 years. They were also required to undertake substantial unpaid work sentences. They were also given fines.

Hedley Venning therefore got his just deserts, and he is now no doubt repenting his fraudulent conduct whilst he remains incarcerated over the next few years.

One of the morals of this tale is that home-made Wills can readily be open to fraud of one sort or another. A Will executed in front of a solicitor who keeps proper notes and can give appropriate evidence should the need arise will more than likely stand the better test of authenticity. If you need help with a Will then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us here at Busbys on **01288 35 9000** and see our advert in this magazine.

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## MILTON DAMEREL WEBSITE - COMMUNITY SECTION

The Parish Council has launched a new website, and contained within it is a Community Section. The web address is [www.miltondamerel.com](http://www.miltondamerel.com)

The Community Pages are for the residents of Milton Damerel to notify of anything (and everything) which is happening in the Parish. This information is under the heading "Local Information/Events" on the website. This section of the website is being maintained by Sandra O'Connor, and if you want anything included or updated then please send details by email to [sandraoconnoripad@gmail.com](mailto:sandraoconnoripad@gmail.com).

As well as general details on what happens in the Parish on a regular basis, it is intended to keep the community pages topical. Do please take a look from time to time to see if there is anything new which is of interest to you.

Linked to the home page of the website are the new Milton Damerel Community Facebook page and the Milton Damerel Community Twitter account (@miltondamerelgp). Either access both via the website, or direct through Facebook and Twitter. Remember to "follow" if you want to receive a regular supply of news updates and seasonal local photographs. Sandra is also the Administrator for these.

## Looking Back .....

A couple of snippets about sports from the Looking Back section of recent Holsworthy Posts....

"A sports meeting, held last week in Milton Damerel church hall, was presided over by Mr C C Stidwell (chairman) and Mr T Larkworthy (hon sec)" Holsworthy Post 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 70 years ago

Long term residents of the parish will recall both of the above characters named above –

Mr C C Stidwell owned a property called St Nectan's at Whitebear Cross, on the site of the bungalow now known as Costapacquet. St Nectan's was a home and shop established in an old railway carriage, with many lean-tos added. Not only did Cecil and his wife run one of the village shops from these premises but also his carpentry and related businesses. With a local mason, Cecil Slee, who lived at High Cross, (just along the road from St Nectan's) he built the Church Hall, now known as the Parish Hall. Cecil Stidwell was also the author of (with the assistance of a local resident) "History of Milton Damerell 1906 – 1970".

Mr T Larkworthy was born at Mount Pleasant and also returned to reside there later in life. His occupation was lorry driver mainly working for Walt Gifford of Higher Venn collecting milk churns from local farms and delivering them to Torridge Vale Diaries at Taddipport. Tom and his family lived for a few years in another railway carriage adapted as a home at High View, just along the road from Whitebear Cross, which is now the site of bungalow built about 16 years ago.

Apologies for the brevity of the above comments – I am sure many pages could be written about their lives in Milton Damerel.

It would be very interesting to receive some information about the sports events in Milton Damerel – and in particular the events, races, etc., the 'stars', and highlights of the Sports Days held. Please write some comments or tell one of the Newsletter Group your memories – also any photos.

"Brian Parnell broke the senior boys high jump record at 5ft 2 in at Holsworthy County Secondary School sports." Holsworthy Post 22nd June 2018 50 years ago

Brian attended Milton Damerel Primary School (in the Methodist Chapel Schoolrooms) and then Holsworthy Senior School. He is the son of Ken, and the late Pat, Parnell of Kenmar, Venn Green. I suspect there were several more sporting achievements by Brian, from his sporting prowess.

# PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



**Affordable Housing** – The potential for affordable housing in the Parish to be incorporated in a larger development at Milton Town has diminished again. The application to develop 16 houses and barn conversion for 2 more houses ref: 1/1067/2017, which included 3 affordable homes, was withdrawn – the Torridge web-site does not indicate the date of withdrawal. However it is assumed this was linked to an announcement that Drew Construction had moved into liquidation.

