



Basking in the Sunshine!

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Milton Damerel Parish Council

June 2019

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Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agendas for all meetings are displayed on the notice boards and available on the Milton Damerel Website, no later than the Thursday before the meeting. The draft minutes are posted to the website within 30 days. 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.

The Annual Parish meeting was held on the 18th April, it is always a disappointment that so few residents attend what is primarily their meeting. It is an opportunity to air your views and set questions to your Councillors, District and Local Councillors and guest speakers. The Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery but in this instance as a volunteer for the Royal Life Saving Society gave a short presentation on how to use a defibrillator, and how to perform CPR (Chest compressions) which is vital knowledge to help someone who is having a heart attack.

Local organisations then gave their reports, with tea, coffee and biscuits being served after the meeting.

AGM

The Parish Council AGM was held on the 15th May 2019, Councillor Stephen Moyse was elected as Chairperson and Councillor Richard Piper was elected as Vice-Chairperson. Councillors Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson, Stephen Moyse and Richard Piper signed the acceptance of office forms.

New Parish Councillors

Councillors Grace Millman and John Webb decided that this year they would not stand for re-election. Grace and John have given many years of sterling service to the Parish and will be greatly missed as Councillors to the Parish Council. At the meeting held in April the Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse Presented Grace with a bouquet of flowers and a small gift, as John was not at the meeting Stephen personally delivered gifts to John at his home.

At the meeting held on May 15th, there were 5 applicants to fill the two vacancies, a ballot was held and Teresa Walters and Peter Buckpitt were selected as Councillors. They will both be invited to attend the Parish Council Meeting in June to sign the relevant paperwork.

New District Councillors

Milton Damerel Parish now comes under a different district and is now under Milton & Tamarside, as such. We have two new District Councillors, Kit Hepple and Ken James. Kit attended the AGM to introduce himself to the Parish Councillors; he will endeavour to attend as many meetings as possible, with Councillor Ken James telephoning his apologies.

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons;

Barry has been unable to attend recent meetings due to heavy commitments, but he continues to work very hard behind the scenes to support your Parish Council, and send regular reports by email, which are then posted to the Milton Damerel Website.

There are funds available from him for worthy causes, if you have a request for a grant please contact the Clerk or any of your Parish Councillors with the details.

PCSO Emma Tomkies and PCSO Mark James have not been able to attend any meetings recently but keep the Parish Council up-to-date with crimes in the area.

Planning matters:

There have been very few applications over the past three months, but the development at **Town Farm** is once again being considered by Torridge Planning department, with amended plans being submitted.

The development was discussed at the meeting held on the 15th May, with input from members of the public. It was the unanimous decision of the Parish Council not to approve the application due to the facts that the Issues raised in the original application have not been resolved.

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.

Website

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

Town and Parish Fund:

This has now been replaced by 'Community Grants', and the criteria for grants have changed. We can no longer apply for the Grant to finance Hedge/verge cutting.

This grant was available to two or more Parishes that join forces to apply for funds towards a specific project. The amount awarded is equivalent to £1.10p per elector. For the funds that were available for this financial year your Parish Councilors unanimously decided to once again join forces with Sutcombe Parish Council, the total amount of £702 was gratefully received by Sutcombe Parish Council who sent their thanks to the Councillors of MD. Part of the field has now been cleared and fenced off.

This is an ongoing project but with excellent play equipment already erected.

Children of residents of Milton Damerel are more than welcome to use this equipment, there is no restriction to do so.

We have been informed that the 'Community Grant' scheme will not continue after this year.

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.

Bus Shelter at Holsworthy Beacon

Devon County Council are in the process of erecting a new Bus Shelter at Holsworthy Beacon, this shelter will then be 'gifted' to the Parish Council, who will then be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. Along with the shelters at Venn Green and Strawberry bank these need to be insured on an annual basis. Please report to the Parish Clerk or any Councillors if you see any damage being done to any of the shelters.

If at any time you can spare a bit of time to clean the shelters windows it would be greatly appreciated, but please be aware of your own safety when doing so, and inform any Councillor or the Parish Clerk of your intentions.

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. If you would like a refresher on the use of the AED and basic life support please let the Parish Clerk know.

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 are in the process of being completed; these will be published on the website along with all relevant information before the end of July.

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

Lorraine Buttery Parish Clerk 17th May 2018.

Bradworthy Primary Academy News

Wednesday 12th - Friday 18th June - Year 4 Residential to Bristol

Tuesday 18th June - Sponsored Walk

Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June - Year 5 Residential to North Wales

Tuesday 2nd July - Sports Day

Wednesday 3rd July - Sports Day

Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July - Year 6 Residential to London

Wednesday 24th July - Leavers Assembly



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Paul & Keri Oxborough on their marriage on 11th May
Pascal & Tamsin Martin on the birth of their daughter, Jemima-Rose, a sister for Amelie and Emma



WELCOME

Welcome to:

Karl & Lisa Walker who have moved into Costapacquet



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently:

George & Sybil Kinsman of **Holsworthy Beacon** on the sad loss of their daughter, **Avril**

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

Regular readers will observe we have reduced the amount of detail included on this page – this is due to the Newsletter Group reviewing how we should comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (please see Page ??)

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Chapel News - June 2019

Transforming Lives

Over the Lenten period I have been journeying with others studying 'The Beatitudes' – the directives that turn the wisdom of the world upside down. The Beatitudes ask us (among other things) to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to extend mercy towards others and to seek peace. I suggest each of us should seek to embody these attributes in our everyday lives so that our behaviour may act as a beacon of light in a world often clouded by darkness.

We can do this in so many little ways, and each small contribution combines to make a big difference. For example, how about choosing to shop locally where we can. Our farming community deserve our support and one way we can do this is by choosing to buy goods with them when we can. Financially it makes sense for them and us, the quality of the goods on sale is excellent and we know it is fresh! By supporting our farmers in this way and buying from our local shops and businesses we are supporting our local economy – a change for good I would say. Every small shop that closes says something about how we, as a community, choose to spend our money. Our small market town high streets can easily be lost if we aren't careful.

My second example is something more global – Fairtrade.

Now before you dismiss this I want to remind you we are called to seek to change the unjust structures of society. We are an island and I am the first to back initiatives that help us to become more self-reliant. However there will always be products that we want to import because we cannot grow them so well ourselves in this climate. I believe that those who do produce what we want should be paid a fair price for the goods. A fair price is one that enables them to live above the poverty line and become self-reliant themselves. The Third world doesn't want to be reliant on the affluent west, but it does want a chance to support itself. When you choose to buy goods with a 'Fairtrade' mark on you are supporting an organisation that is trying to make things better for those in the Third world. We give money readily when a disaster strikes but are we as willing to give generously all year round to support those who have far less than us. Fairtrade as an organisation may not be perfect but it is trying to do something about Third world poverty and suffering.

These are two small changes that we could consider making that will have an impact on others' lives. This May we will be celebrating Pentecost, the anniversary of the birth of the church, a time of renewal and refreshment. I believe that the blessing of Pentecost was not a one off – God is waiting to bless us with the grace of His Holy Spirit today and every day. I pray that this Pentecost you may receive an outpouring of His grace to re-equip and refresh you for the coming months. Then go out and make some changes in your habits and be God's blessing to others! *Rev Lynne Burgon*

EASTER BREAKFAST – Once again there was a buzz in the air early Easter Sunday morning! Cereals and toast greeted the congregation along with cooked breakfast. For the children there were the craft activities and an Egg Hunt. The Schoolroom tables were full for Café Worship – this was led by Rev Lynne Burgon at the earlier time of 9.45am, she had an 11o'clock service elsewhere in the Circuit, so we thank her for squeezing us in and leading such a family-friendly service. Donations towards the breakfast amounted to £145.00.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES – Another successful event despite good weather and it was Mothering Sunday week-end. We had some lovely items given for the stall as well as home-made cakes and home-grown plants, etc. A total of £164.66 was raised, which was divided between the Mare & Foal Sanctuary at Cookbury and our own Chapel Funds. Many thanks for your support as always.

The next **Afternoon Tea & Cakes** is planned for **Saturday, 27th July** when proceeds will be shared between the chapel and Action for Children, which celebrates its 150 years Anniversary in July - a very worthy cause to share proceeds with. They support local needy families with particular problems.

BIBLE STUDY – The discussion group now meets at 7.30pm on Monday evenings in the Chapel Kitchen – we are on “Summer Time”. We have just completed our Advent Study having taken a break of 6 weeks for a Lent study. For Lent we followed a course on “Talking Jesus”. This course provided us with insights on how in our daily lives there are opportunities to talk about Jesus with family, friends and associates, and give encouragement on how they may consider following Jesus for themselves. In June we will be studying The Letter to Colossians as part of Bible Month, in common with Bible Study groups and churches throughout the country. Why not come along and try us out for a few weeks whilst we follow the Colossians study? We are an ecumenical group and we welcome anyone of ‘any persuasion’ to come along and join in the discussion and add their views. For details speak to 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 **23rd June, 28th July & 25th August**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - We 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 School-room for activities and stories. The next sessions will be on **Sunday, 9th June**, followed by a Bring & Share lunch, **Sunday, 14th July**, and **Sunday, 11th August all at 11am**. See Junior News. Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466).

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of June to August 2019

2 nd June	Mrs Lilian Luxton
9 th & 16 th June	Mrs Sheila Daniel
23 rd & 30 th June	Mrs Katie Allin
7 th & 14 th July	Mrs Phyllis Piper
21 st & 28 th July	Mrs Valerie Harris
4 th & 11 th August	Mrs Sally Piper
18 th & 25 th August	Mrs Christine Poole

SEW ‘N’ SEWS – continues to meet normally on the last Saturday of the month in the Chapel Kitchen bringing along our respective projects - knitting, sewing, etc., We welcome anyone to come anyone along to join us from 2.30 to about 4.30pm – enjoy a cup of tea and chat and set the world to rights.

Saturday, 29th June we have a special visit to the group from Mrs Lorna Hicks from Little Stitches (Littleham). Lorna will bring along some of her work and show us how to make a simple 10 minute block. Please feel welcome to come along especially if you haven’t been before. If you have seen some of the Littleham groups exhibitions you will know what an amazing standard they set.

For details of other planned meetings please check the noticeboard on the Chapel railing or contact Barbara – 01805 601651 or Sheila 01409 261466.

FORGOTTEN FEET CLINIC for the Homeless in Barnstaple – Debbie De Ste Croix will be holding another of these clinics on 25th May. There are currently 40-50 homeless/sleeping rough and in supported accommodation in Barnstaple; about 7-10 people attend each clinic. Men’s boots and shoes/trainers and socks are needed. We are looking at collecting socks and good quality shoes for the homeless, to support this group. We are happy for them to be dropped off at chapel and we will take to their Bodmin Street clinic.

SPRING CLEAN – A very “productive” spring clean was held recently, which included cleaning out and sorting the kitchen cupboards, painting, tidying in the graveyard, weeding the driveway, and washing down the outside windows and doors. Thank you to all our helpers.

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).

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

[Rev Richard Freeman Tel 01409 241315](tel:01409241315)

Church wardens Isabel and Roy Fairbrother tel 01409 261181



Hello Everyone

Here we are approaching early summer the wild garlic is spreading a white carpet through the boundaries of the churchyard with Bluebells and Herb Robert popping up in between as well as the wild keck (Cow Parsley) growing tall and slender with its minute white flowers massing to make heads so large that it's a miracle the mother plant can hold them erect. Look closely at the flower heads and you can see how beautiful they are. The tiny blue flowers of the wild speedwell (we used to call them birds eyes) can be seen spreading through the undergrowth and all around the air is filled with the pungent scent of garlic which may not be to everyone's taste. Through the hedges the bright blue cup shaped flowers of the Periwinkle cascade down looking like bright lights twinkling amongst the fresh new green leaves of the Hawthorn. A carpet of bright daisies spreads far and wide as it draws your eyes across the grass - it is so tranquil a scene - the peace and quiet of the churchyard is beautiful. Earlier this year a tree at the east end of the churchyard was brought down in the high winds, this left a second tree, that was already dying, exposed and dangerous. We had no option but to have it taken down to protect the public from the danger of this falling. Our thanks to Joe and Scott for stepping in and removing and clearing the tree for the church. It is once again safe to walk the path at the back of the church.

But please keep your dogs on a lead when walking through the churchyard.

As some of you will know there are changes being made within the Diocese as Rev. Kathy Roberts has now retired and Rev. Jane Lucas will be retiring towards the end of May, we wish them both happy retirements. Rev. Richard Freeman is now the new Rural Dean. With fewer Clergy the Lay will be called on more often to conduct the services and we may have changes to our regular routine. The Church service times can be found on both of our church notice boards and we will do our best to keep them updated, or if you are unsure do give me (Isabel) a call.

Church Service dates for the next few months are as follows:

June 16 Morning Service 10.00am	June 30th Holy Trinity BENEFICE SERVICE	July 7th Morning Service 10.00am	July 21st Service cancelled
August 4th Holy Communion 10.00am	August 18th Morning Service 11.30am	September 1st Holy Communion 10.00am	

The Benefice service is the annual service to commemorate our church and brings together the churches in our Bradworthy Benefice at Holy Trinity.

Not so many years ago there would have been a procession into the church with banners being held aloft.

Everyone is welcome - as you are to all of our services at Holy Trinity. Drinks and nibbles will be served afterwards.

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

Sharp eyed people may have noticed the new gates at Holy Trinity Church. These have been donated to the church by Mr and Mrs Simon Skinner. We would like to thank you very much for your generosity.

We are still struggling with the roof and down-water goods at our church. Scott has been very good but as fast as he secures the slates the wind and rain loosen them and bring them down again leaving gaping holes in the roof where the rain gets in. The parquet floor has been covered in water several times already this year.

We are forming a friend's meeting group to see if we can solve the issues together as a community, find a way forward and win a lottery grant. If you would be interested in being part of this group then do give me a call – number above – and then I can let you know when we are to have our first meeting. The only criteria to joining this group is that you are resident in Milton Damerel.

Thank you to everyone who donates to the church roof whether it be the surprise bag of small change we were given or a few coins, it's very welcome.

Church Fundraising Events Diary:

Church BBQ July 6th - Open from 3.00pm – 6.00pm

BBQ with burgers, sausages, chicken drumsticks, salad, potatoes and condiments and a vegetarian option.