In May a new application ref: 1/0520/2018 was submitted by Drew Properties (New Milton) Ltd, titled as a re-submission of ref: 1/0732/2017, which plans 8 new houses and 2 from the barn conversion. None of these houses are allocated for affordable housing.

This latest application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting in July when parishioners again were able to raise many concerns about the development which have been incorporated in the Council's response to Torridge planning.

There are no other proposals for affordable housing in the Parish.

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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## Japanese Knotweed

Landowners will be able to claim damages if the "pernicious" plant Japanese Knotweed has encroached on their property following a Court of Appeal ruling.

In a decision that could have wider implications for landowners across England and Wales, three leading judges ruled in favour of two householders whose properties had been affected by the hazardous weed.

Lawyers said the ruling could see homeowners successfully sue neighbours if the plant invades their property. If it can be successfully proved that knotweed that grows into a home or garden originated on an adjoining property, that owner could be held liable for the cost of its removal and any loss of value.

The plant, which was a popular feature in Victorian gardens, can undermine the structural integrity of buildings and is expensive to treat. It has spread around Britain, with roots being carried on trains and along canals, and its presence on a piece of land can severely affect its value.

"Its presence imposes an immediate burden on landowners who face an increased difficulty in their ability to develop, and in the cost of developing, their land, should they wish to do so, because of the difficulties and expense of eradicating Japanese knotweed from affected land.

Stephen Williams and Robin Waistell, who own two adjoining bungalows in Llwydarth Road, Maesteg, South Wales, made a claim against Network Rail who owns the land immediately behind their properties.

Rodger Burnett, of Charles Lyndon, the law firm that represented Mr Waistell, said the ruling means a householder could sue their neighbour, but that it would be companies like Network Rail who would have the greatest concerns.

Announcing the decision, Master of the Rolls Sir Terence Etherton said: "Japanese knotweed, and its roots and rhizomes, does not merely carry the risk of future physical damage to buildings, structures and installations on the land. Its presence imposes an immediate burden on landowners who face an increased difficulty in their ability to develop, and in the cost of developing, their land, should they wish to do so, because of the difficulties and expense of eradicating Japanese knotweed from affected land. In this way, Japanese knotweed can fairly be described as a natural hazard which affects landowners' ability fully to use and enjoy their property and, in doing so, interferes with the land's amenity value."

However, the judge – sitting with Lady Justice Sharp and Lord Justice Leggatt – said the homeowners would not be entitled to damages solely because the knotweed had reduced the value of their properties, there must be encroachment and physical damage.



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## Footpaths News

### Inter-Parish Walks

You won't be surprised to read that it was very HOT for our walk on Monday 9th July. Twenty three of us including Gill's dog, Tom, met at East Vognacott. The owner had very kindly given us permission to park in the yard. We were greeted by some very vocal cattle in the adjacent field. It was really quite amusing as they completely "drowned me out" when I attempted to welcome everyone. We set off along the footpath which has had such a lot of work done on it through financing from DCC in order to improve the drainage. The lie of the land is such that the footpath acts as a natural gully whenever it rains & has always had the reputation of being "the wet walk". I was pleased that no wellies were required as they have been in previous years, even in July! It was good to note that DCC had recently cut back the undergrowth but it was amazing how quickly the brambles had grown. With some help from several walkers who kindly offered to trim them back with secateurs, the path became more passable. We stopped briefly at what is known as ScorPhill to consider what it must have been like to live in the farm labourer's cottage that used to be there. We then continued on our way emerging from the shade of the trees into very bright sunshine. We followed the path along the edge of a cultivated field & along the track leading up to Gearn's Farm. This then became their concrete drive leading to the road. It is quite high at this point as it's on the same level as Holsworthy Beacon. Ordinarily, there would have been a breeze but there wasn't a breath of wind & everyone was keen to take advantage of the shade provided by a tree. We set off along the lane towards Honeycroft Cross. We then joined the footpath on our left. In previous years, we walked along the edge of several grassy fields that had not been cut for years & there had been an abundance of butterflies & moths. We were surprised to discover that all but one field had been cut which made walking very much easier but we didn't see as much wildlife. At the bottom of the hill, we all took advantage of the shade of the trees & there was a most welcome cool breeze. Nobody was in a hurry to continue on their way as it meant emerging back into the very bright sunshine. Thankfully, it was not too far back to the cars & personally after two hours, I was very hot & quite ready to return home for a very long cold drink.