We are proud to announce the 'World Premier' of local film 'A Year In A Rural Parish', produced and directed by Mr Rob Stennet – you may see yourself on the silver screen, film showing from 3.30pm.

Church Garden Party August 17th 2.00pm – 5.00pm Visit us on our annual fun day. Refreshments, burgers, cake stall, plant stall, raffle, tombola and more with a chance to win some great prizes, or have a go at ringing the church bells. New this year is the home-grown produce/preserves stall, we invite you to donate your surplus produce to help us raise even more money. The Milton Damerel T-shirt will also be on display you can buy one to collect on the day. All donations towards bric-a-brac stall or cake stall or raffle prizes will be most welcome.

You can leave your donations with me at Albatross or leave them at the church.

Ride and Stride September 14th - Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride, walk or drive in which people all over England walk, cycle or other between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside. Each year the event raises over £1 million pounds to help fund urgent repairs to historic churches and chapels. Our church will take part again this year. You can use your car to get between the churches in our Benefice which are:- Holy Trinity, Abbots Bickington, Bulkworthy, Putford, Sutcombe, and Bradworthy. It is not essential to visit all the churches. Sadly our church is often left out as it is the furthest to walk to. Refreshments are usually available and will be at Holy Trinity. Details will be on the notice board along with sponsorship forms, or you can leave a donation in the box. Last year only one person visited our church on this event, help us turn that around. You do not have to visit all the churches to participate.

Church Gardening: Church gardening is now twice a month, the Thursday before the 1st service of the month and Thursday before the 2nd service from 2.00pm onwards – it is subject to change depending on the weather. If you have been in the churchyard recently you may have noticed a new flower bed at the east end near the concrete bench. This is the work of Lesley who has dug the bed out and planted it with flowers and shrubs to brighten up this area and make it even more welcoming. New neighbour, Ann, has been busy working in the area, helping to keep it tidy. With a nod to the ecosystem and to help preserve our wildlife we have erected a 'Bug Hotel' in the far corner of the east end of the churchyard - just behind the small trees. The bugs were so eager to access their new home they were moving in before the pallets were set up, we are sure they will be happy there. We aim to encourage hedgehogs and maybe frogs and toads. It will be interesting to see what 'moves' in. Take a peep but please do not disturb. We are looking out for the variety of animals who visit our churchyard maybe you have seen some on your walks through. If you have a phone camera perhaps you could take a photograph so we can collate the dates and times to get an overall picture of our smaller visitors.

The all-important Gardening Dates (subject to weather) for the next few months

June 13th	June 27th	July 4th	July 18th	August 1st	August 15th	August 29th
Isabel						
Church Warden						

Holy Trinity Church and recycling.

As many of you know I am an avid fan of recycling wherever we can, and I also collect things for charities for which I have raised quite a bit of money.

I propose that we start collecting plastic bottle tops to raise badly needed funds for the church roof. A box or bin will be placed at the church and when you have collected a few plastic bottle tops they can be deposited there.

It is an environmentally friendly way of raising funds.

We will be looking at other things we can recycle for cash so look out for any notices about recycling for the Holy Trinity roof fund.

Edwina Hale.

JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS

Toddler Group

We meet on Tuesday mornings, and are there from 10.00am – 12.30pm in the Schoolroom.

Sadly more Baby & Toddler groups have closed around the area. This means we are joined by Mums and Children from quite a wide area around. This helps us to continue for those in our own locality. We are a **very friendly group, Mums, Grans and Minders can “let their hair down” and share together, whilst the** children have a lot of fun playing and learning social skills. We always provide a craft activity – painting, cutting and gluing – and the large selection of ride-ons provide an opportunity to let off steam. We have recently added a few more baby toys as there are now quite a few new little ones.

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

Please note: We have a good selection of toys and ride-ons, which we would be happy to lend for local **children’s parties, etc., for just a small donation to our funds.**

Please feel free to come along and join us, Dads are also welcome.

Sunday School

Sunday School is open to all local children to come and join in with stories, games, songs and crafts. We normally meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am until approximately 12.30pm. No charge and refreshments provided.

On Sunday 9th June, which is Pentecost,* we will have a Bring and Share Lunch at 12 o’clock, after the service and Sunday School. Everyone to bring along a plate of food to share. Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466).

****Pentecost**, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, followers of Jesus, while they were in Jerusalem. For Christians, this event celebrates the birth of the early Church.*

Holiday Club / Workshop

Easter Workshop – A lot of fun for local children, the Toddler Group met as usual on this Tuesday before Easter and siblings and friends invited along. Della & Lyndsay came to help Revd Lynne with crafts whilst in the kitchen Dan and Sheila helped make chocolate goodies with mini eggs in plenty. A great time was had by all.

Holy Trinity Church Milton Damerel

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Annual Church

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Footpaths News



FP 1: Since last reporting, the replacement footbridge has now been installed by DCC and is worth a visit, even if you don't walk the full length of the path.

Sutcombe FP 9: This is the continuation of our own FP 9, but on the Sutcombe side of the river, and the broken handrail on the short boardwalk has also been replaced.

If anyone spots any problems when they are out and about on the footpaths could they please advise the Parish Clerk or any of the Councillors.

Inter Parish Walks: The first 3 walks at Thornbury, Halwill and Pyworthy were blessed by beautiful warm sunny weather and were supported with extremely good turnouts. Full reports will be found elsewhere in this issue and the full walks programme is available on the Parish Website.

Mike Jackson

Holsworthy Walk & Talk: We enjoyed our visit to Germansweek, on a warm and sunny Good Friday. The route is circular comprising mainly off-road tracks and footpaths with one section of road crossing the top end of Roadford Reservoir. Here we took special notice of the water level which is about one metre from full. The River Wolf, which feeds the reservoir, was flowing well so hopefully no water saving measures needed just yet!

Near to the end of the walk we found the Norman Church of St German's, which has recently had extensive tower renovations funded with the aid of a Heritage Lottery grant. The Church is now open every day and is well worth a visit to see the ornately carved pew-ends and many other architectural features.

Our Monday and Friday walks continue to be well attended with everyone benefitting from the numerous physical, social and psychological benefits of walking.

If you would like any further information on our walks please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642 or check out the web site www.walkingforhealth.org.uk. All of our walks are free.

Gillian Aston

Inter Parish Walk Report

February

Although storm Erik had been raging for four days prior to our walk, it dawned sunny & bright without a breath of wind on Monday 11th February. Twenty eight of us which included two four legged friends, met at Thornbury Holiday Park with kind permission of Lisa & Paul Serra. Even through "car sharing", there were lots of vehicles to accommodate & so we were all very grateful for their kind hospitality. We must have made quite a spectacle as we set off along the lane towards Woodacott Cross, more commonly known as "Five Ways". We continued in the direction of Shebbear taking note of the way marker at Windy Cross. The clue is in the name & we were thankful that storm Erik had blown itself out! When we got to Thornbury Cross by St. Peter's Church, we turned left. It was quite a steep hill going down BUT nothing to the steep hill going up the other side. I wondered upon reflection whether this was why Meg led us in the opposite direction last year. Local knowledge is a wonderful thing & I will bear this in mind for future reference. It was noticeable how our pace was reduced significantly & conversations were suspended so that we could save our breath for the serious business of getting to the top of the incline. We took the opportunity to admire the tree that was newly planted last year. One of the group managed to recall that it was a type of Sorbus. I discreetly checked the label & we were all impressed with their memory. To be precise, it is a Sorbus torminalis or Wild Service tree. It promises to have beautiful flowers followed by berries in the autumn. We also spotted a few primroses that will