Our next walk is on Monday 13th August. We will be setting off from Lower Tamar Lake car park at 10am for a walk along the feeder arm of the Bude Canal, finishing at Vealand Nature Reserve. This is a much longer walk than normal, covering a distance of about 7 miles. We will walk at a very leisurely pace & I would suggest bringing a packed lunch & plenty to drink. In this instance, I would be grateful if you could let me know in advance if you would like to come as I need to organise sufficient transport for everyone back to the car park.

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**Parish Footpath No. 1:** If you use this footpath, which runs from Worden Cross to Glovers Cottage, please take care when using the footbridge. The handrail and planking on the handrail side of the bridge are both suffering from rot and are in need of replacement. Devon County Council have been advised and we are awaiting them remedying the situation. Also, the field nearest to Glovers Cottage is currently growing maize and on first glance it may look like it is unpassable. However, if you go through the field gate you will see a path opening up through the maize which will take you through to the other side of the field.

If you are a new resident to the Parish and would like details for the routes of all our footpaths, there is a downloadable booklet on the Parish website. [http://www.miltondamerel.com/\\_UserFiles/Files/Local Info/Footpaths\\_Booklet\\_Rev\\_8.pdf](http://www.miltondamerel.com/_UserFiles/Files/Local%20Info/Footpaths_Booklet_Rev_8.pdf)

## Online Estate Agents versus Traditional Estate Agents

Online estate agent versus traditional estate agent? Perhaps bearing in mind my own situation you would think that my answer would be short and sweet!

I will be visiting my son in Australia, which is an expensive holiday, so naturally I wanted to save as much money as possible. My first port of call was the Internet with many sites offering cheap flights and great savings. I filled out the numerous online forms and waited for the results, picked my flights and hey presto the job was done. Or so I thought. Unbeknown to me my departure was London Gatwick but my return flight was to London Heathrow! This was pointed out by my local travel agent when I asked for a price comparison. Yes they were slightly more expensive but the benefits of calling in speaking to someone face to face and tapping into their wealth of knowledge and experience was more than worth it. No stress and the responsibility of arranging stop overs, hotel accommodation and flights all gone.

The same applies to estate agency. The advertisement that saves you from "Commisery" is not, in my opinion, strictly true. Yes the initial payment may be cheaper but you do pay up front and that is normally for a very limited service i.e. putting your property on the Internet. The traditional agent offers a no-sale no-fee service, so no up-front fee. If the agent doesn't sell the property and you are outside your contract period you can simply instruct another agent at no cost to you.

Many online agents don't accompany potential buyers, and unless you have been assigned a regional sales representative and pay an additional fee of around £300.00, you have to do the viewings yourself and some people may feel uncomfortable in doing so. Your local agent will generally qualify the applicant making sure that they are in a good position and ask the questions that a vendor may find difficult to ask. I also believe an online agent cannot call the buyers lawyer, only a property professional can do that, which can prolong the sale and add stress to what can already be a very stressful situation.

The online agent can be cheaper, you can get 24/7 service via the Internet and you can use multiple online agents without entering a contract, but of course you will have to pay a fee each time you register.

So would I instruct an online agent to sell my house? My answer would be no! And not for reasons you may be thinking. The biggest investment that I have ever made in the hands of someone that I have never met, or instruct a local person with face to face contact and local knowledge. You can't put a price on peace of mind which is the very reason I chose to use my local travel agent!