brighten up the wooded area before too long. Once we had regrouped, I took the opportunity to take a photo of everybody before turning left along Thorn Lane. There were some beautiful snowdrops on the bank by the farm entrance. Just before we reached the T-junction at Cranapool Cross, I was able to offer everyone a choice. We could either follow the footpath on our left which would take us across a couple of fields or stay on the road & walk two sides of a triangle. Guess who reached the road at Branches Cross first. We definitely were not racing & we had a stile to negotiate but we just got there first! I then offered everyone another choice. We could either follow the footpath on our right or stay on the road back towards "Five Ways" & turn right approaching Thornbury Holiday Park from the front entrance. The footpath did involve negotiating a couple of stiles & Trudy & Bella were most grateful for kind assistance from their two legged friends. Apart from that, it was a lovely walk which brought us to the rear of the Holiday Park. We had the opportunity to admire the wildfowl on the lake. The whole walk was approximately 2.6 miles & took about two hours. I think I can speak for everyone when I say that it was a joy to get out for some fresh air & exercise on such a beautiful morning after the stormy weather the previous week. It was also a golden opportunity to discover Thornbury Holiday Park. It is a lovely setting & a great venue for wood fired pizzas in the summer months. There are a variety of functions held there throughout the year. Details can be found on the Thornbury Facebook page.

March

On Monday 11th March, thirty four of us met by the Parish Church in Halwill. It was lovely to see familiar faces & several new ones from Clawton, Ashwater, Woodacott & even Okehampton. It just goes to show how invaluable our Parish magazines are in spreading the word about community events. Bearing in mind how wild the weather had been over the weekend & that storm Gareth was due to arrive on Monday night, we were incredibly fortunate to have sunshine & just a breath of wind. It was accurately described as "the lull before the storm"!

Mike Stone, a resident of Halwill, kindly led the walk. We set off down the hill keeping the Church on our right. At the bottom of the hill we admired the newly refurbished "Horsebridge". I'm afraid that these beautiful features of our countryside were never originally constructed with the size of today's modern vehicles in mind. We forked left at Horsebridge Cross which took us up a hill to the footpath sign. We followed the footpath downhill, through a little gate, down some wooden steps & through the stream. It was quite a challenging section but there were several pairs of helping hands to assist. It was definitely a case of "what goes down, must go up" (!) & it was quite a steep climb across a grassy field to join the lane. We were thankful for the large gate at the field entrance. We took the opportunity to lean on it & admire the view/catch our breath. From there it was a nice stroll down the lane & across the River Carey at Halwill Mill before going up the hill towards the Church where our cars were parked.

I will take this opportunity to thank Mike & Cath Stone especially as they were so very kind & provided transport to the Medical Centre in Holsworthy when one of the walkers became quite unwell. Everyone was very concerned & supportive. I am very pleased to report that the person in question was seen promptly by Medical staff & was able to return home soon thereafter feeling very much better. The incident certainly reinforced the value of taking a mobile phone especially when walking/cycling/riding etc.

April

Contrary to the weather forecast, it was really very misty and drizzly (mizzly?) on the morning of our walk on Monday 8th April. Twenty three of us, including Buddy and Fox, decided to meet at the Village Hall in Pyworthy in spite of the weather. We set off towards the Molesworth Arms and then joined the footpath on the right. The footpath sign isn't easy to see as it's tucked around the corner on the wall of the end cottage which I believe must have been a Post Office in times gone by. The footpath runs behind the cottages back towards the rear of the Village Hall, passes through the land owned by the MOT Centre and across the fields towards Villavin and Killatree. I often wonder where the name Villavin originates from. Can anyone enlighten me? It was a bit squelchy underfoot but nothing serious. There are various reminders of a bygone era when the railway used to operate between Bude and Holsworthy. We rejoined the road at Killatree Cross by the entrance to the showground. We turned left towards Derrill and were surprised at how busy the lane was. The timing was such that we met Nick Lock coming towards us and it was a great opportunity to thank him for keeping the footpaths in Pyworthy so clear and accessible. It was a bit of a scramble over the stile into the field on the

left especially for our four legged friends. Personally I found it preferable to staying on the road as it was unusually busy. I think everyone ended up with wet knees as we walked through the crop. We did our best to walk in a straight line and in crocodile fashion so that we did not cause too much damage. Hopefully it will be sprayed before too long so that the route of the footpath is more obvious. It certainly helped by knowing that we needed to head towards the Church in the distance. I wonder how many people have noticed the strange optical illusion? The Church actually looks as though it is surrounded by scaffolding. In reality, it is just set at an angle in relation to an electricity pylon. It certainly caused some amusement when it was pointed out. We walked towards a cottage in the distance that is called Blackpool and we wondered how that got its name too. This path then brought us back to the road by the old Post Office so we had walked a complete loop. It made a very pleasant walk and thankfully the sun materialised to dry out our wet knees.

May

The sun came up on Monday 13th May and there was promise of a glorious day. Twenty three of us, including four legged friends Indi and Buddy, met at the Parish Hall in Milton Damerel. We also had the company of Edwina, a lady visiting from Hampshire. Mike Jackson led the way up the hill from the car park and then we followed the permissive path on the left. This took us through a lovely wooded area with a carpet of Bluebells. They were a joy to behold. We emerged from the woods into a grassy field where heifers were grazing contentedly on the far side, until they saw us. They couldn't resist coming over to see us all negotiate the stile. They were very funny. We strolled through the Churchyard and turned right along the lane towards Lizzie's Larder. I wonder whether you have tried a jar of their delicious Devon clotted cream fudge sauce? We followed the track that is known locally as "Butterfly Lane". I failed to see any butterflies but I was somewhat distracted by the young lambs in an adjacent field. When we rejoined the lane, we turned left and headed towards the Chapel. At this point, Mike gave us the option of following the lane back to the Parish Hall or taking the longer route across the fields. Bearing in mind that he had been given kind permission to take this detour by the landowner, John Elliot, we all decided to take advantage of the opportunity. The views were stunning as we strolled through the fields which fortuitously had been cut for silage recently and so walking was easy. By the time we rejoined the lane, I had completely lost my sense of direction. Thankfully, Mike knew exactly where we were and pointed us in the direction of the Parish Hall where Roberta had kindly arranged refreshments for us all. They were very much appreciated especially as we had built up quite a thirst having walked approximately 3.75 miles.

Our next walk will be on Monday 10th June. We will meet in Bradworthy Square with a view to setting off at 10am. Everyone is most welcome to join us. If you would like any more information, please contact me.

Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com



BLUEBELLS - Like a Blue Carpet!

Report on Bluebell Walks at Woodford Farm.



Every year we comment on how beautiful the Bluebells are in Woodford Farm Woods. This year has been no exception. We had to agree, they have been better than ever. This year the ferns held back so the effect of the blue haze was even greater and cooler nights have meant they kept fresher for longer. Even in the passing hedgerows and verges the Bluebells have appeared like never before. The winter and spring conditions have really suited them.

It was lovely to have the lower barn for cups of tea and refreshments on the Saturday and Sunday, as it was quite inclement weather, hot drinks went down a treat. We realised many couldn't venture out on the Sunday because of the rain, although those who did come said that under the canopy it was quite mild.

We decided to extend the walk for the next week up until the Bank Holiday Monday to let as many as wanted to, to take in the display. Most comments, 'simply stunning', 'spectacular', 'amazing', and one little boy's response 'it's like a blue carpet'.

Someone else asked what we did to get them like it? Each year they seem to spread further and further, no need for help from us!

We thank those who kindly gave a donation, this year for our Methodist Chapel, and raised £355.00. Sheila Daniel

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As we mentioned at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, the biggest threat to everyone in the Parish and the other rural areas across Torridge and North Devon are not the traditional types of crime such as theft and burglary, but from the many and varied types of scam that are thrown at us daily, whether they are over the phone, internet or even doorstep cold callers. This is not to say that we should be complacent because there are still opportunist thieves passing through our area and problems do arise from time to time. We still need to be vigilant with the locking of our sheds and garages when not in use and especially overnight. Windows and doors should also be locked when we go away from our properties. If we get into the habit of taking sensible precautions, then we will minimise the risks and help to keep the area as a whole safe and trouble free.

We have covered many different types of scam in detail in recent issues so don't intend to repeat them here. But, please be aware that whilst you may think that you and your family are safe and immune from these threats, across Devon and Cornwall in excess of one million pounds was lost last year to scammers. This was only from reported incidents and in reality, the figure is probably a great deal higher because many people may be too embarrassed to report matters. With ever more of our business, shopping and leisure activities being transacted online then there are ever greater opportunities for the fraudsters to attack us and catch out the unwary.

Any scam which you suspect to be a new scam should be reported to ActionFraud on 0300 123 2040 or online via the link on the home page of Devon & Cornwall Police. An existing scam which you have come across before should be ignored by putting the phone down or if it is an email, by blocking it.

Our national organisation produces a monthly newsletter covering many and varied points of interest. If anybody would like to see the latest issue, please follow this link:

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Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/3/19 – 30/4/19:

The following crimes have been reported:

ASHWATER:

Criminal damage to motor vehicle
Burglary non-dwelling

BRIDGERULE:

Possess ammunition for a firearm without a certificate

HOLLACOMBE:

Theft of batteries

HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:

Owner of a dog worrying livestock
Burglary other than dwelling

PANCRASWEEK:

Drive vehicle when alcohol level above legal limit

PYWORTHY

Burglary non-dwelling
Attempt to drive whilst unfit through drink

ST GILES ON THE HEATH:

Burglary from dwelling
Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour
Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal

SHEEPWASH:

Fail to provide specimen for analysis
Possess a controlled drug
Possess an offensive weapon

Your local PCSOs, Emma Tomkies and Mark James are always happy to attend Parish Council meetings where possible and welcome the opportunity to attend community events. If you have a forthcoming event you'd like us to know about, please contact us via 101 or email: holsworthy@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

If you have an incident to report, don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for non-emergency, or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

**PCSO Emma Tomkies & PCSO Mark James
Holsworthy Police Station**



MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT OVER 60s CLUB

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

It is good to have a regular good attendance for the Tuesday meetings – new members are always welcome and we have been pleased to welcome some new members recently.

At the AGM in May, officers listed below were appointed for another year with committee member Kath Andrews, and 2 new committee members Linda Gifford and Margaret Waters.

The coach trips programme for 2019 started on 16th April with a visit to Trago Mills at Newton Abbott and on 21st May there is a visit to Lyme Regis.

The programme for the remainder of the summer is:

18 th June	Exmouth & a River Cruise
16 th July	Falmouth
20 th August	Coates English Willow, near Taunton
17 th September	Minehead with a train journey from Bishops Lydeard
15 th October	Shopping in Exeter

Chair: John Francis (Tel: 261117) Vice-Chair: Edward Beckly

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Events Report

The Bingo held on the 13th April was very well attended and raised £157.22 for Parish Hall Funds. Thanks to Kate for organising and getting all the wonderful Easter Egg prizes.

The Community Lunch on the 28th April was enjoyed by many people again. The Hall looked very pretty decorated in pink and purple. The final amount raised was £625.54 which will go towards improving the insulation in the hall. Grateful thanks to Jean, Debbie and Mel for joining us to help on the day. Comments were made about the meat served at the meal so we shall be reviewing the menu before our next event.

Future Events for the diary

15 th June	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
20 th July	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
17 th August	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
9 th September	Parish Hall AGM 7.30 pm Everyone is welcome to attend
21 st September	Whist Drive 7.30 pm start
27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall 10 am – 12 noon

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 and Christine Cook.

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 to download a booking form and Terms and Conditions of Use, or contact:

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PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW - UP



Affordable Housing / Housing Development at Town Farm –

Since the discussions in July last year concerning development of 8 houses and 2 barn conversions, there had been no new information on the TDC web-site on the application submitted (ref: 1/0520/2018/FULM) until 8th May 2019, when amended plans for the layout and design of the site were forwarded to the Parish Council for comment. There are no proposals for including affordable houses in the amended plans.

These revised plans were discussed at the Parish Council meeting in May. There are no other proposals for affordable housing in the Parish.

The TDC Planning web-site, 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. 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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Skittles

Holsworthy and District Skittles League have 3 Skittle Teams playing at Milton Damerel Parish Hall. Milton Damerel Men, Milton Damerel Ladies and Thornbury Men. The games are played from September to April. The ladies play on Thursdays, depending whether drawn to play home or away. Milton Men and Thornbury Men play on alternate Tuesdays.

Once again, Milton Damerel Ladies A Team had a very good season. See report below.

Milton Damerel Ladies Skittle Teams 2018/2019

In the Holsworthy & District Ladies Skittle League, 2018/2019, Milton Damerel Ladies "A" Team has had another very successful year. The team were winners of Division 1 with 66 points, closely followed by Boyton "B" Team with 62 points. The "A" Team also had the Highest Away Score of 405 pins. The Milton Damerel Ladies "B" Team won the "Wooden Spoon".

Shirley Grills, of the "A" Team, was the individual runner-up in the league with a season average score of 60.81 pins.

On 2nd March the league held its annual knockout competitions in the Memorial Hall with the top six players, with the highest individual averages, from Milton Damerel "A" & "B" team taking part. The Milton Damerel Ladies got through to the final and went on to win the Five Founders Cup.

On the 15th March the league held its individual competition in the Memorial Hall. Mandy Walter, from the "A" Team, won the individual competition.

Three members of the "A" Team qualified, with their individual average scores, to be part of the team of 8 from the Holsworthy League to take part in the Devon County Competition held in Combe Martin on the 4th May. The three members were Shirley Grills, Mandy Walter and Mikaela Rofe. The team reached the semi-finals against Holsworthy B, but lost by 1 pin. Mandy Walter went on to win the Devon County Ladies Individual Cup.

The Holsworthy & District Men and Ladies Leagues held their annual dinner and presentation evening on 3rd May at the Golf Club.

The Milton Damerel Ladies "A" & "B" Teams held their end of season dinner and presentation evening at The Bell Inn, Parkham on the 4th April.

The winners were:

Mandy Walter, "A" Team, with Highest Overall Average of 57.13 pins and Top Score of 85 pins.