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**Local Problems:** After recently having to report about several thefts of heating oil in the Parish we have now had a quantity of eggs, along with money taken from an honesty box, stolen from a driveway produce stall. It is very likely that this is an opportunist theft by somebody passing through in a vehicle, so if you do sell goods this way, please try to check regularly and don't allow cash to build up. If anyone sees any suspicious activity or vehicles that are not recognised, then they can be easily reported in a simple preformatted email which can be accessed from the police website. The 101 phone number is still under a lot of pressure and so if you don't have internet access, it might be quicker to get a friend who has email to report it for you.

**Speeding Vehicles:** There have been a number of incidents in recent weeks with speeding vehicles causing accidents in the lanes. Luckily, nobody has been seriously injured, yet, but with a number of our lanes having been 'surface dressed' or 'dusted' please remember that these new surfaces increase braking distances and the possibility of inducing skidding. Whilst the national speed limit of 60mph (96kph) applies to most of our lanes this is an absolute maximum and it does not mean that it is safe to drive at that speed irrespective of conditions. The Highway Code is quite specific in that driving at speeds which are too fast for road and traffic conditions is dangerous. It also goes on to state that you should always reduce your speed when:-

- the road layout or conditions present hazards, such as bends
- sharing the road with pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists, motorcyclists and particularly children
- weather conditions make it safer to do so

Braking distances are also greatly increased when the road surface is wet or muddy, which but for the recent hot weather is usually a feature on many of our own lanes.

**Vehicle Thefts:** the police tell us that thefts are still occurring from vehicles which have been left unlocked in public places and even the cars themselves when the keys have been left in the ignition. Your insurance won't cover you for this type of situation so please try to get in the habit of locking up every time you go away from your vehicle.

**Courier and Telephone Fraud:** This continues to be a big problem across Devon and Cornwall and these seem to be especially targeted at elderly and vulnerable people. In most of these cases the fraudsters pretend to be police officers or a bank and then use various pretexts to try to get the victims to divulge their bank or card details. If you have an elderly relative or neighbour please warn them to be vigilant against these types of call. A variation is courier firm saying that they have a parcel to deliver and requesting card details to confirm that they are the correct recipient. To stop nuisance calls it might be worth considering a "call blocker" which can be purchased from a number of retailers. Your coordinators also have a leaflet about call blockers if you are considering this option for either yourself or a vulnerable person.

### NHW Meeting Date

Torridge District Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their next open meeting on Wednesday 5 September at the Methodist Church School Room, BRADWORTHY, starting at 7.15 pm. Our guest speakers will be Steve Fisher from the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service giving a presentation on fire safety in the home, together with a member of the Police Neighbourhood Beat Team giving an update on local policing matters. These will be followed by an open forum Q & A session.

## Footpaths News

**Holsworthy Walk & Talk:** *The following article has been provided by Gillian Aston.*

We have been glad to put away our rain gear now that the sun has come out and we have been seen on our walks sporting a fine array of sunhats together with sunscreen and bottles of water.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July we met at Dunsdon National Nature Reserve near Pancrasweek which has been cared for by Devon Wildlife Trust for the last 30 years. In 2012 the Reserve was named Devon's Coronation Meadow in recognition of its special environmental value particularly for its Culm grassland which is only to be found in North Devon. The characteristics of the Culm meadows comprise wet, marshy ground growing uneven, rushy vegetation. They are particularly important for their rich biodiversity and host an array of flora and fauna including Early Purple Orchids, the Privet Hawk Moth and Grey Herons. Environmentally they are also important for their potential to hold water which is filtered through the soils reducing nutrient pollution and storing carbon.