Bekkah Moyse, "B" Team, Highest Overall Average of 49.00 pins

Debbie Radnedge, "B" Team, Top Score of 66 pins

Sara Lawes, "B" Team, Received the "Wooden Spoon"

Milton Damerel Mens Skittle Team, did not win any trophies in the League. One of their players, Ron Risdon qualified to be in the team playing in the Devon County Competition at Torquay.

Thornbury Mens Skittle Team, also did not win any trophies in the League. The winners within their own Club were:

- * Brian Renolds, 'A' Team, Highest Overall Average of 52.15
- * Alan Snow, 'B' Team, Highest Overall Average of 52.785 and top score of 82 pins.
- * Brian Stevens, 'A' Team, Top Score of 77 pins
- * The Wooden Spoon was won by Roy Bundy

Thornbury Men also play for the John Prouse Memorial Cup. Most pins in the season, which was won by Brian Stevens and Christine Cook, who both had 1688 pins each.

MILTON DAMEREL GARDENING GROUP

All meetings are normally on the **3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall** or stated venue.

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

Tea or coffee and biscuits are provided.

18th March Diane Lee, a medical herbalist from Ceridwen Herbs, gave a fascinating talk on medicinal weeds and herbal medicines. Our native wildlife can tell us so much if we watch them more closely.

It was also the group A.G.M. and we welcomed Diana Illingworth-Cook as our new Chairman and Gail Whitley as our new Vice Chairman. Lesley Self kindly agreed to carry on being the group's Treasurer.

15th April Bernadette Sluggett gave an informative talk on baking for shows with hints and tips on judging. Members were encouraged to bring along a baked item or preserve for 'judging' just for fun. There will now be stiff competition for the best in show at our annual garden and produce show in September.

20th May, 7.30pm Mike Stephens gave a talk on easy and unusual plants to grow, to look at and fun to cook.

17th June, 7pm Garden visit to Little Webbery, Alverdiscott EX39 4PS. Cost £6.75, which includes tea & cake.

15th July, 7pm Garden visit to Boyton Mill, Boyton PL15 9RG. Cost £4, which includes tea & cake.

19th August, 7.30pm Members garden social and bring and share BBQ supper at Little West Hole, Newton St. Petrock.

Flower and Veg Show will be on Saturday 7th September 2019.

The date was incorrectly advertised in the spring newsletter. Please put this date on your calendar and start preparing your entries.

All trophies won in 2018 to be returned before the show in a clean condition please. Thanks.

New members are welcome.

Contact Officers:

Diana Illingworth-Cook: 07853 319250

Gail Whitley: 261792

Lesley Self: 261294



Gardening Group

IT'S NOT CHELSEA!!

The first year that we took on the responsibility of running the flower and produce show, as part of our duties in running the garden club, "It's not Chelsea" is what a well meaning person kept saying every time we looked stressed, which was quite often!

Essentially the show is a great way of having a little bit of competition plus a bit of camaraderie and discovering the trials and tribulations along with successes and disasters in everybody's gardening through the year. Be it vegetables or fruit cultivation, flower growing and/or arranging. If that is not your thing then there is always the jam and chutney section and also the baking classes where I can but marvel at the quality and variety of the entries. If growing things is not your forte then there are also classes for photography and various crafts, not forgetting the childrens classes with some great fun ideas for children of all ages to enter.

There are trophies to be won to adorn your mantel piece and there are a few formal rules and procedures we have to follow to comply with RHS procedures as they cover our insurance etc.

If you think "well my produce is no good this year because of... the weather, slugs, caterpillars or whatever", remember we all have had the same weather conditions and pests to contend with! You don't have to be a member of the Garden Club to enter, it is open to all.

So come on, give it a go, join in the fun and enter one or two of the classes and who knows you may be pleasantly surprised and see a green "First Class" ticket on your entry!

MILTON DAMEREL FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday Sept 7th at Parish Hall

Show Schedules available from Sanders Garage from early July.

Mel & Jim Richardson

National Garden Scheme

Gardens open for charity in 2019 in our area

2nd June ... The Bridge Mill, Bridgerule

9th June ... Docton Mill, Lymebridge, Hartland

15th & 16th June ... Sheepwash Gardens, Sheepwash

22nd & 23rd June ... Harbour Lights, Horns Cross, Bideford

20th & 21st July ... Sheepwash Gardens

21st July ... Hole Farm, Woolery

10th & 11th August ... Sheepwash Gardens

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AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

**Saturday, 27th July
3pm – 5pm**

Extracts from information received from Natural Devon

- Get Involved in 2019!

2019 is 'Year of Green Action', a year-long drive to get us all to connect with, and take action for, wildlife - <https://www.yearofgreenaction.org/home>. The Devon Local Nature Partnership (Natural Devon) brings together all those interested in protecting and enhancing our environment for the benefit of people and wildlife. Partners are working together to encourage everyone to help our wildlife, during 2019 Year of Green Action and beyond, and it would be great to have your parish involved. We have listed a few initiatives below that we hope you might be interested in. See www.naturaldevon.org.uk for more information and follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

Naturally Healthy Initiative

Connecting with nature is now known to be of huge benefit to our health and wellbeing. Our 'Naturally Healthy' initiative is led by interested parties from the health, community and environment sectors who are working to embed naturally healthy opportunities into the health sector's offer, and ensure that everyone across Devon has the opportunity to connect with nature. A range of activities are promoted on our website and we have sent Naturally Healthy 'prescriptions' to all GPs surgeries. <https://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/priorities-and-projects/naturally-healthy/>

Get Devon Buzzing!

We are continuing to promote action for pollinators with a new Get Devon Buzzing postcard and a presence at the Toby Buckland Festival this week and County Show. More information on ideas for action and partners projects can be found on our pollinator web pages at <https://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/devons-natural-environment/pollinators/>

Life on the Verge

Our roadside verges support a huge range of wildlife, including pollinators, and are one of the few places where we can easily see beautiful wild flowers. This Spring, Devon County Council is launching the 'Life on the Verge' initiative in order to help communities manage and enhance their road verges, (where safe and appropriate to do so). If you have any verges that you are interested in managing for wildlife please see our guidance at www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife or give me a call.

National Invasives Week (13th-17th May)

Invasive non-native species can harm the environment and be costly to the economy. Invasive Species Week is a nationwide initiative organised by the Non-Native Species Secretariat to raise awareness and encourage us all to take action to control them <https://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/home/devon-invasive-species-initiative/>

2019 Conference – Community Action for Wildlife, 6th July, Chagford

To help inspire and enthuse action for wildlife we are organising an all-day conference on 6th July with talks, walks and discussion on bats, butterflies, churchyards, meadows, gardening and much more. The key note talk will be from Sacha Dench who flew from Russia to the UK by Paramotor to promote the conservation of Bewick's swans. See <https://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/2019-community-action-for-wildlife/> for more information.

Most importantly, have fun connecting with wildlife and do get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the above further. We look forward to hearing from you.

Line Dancing (Beginners/Improvers) on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Papercraft and Scrapbooking Club on Thursday mornings 10.00am to 12.30pm.

at Little West Hole, Newton St. Petrock

For further details please call or text Diana Illingworth-Cook on 07853319250.

What to do in your garden in June



How time flies it's June already, so let's hope summer really is here and we can enjoy those long warm, sunny days! This is the ideal time for outdoor sowings of a number of seed varieties, plus, with the warmer weather, the raising of foliage plants. Preparation of the ground for bedding plants can now be done, as well as thinning out plants that have already been sown. And the ideal time to prepare the greenhouse against hot days by either using shade netting or a shade paint.

Flowers

Sowings can now be made outdoors of alstroemeria, achillea, arabis, canterbury bells, coreopsis, erigeron, myosotis and sweet william seeds.

Sow in the greenhouse polyanthus, primrose and pansy for autumn planting to flower in spring.

In early June apply general purpose-pelleted organic fertiliser prior to planting out summer bedding plants.

Thin out hardy annuals sown direct in their flowering positions.

Plants in the home are always popular and June is an ideal time to raise foliage plants such as coleus and the sensitive plant (mimosa pudica).

To brighten up winter and spring displays indoors, make sowings of calceolaria, cineraria and primula obconica.

Although it will be some time before they flower, sow cactus and the amazing strelitzia seed.

If you have any spare bedding plants left over such as celosia, begonia, geranium or impatiens (busy lizzie) pot them up to provide a colourful display in a light porch or on a windowsill, to provide colour throughout the summer.

Bulbs & Roses

To encourage strong growth along with a good flower display sprinkle rose fertiliser around the roots.

If it doesn't rain during the first week or two gently water in or use a hoe being careful not to harm the roots.

Remove any dead foliage from spring flowering bulbs, with the exception of daffodils and tulips which could be left a little longer but do take off any seed-heads that may appear. However, if possible, it is best to allow the foliage to naturally die back.

Lilies that are in pots will be growing quickly at this stage of the season, with the flowers starting to develop, and could very well need a few canes for support.

Lilies in garden borders may also need to be supported if they are not close to neighbouring plants.

Ponds

Fish should be checked from time to time to ensure they are healthy, and if necessary treated with the appropriate remedy.

Do not allow algae build up.

Blanket weed must be removed from the pond by either using a rake or cane. It is best to leave it at the edge for a day or so enabling any creatures that may be caught up in it to make their way back into the water, then it can be placed on the compost heap.

Pests such as snails should be kept out of the pond so check any new plants before placing in the water. This is best done by taking them out of the pot, place or hold plant under running water and then re-pot into fresh soil.

Use a feed which is high in phosphates for feeding established plants.

Vegetables

Plant out greenhouse raised Brussels sprouts, cabbage, celery, courgettes, cucumbers, marrows, runner and French beans.

Beetroot, carrots and lettuce rows can be thinned out and further sowings can be continued.

Remember smaller crops will be produced when over-crowded sowings are made, and any unwanted seedlings should be carefully removed.

In the case of pumpkins, courgettes and marrows hand pollinate to encourage good fruit set.

Protect carrots from carrot fly and cabbages from caterpillar damage by covering the crop with Envirofleece or Enviromesh.

When digging up early potatoes take care not to pierce or damage the tubers.

Keep the greenhouse well ventilated during the day as temperature fluctuations caused by quite hot temperatures in the day, then going cool at night could very well affect tomato plants fruiting. Also tapping the flowers of greenhouse tomatoes will improve pollination.

Fruit

Inspect fruit bushes and trees for pest and diseases, and treat as necessary.

As new canes of raspberries and blackberries appear, tie to support wires but remember to keep them away from last year's growth as this will flower and fruit this summer.

It is a good idea to either use a fruit cage or drape netting over soft fruit bushes such as currants, as well as strawberries which are either growing in rows or containers, to prevent birds, especially blackbirds, from stripping unprotected plants of their fruit.

Strawberry crops that have been kept under glass, cloches or fleece should now be uncovered so that pollinating insects can gain access.

Also if strawberries are being grown in a greenhouse open doors fully now.

Greenhouse

Rooted chrysanthemum cuttings and summer-bedding plants that have been hardened off in the greenhouse can be planted into their flowering places.

Don't let plants wilt so remember to water them regularly.

A weekly feed with a high-potash liquid tomato feed should be given to cucumbers, capsicums and aubergines. Prepare for hot days by either using shade netting or a shading paint.

Courtesy of Suttons Seeds

Wordsearch

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Milton Damerel Video Project

The Milton Damerel Video based on Seymour Marks 1951 survey of Milton Damerel was finished earlier in the year and will preview at regular intervals during the Holy Trinity BBQ on **July 6th** and following that, the Garden Party on **August 17th**. Details of these events can be found in this Newsletter. There are lot of names in the credits but I would like to single out Scott and Yvonne for the track 'Trinity' written and performed here in Milton Damerel and Clifford Fishleigh's reading from Seymour Mark's Survey of Milton Damerel (1951 price 2/6d).

Summer Fruit & Mascarpone Tart



PREP: 30 MINS

COOK: 30 MINS

SKILL LEVEL: EASY

SERVES: 15-18

Think of this summer fruit tart with whipped mascarpone as an oversized Millefeuille. It's very easy to make, but impressive enough for a special gathering.

Ingredients

- 2 x 320g ready-rolled all-butter puff pastry
- 100g icing sugar
- 750g tub mascarpone
- 600ml double cream
- 2 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 200g Raspberries, a few halved
- 200g Blackberries, a few halved
- 1 large Mango, peeled and thinly sliced Nectarines or Peaches, or a mixture, sliced
- 4 Passion Fruits (look for ones with crinkly skin, this means they're ripe), halved, seeds and pulp scooped out
- Handful small Mint leaves.

Method:

1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Unroll 1 pastry sheet, but leave it on the parchment. Place it on a baking tray, dust with 2 tbsp icing sugar, then cover with another sheet of parchment and another baking tray. Pour baking beans into the tray to weigh it down, or use empty cans. Bake for 30 mins, then check if the pastry is golden all over. If not, return for another 5 mins or so. Repeat with the other pastry sheet (or cook both together if you have enough trays). Once out of the oven, trim the edges with a large, sharp knife. Leave to cool.
2. Softly whip the mascarpone, cream, vanilla and remaining icing sugar, then transfer half to a disposable piping bag fitted with a 1.5cm round nozzle (or just snip off the corner). Pipe blobs of the mascarpone cream over the surface of one piece of pastry, right up to the edges. Top with half the fruit and dust with a little icing sugar.
3. Top with the second piece of pastry, more mascarpone cream (refilling the bag when you need to), the remaining fruit, a dusting of icing sugar and, finally, some mint leaves. Use a serrated knife to cut through the layers without squashing the whole tart. *Best served within an hour or two, but leftovers will keep for up to two days in the fridge.*

Recipe courtesy of BBCGoodfood

Puzzles Answers

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Sudoku Solution

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THE NEWSLETTER GROUP & GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Is this something for you?....

We enjoy the time we spend in finding, receiving and compiling information for the Newsletter and we meet on 4 occasions each year to agree the content for each Newsletter. How about offering material to be included or even to join us? Speak to any of the Group below for more detail.

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 9th August 2019.

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JIVING ALL THE WAY TO COURT

I doubt whether many of us have gone to the Slough Irish Club for a jive dancing evening. However, Carole Taylor did just that and during the evening met James Redmond. They hit it off, and she moved in with him in 2007 and then cared for him for the last years of his life until his death in 2014 at the age of 74. The poor man had suffered from prostate cancer for 15 years.