Having passed through the Culm Grassland we came upon the Bude Canal which is beautifully maintained as a footpath by Bude Canal Trust. The Bude Canal has had a chequered history since 1774 when John Edyvean, a Cornishman, originally conceived the idea and was granted a Royal Assent to commence work. Sadly the Napoleonic Wars interrupted initial plans and the Act lapsed in 1784. In 1817 local support for a canal was rallied and two well-known engineers, James Green and Thomas Shearn, were approached to develop new plans. Due to the rising land prices and poor water supply it was considered cheaper to construct incline planes, as opposed to locks, along the route and this work was completed in 1825. The canal as built was 35 ½ miles in total and comprised of the main line from Bude to Blagdon Moor Wharf, near Holsworthy, with a branch from Red Post to Drupton Wharf, near Launceston and a feeder arm from the newly constructed Tamar Lake (now Lower Tamar Lake) to feed the canal with water. The canal was unique, in that it was constructed for agricultural purposes, the transporting of lime rich sand for the improving of soil. The arrival of the railway into Bude in 1898 ended the Canal's viability and it was sold to Bude Stratton Urban District Council in 1902. Bude Castle Museum has a very interesting exhibition showing the history of the Canal which is well worth a visit.

We are very fortunate to have such a diversity of history and beauty to enjoy alongside the important benefits of walking which include helping conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

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 level 1 Monday walks please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642. For information regarding the Friday walks please contact David Arney on 01837 861829.



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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.

Membership is £5 and £2 per meeting, visitors welcome, at £3.

Tea and Biscuits provided.

Our last meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July was a talk by Ian Varnder, on Devon Garden Trust.

We have a full programme for this seasons Meetings

15<sup>th</sup> October. Will be a Talk on Heritage Apples by Rob Lee from Pyworthy.

19<sup>th</sup> November. Will be a Talk on Wild Flowers of Devon, by Paul Rendell.

17<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Social and Quiz

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They learn to feel guilty

If children live with tolerance  
They learn to be patient

If children live with encouragement  
They learn confidence

If children live with praise  
They learn to appreciate

If children live with fairness  
They learn justice

If children live with security  
They learn to have faith

If children live with approval  
They learn to like themselves

If children live with acceptance and friendship  
They learn to find love in the world.

— Dorothy Law Nolte





## Holsworthy Rural Policing Update

As some of you may be aware, PCSO Raquel ROWE who covered part of Holsworthy Rural area has recently moved to Okehampton Police Station. Therefore, PCSO Emma TOMKIES and PFCSO Mark JAMES are now going to be jointly covering both Holsworthy Town and Holsworthy Rural parishes, including Black Torrington.

Emma has been working in Holsworthy for 8 years, whilst Mark has been here for 5 and both of them have experience of covering the rural areas of Holsworthy. Mark and Emma are wanting to attend community events in the area, to be able to meet the residents of Milton Damerel and speak to them about safety and security advice, as well as answering any Police related question. If there is anything that you would like them to attend, then please do not hesitate to contact. We are happy to tend a stall, or attend meetings and give talks about specific topics – just let us know.

Also, Emma and Mark offer a FREE property marking service, where they can engrave items with a unique reference to make your items identifiable. They can also use UV marking kits to mark electrical items. We also have access to kits that can mark up to 50 items of property for a small cost available via DACWAA. If this is something that you would be interested in, then please let us know.



If you would like to contact your PCSOs please either call 101 and ask for a message to be passed to them, or email [holsworthy@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:holsworthy@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk) for their attention. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **PCSO 30538 Emma TOMKIES**

#### **Holsworthy Rural PCSO & Devon Horsewatch Co-ordinator**

✉ Holsworthy Police Station

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Western Road

Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6DH

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# Milton Damerel Parish Hall

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## Events Report

As usual the Parish Hall is fairly quiet during the summer months. Looking ahead, we are hoping to have a group of people to go Carol Singing this year. Unfortunately last year the weather prevented us from doing so. If you would be interested in joining the group please let someone on the committee know. The more people there are, the better the sound will be and it is always a fun evening. Refreshments will be provided at the end!

## Future Events for the diary

10 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Hall AGM 7.30 pm Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
28 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING</b> 10 am – 12 noon in the Parish Hall <i>Bring all your friends and support this worthwhile cause</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>BINGO NIGHT WITH A HALLOWEEN THEME</b> – Family fun for all ages
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>SOUP AND SWEET SOCIAL EVENING</b> Starts at 7.30 pm Please book. £6 adult, £3 child. Choice of soup and sweet, and tea and coffee. Bring your own drinks if required. Please book, telephone numbers at the bottom.
December	<i>Carol Singing around the parish – Date to be decided</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Charity Whist Drive</b> 7.30 pm start

We are always looking for new people to join us on the committee, particularly younger people and men! If you think that you might have some good ideas for helping to keep the hall functioning or ideas for fund raising events we would love to hear from you. Chairman: Lesley Self, Secretary: Kate Moyse, Treasurer: Roberta Jackson, Publicity: Sara Lawes. Ann Poole, Mary Carter, Margaret Fishleigh, Elizabeth Bellew, Christine Cook and Charlie Brimacombe.

## 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:

Booking Secretary: Roberta Jackson on 01409 261196. If unavailable telephone 261294 or 261151

## Bradworthy Primary Academy Term Dates:

Wednesday 5th September	Autumn Term begins
Monday 22nd Oct - Friday 26th Oct	Half Term
Friday 21st December	Last day of Term
Monday 14th January	Spring Term begins
Monday 8th February	Half Term
Friday 5th April	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 23rd April	Spring Term Begins
Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May	Half Term
Thursday 25th July	Last Day of Summer Term



## Pear Breakfast Buns

### Ingredients

- 475g white bread flour, plus extra for kneading and rolling
- 20g caster sugar
- 1 tsp fast action dried yeast
- 50g unsalted butter
- 200ml semi-skimmed milk
- 1 egg, beaten



### For the filling

- 20g unsalted butter, softened
- 60g light brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 Conference pear, peeled, cored and diced
- 100g walnuts, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp apricot jam

### Method

*Juicy Conference pears add a delicious sweetness to these soft and fluffy breakfast buns complimenting their nutty and apricot centre. Pull them apart and enjoy them still warm, fresh from the oven.*

1. Mix the flour and 1 tsp salt in a large bowl. Make a well in the centre and add the sugar and yeast. Melt the butter in a pan with the milk; pour into the well with the egg. Mix with a knife to form a dough, then knead on a floured surface for 10 mins, or until smooth and springy. Put in a lightly oiled bowl, cover with oiled cling film and leave in a warm place for 2-3 hrs, until doubled in size.

2. Lightly grease a 23cm spring form tin. Roll the dough out on a lightly floured surface into a 1cm thick rectangle roughly 25cm x 35cm.

3. To make the filling, spread the butter over the dough and top with the sugar, cinnamon, pear and walnuts. Roll the dough up into a tight cylinder, from one of the long sides. Trim the ends, cut into 8 slices, and arrange 7 around the edge of the tin and 1 in the middle. Cover with oiled cling film and leave in a warm place for up to 1 hr until doubled in size.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to gas 5, 190°C, fan 170°C. Bake the buns on a baking tray for 25 mins. Melt the jam in a pan with 1 tsp water, then brush over the buns. Serve warm.

**Top tip:** Turn out the buns while they're still warm to prevent them from sticking to the tin.

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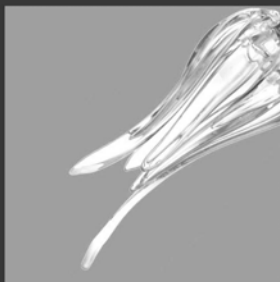
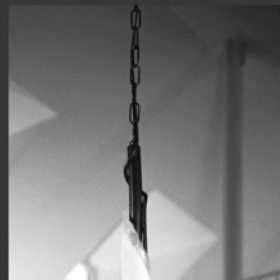
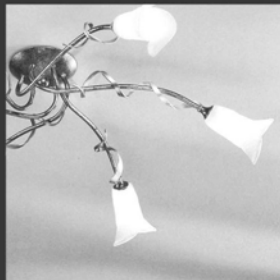
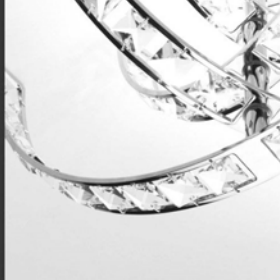


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By KrazyDad

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## NEWSLETTER CHANGES

We report some changes to the Newsletter Group – Terry Fairbrother has left the Parish and has left the Group whilst we are pleased to welcome Andy Kendall to the Group.