NOTICE TO QUIT

What Mr Redmond failed to do was to revise his Will which he had made 20 years before his death. In that Will he left everything to his daughters Jane and Lynne. On his death, Lynne told Carole to leave the home she had shared with James. Apparently the ploy Lynne used was to falsely say that the property had not been left to the sisters and had to be sold. Carole had to up stumps and go to live with her son.

INHERITANCE TAX CLAIM

She obviously then sought legal advice, and she was advised to make a claim under the Inheritance Act for a share of James's estate. In Court her Counsel said that James had "given her assurances she would be provided for". In addition, she had looked after him in his terminal illness. She also had put money into home renovations.

DOWN PLAYING RELATIONSHIPS

The daughters gave evidence along the lines that their father was "not the marrying type". They also alleged his relationship with Carole was not exclusive, and he had had friendships with other women including a 15 year relationship. They said that as it was not an exclusive relationship Carole should not be treated as if she were their father's wife, and that she should not therefore expect anything from his estate. They also told the Judge that their father had asked Carole to move out and had distanced himself from her.

HOSPITAL RECORDS

A problem for the sisters was that Lynne in the hospital records had described Carole as her "step-mother" and James himself called her his "partner". Lynne had also said that Carole was the only girlfriend that their father had invited to spend Christmas with him and his family.

JUDGE'S VIEW

The Judge was not impressed by the evidence of the daughters. He found it extremely improbable that James towards the end of his life, suffering increasingly bad health, chose to end the relationship which had provided him with "much intimacy and support, with a woman whom he clearly loved, and who equally clearly returned his affection". The Judge needed little persuasion that they had lived together in the same household throughout the period they were together and that they lived as man and wife.

ORDER MADE

In consequence the Judge ordered the sisters to pay to Carole the sum of £325,000 from their father's estate. Of that, £180,000 would be invested in a property for Carole to live in but on her death that property would revert to the sisters.

UP-TO-DATE WILL

The moral of this story is that Wills must be kept up to date at all times. Relationships change as time goes on. Many people now live in relationships outside of marriage. There is so little protection for the one left behind if there is not a Will in place. In Carole's case she had to go to Court and make an application under the Inheritance Act because James had made no provision for her. Such applications are fraught with risk, worry and expense - and it all could have been averted had James made an up to date Will. As the law stands, those who have chosen not to marry are not automatically entitled to a share of their partner's estate. The Government is seriously looking at this issue, but do not hold your breath.

ACTION

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WHAT'S ONa selection of local events.....

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Take a Chance on Us Abba Tribute Band	28 th June @ 8pm	HATS Theatre, Holsworthy www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
HATS Production “Tell-Tale Murder” (Play by Philip Weathers)	Sept 2019 (dates to be announced)	
Films, Live Events – Theatre, Open Air, Music, Visual Arts, Regular & Special Workshops for Children and Adults		The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.ploughartscentre.org.uk
WORKSHOPS:		
Drama:Play in a Day (8-12 years) “The Water Babies” Meet at Clovelly Visitors Centre @ 10.45am)	16 th June 11am – 5pm	
Stop Motion Studio – Animation Workshops 5 – 7years 8 -12 years	30 th July 10am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 4pm	
Pre-show Drama Workshop for 6-11 years for Gangsta Granny (see Open Air below)	5 th & 9 th August @ 3pm (at Open Air Theatre venue)	
Drama – Matilda Play in a Day (8 -12 years)	15 th August @ 10am	
Westward Ho! Play in a Day (8 -12 years)	27 th August @ 10am	
FILM:		
Fisherman’s Friends	2 nd June @ 3pm/ 6 th June @ 8pm	
Tolkien	9 th June & 16 th June @ 8pm 11 th & 12 th June @ 5.30pm	
Amazing Grace (Aretha Franklin)	23 rd June @ 8pm/30 th June @3pm	
THEATRE:		
Plough Youth Theatre “Alice in Wonderland”	16 th & 17 th July @ 7pm	
SATELLITE / LIVE SCREENING:		
RSC Live – The Taming of The Shrew	5 th June @ 7pm	
NT Live – Small Island	27 th June @ 7pm	
RSC Live – Measure for Measure	31 st July @ 7pm	
TALK:		
Alan Johnson: In My Life	1 st June @ 8pm	
An Audience with Paul Martin	28 th June @ 8pm	
DANCE:		
Inspire! Evening of new choreography by groups from local dance scene, from Bude to Ilfracombe	4 th July @ 7pm	
OPEN AIR THEATRE		
“A Perfect World” written + directed by Bill Scott with original music by Tom Adams	11 th June @ 7pm Blackberry Farm	
Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare	19 th June @ 7pm TVG	
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte	21 st June @ 7pm RHS 23 rd June @ 7pm HA	
The Tempest by William Shakespeare	10 th July @ 7pm RHS	
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves	13 th July @ 7pm Yarnscombe Village Hall 26 th July @ 7pm RHS 31st July @ 5pm HA	
King Arthur	1st August @ 5pm RHS 2 nd August @ 5pm HA	
Gangsta Granny by David Williams (See Pre-show Drama Workshop above)	5 th August @ 5pm HA 9 th August @ 5pm RHS	
Much Ado About Nothing	15 th August @7pm HA 16 th August @ 7pm TVG	
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley	22 nd August @ 7pm HA	
Macbeth by William Shakespeare	23 rd August @ 7pm TVG 24 th August @ 7pm RHS	

Always check on location by visiting the page number as not all events are in Milton Damerel

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Over 60's Club—Exmouth & a River Cruise	18	June	19
Sew N Sews	29	June	6
Holy Trinity Church BBQ	6	July	9
Inter-Parish Walk – Holsworthy Hamlets	8	July	
Gardening Club visit to Boyton Mill	15	July	23
Over 60's Club—Falmouth	16	July	19
Whist Drive—Parish Hall	20	July	20
Afternoon Tea & Cakes	27	July	5
Inter-Parish Walk – Pancrasweek	12	August	
Holy Trinity Garden Party	17	August	9
Whist Drive—Parish Hall	17	August	20
Gardening Club BBQ at Little West Hole, Newton St. Petrock.	19	August	23
Over 60's Club—Coates English Willow,	20	August	19
Gardening Club Flower & Veg Show	7	September	24
Parish Hall A.G.M.	9	September	20
Ride and Stride	14	September	9
Over 60's Club—Minehead	17	September	19
Whist Drive—Parish Hall	21	September	20
Macmillan Coffee Morning —Parish Hall	27	September	20

Regular Events

Bible Study	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Methodist Chapel Family Service	Last Sunday of each month at 11am
Mobile Library — Lizzies Larder	2 nd Wednesday of each month 3:45pm - 4:30pm
MD & District Over 60s Club	1 st Tuesday of each month (not Jan) 2.30pm
Parish Council meetings	3 rd Wednesday 7.30pm
Coffee Morning – Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Last Thursday of each month 10am
Methodist Chapel Morning Service	Sundays 11am
Holy Trinity Church Morning Service/Lay	10.00am 3rd Sunday every month
Holy Trinity Church Eucharist Service	11.30am 1st Sunday every month
Pilates	Monday 9:45am - 10:45am, 11:00am - 12pm
Methodist Chapel Sunday School	2 nd Sunday of each month 11am
New Bible & Textiles Group – Methodist Church	Tuesday evenings 10.00 till 12.00