Terry joined the Group in September 2006 and took on the task of compiling all the material received into the quarterly editions and then printing and stapling c. 230 copies each time, followed by deliveries to the households around Milton Town, Milton Mill, East & West Wonford areas. We are very grateful for this significant contribution over the last 12 years to the continued publication of the Newsletter.

However, it is not only the Newsletter publication that Terry undertook, but he also set up and designed the first Milton Damerel web-site for the benefit providing an online facility about the Parish. This has been an excellent resource for the Parish, provided by Terry without charge using his extensive IT expertise and resources.

As previously reported, under increasing regulations about transparency for Parish Councils, the councillors took advantage of grant funding to enable IT provision, and coincidentally with Terry's leaving, a revised parish web-site has been set up and details of this are reported elsewhere by Lorraine Buttery the Website administrator and Parish Clerk, and Sandra O'Connor, the Facebook page administrator.

Terry and Marie were also key personnel (with others) involved with re-establishing the Fete for Milton Damerel which was successfully held for three years from 2007 to 2009.

Andy Kendall has joined the Group with a particular role of taking over the compiling task, but, of course, also bringing contributions and features. He will also be taking over the delivery covered by Terry. When compiled the file will be forwarded to Terry who will continue to print each quarter for us.

There is a new email address for contributions - [mdnews@kendallnet.co.uk](mailto:mdnews@kendallnet.co.uk).

## GDPR & The Newsletter

In the last newsletter there was a summary of the key issues from the General Data Protection Regulation which came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We have looking at what these mean for the Newsletter and the personal information (including photographs) we include in the hard copy and the very limited information we hold about subscribers and advertisers on our PCs for administrative purposes. We will be publishing further detail when we have taken advice on what is required of us!

## Advertisements

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**The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 9th November 2018.**

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

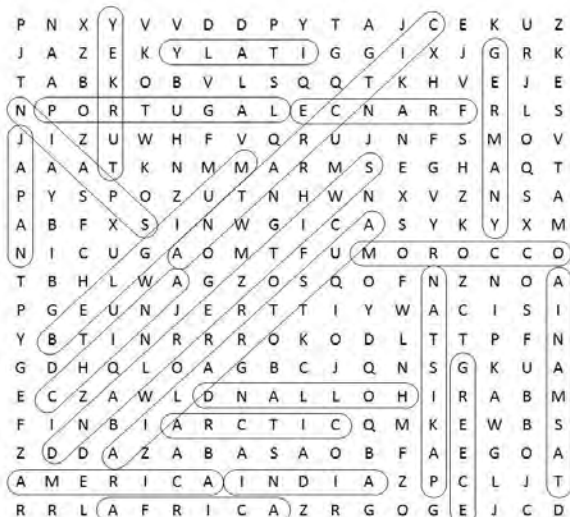
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Comedy Play: <b>Blackadder Goes Forth</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> September 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> September @ 7.30pm	HATS Theatre, Holsworthy www.holsworthytheatre.c o.uk
<b>Lest We Forget</b> A commemoration of the end of World War One	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm	
<b>Films, Live Events – Theatre, Open Air, Music, Visual Arts, Regular &amp; Special Workshops for Children and Adults</b>		
<b>WORKSHOPS:</b>		The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 <a href="http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk">www.ploughartscentre.org.uk</a>
<b>Print Workshops</b> Faye Anderson-Retter	10 week course 10am – 1pm 17 <sup>th</sup> September – 26 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Quick Watercolour Sketching Workshop</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September @ 10am	
<b>Watercolours for Beginners</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> October @ 10am	
<b>Pen &amp; Ink Workshop</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm	
<b>Paint like the Masters: Turner</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October @ 10am	
<b>Paint like the Masters: Van Gogh</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 10am	
<b>FILM:</b>		
<b>Mission Impossible: The Fallout</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September @ 8pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> September @ 7pm	
<b>Christopher Robin</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September @ 3pm 7 <sup>th</sup> October @ 3pm	
<b>MUSIC:</b>		
<b>Speed the Plough (Event No:18)</b> Fund-raiser for The Plough	14 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7.30pm	
<b>Ruby Turner</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> October @ 8pm	
<b>THEATRE:</b>		
<b>RSC – The Merry Wives of Windsor</b> Satellite screening	12 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm	
<b>NLive – King Lear</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm	
<b>Merely Theatre ‘MacBeth’</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October @ 3pm & 8pm	
<b>NLive The Madness of George III</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> November @7pm	
<b>COMEDY:</b>		
<b>Only Fools and Boycie</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> November @8pm	
<b>Jeremy Hardy</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> November @ 8pm	
<b>TALK:</b>		
<b>An evening with Aggers</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> October @ 8pm	
<b>Dinosaur World Live</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> September @ 2pm & 4.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> September @ 11am & 2pm	
<b>Vienna Festival Ballet present The Nutcracker</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30pm	
<b>Sunset Boulevard</b> (amateur production)	31 <sup>st</sup> October – 4 <sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> November @ 2.30pm also	
<b>English Symphony Orchestra</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm	
<b>A Viennese Strauss Christmas Gala</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm	

**What's on Diary**

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Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Date	5 September	7.15pm	19
Devon Historic Churches Trust – RIDE and STRIDE	8 September		8
Parish Hall AGM	10 September	7.30pm	23
Holy Trinity Gardening	13 September		8
Village walks — Clawton. Meet at Village Hall	10 September	10.00am	17
Whist Drive, Parish Hall	15 September	7.30pm	23
Harvest Festival — Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	23 September	11.00am	8
Macmillan Coffee Morning, Parish Hall	28 September	10.00am—12.00am	23
Holy Trinity Gardening	4 October		8
Village walks — Bradworthy. Meet at Village Hall	8 October	10.00am	17
Harvest Festival — Methodist Chapel	14 October	11.00am	4
Harvest Festival — St. James Church Abbots Bickington	14 October	3.00pm	16
MD Gardening Group meeting	15 October	7.30pm	21
Methodist Chapel Bring and Share Tea	15 October	6.30pm	5
Holy Trinity Gardening	18 October		8
Whist Drive, Parish Hall	20 October	7.30pm	23
Halloween Themed Bingo Night Parish Hall	27 October	7.00pm	23
Holy Trinity Gardening	1 November		8
Village walks — Pyworthy. Meet at Village Hall	12 November	10.00am	17
Whist Drive, Parish Hall	17 November	7.30pm	24
MD Gardening Group meeting	19 November	7.30pm	21
Soup and Sweet Social Evening, Parish Hall	1 December	7.30pm	23
Carol Singing, Parish Hall	T. B. A.		23
Christmas Charity Whist Drive, Parish Hall	15 December	7.30pm	23
MD Gardening Group meeting	17 December	7.30pm	21

**Regular Events**

Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm	6
Methodist Chapel Family Service	Last Sunday of each month at 11am	6
Mobile Library — Lizzies Larder	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 3:45pm - 4:30pm	
MD & District Over 60s Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm	3
Parish Council meetings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm	2
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Last Thursday of each month 10am	
Methodist Chapel 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 9:45am - 10:45am, 11:00am - 12pm	
Methodist Chapel Sunday School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month 11am	6
New Baby & Toddler Group Methodist schoolroom	Tuesday mornings 10.30 till 12	

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