

# Milton Damerel Newsletter

Spring Edition



Snowdrops at Holy Trinity Church - Photo by Gail Whitley

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## “Residents make stand over ‘unsafe road’”

This was the headline in a recent edition (8<sup>th</sup> January 2020) of the Holsworthy Post, underneath this picture of Jean Reed of Gidcott and her grandchildren, Rebekah and Christopher.



The road from Gidcott Cross to Bason Cross has been in a terrible state of repair for over three years and Jean and her grandchildren created this sign. Furthermore Jean explained she had been writing (years of endless letters) and phoning (numerous calls) to parish and district councillors, Devon County Council and our MP Geoffrey Cox. The tarmac is worn away, full of deep pits, some up to four inches deep, and the road should be repaired to a standard and maintained in a safe condition. She was speaking on behalf of all families and farms that live along this road.

Last summer the road was surveyed by the council and painted with yellow road markings – but six months later the paint has faded and still there is a car wrecking road and is not safe for kids on bikes.

The response from the Council obtained by the Holsworthy Post said “£11,000 of repairs were carried out to the road in early 2019, and surveys were carried out last summer to establish the extent of further work needed. Although the road won’t be completely resurfaced, a section of the road is scheduled to be reconstructed and other parts will be patched, but a date for this work is yet to be

fixed. Highways officers are due on site next week to finalise the areas which will undergo repairs”.

(Photo: courtesy of Holsworthy Post)

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

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

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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.

#### **Devon Air Ambulance Trust Night landing site.**

The DAAT night time flight landing site will be in service very shortly. The electricity meter is being fitted on the 17<sup>th</sup> February and as soon as the final checks are completed it will be all systems go.

Devon Air Ambulance Trust contributed £5447.00 of the funds needed. Grants from Torridge District Council £3250, DCC Barry Parsons £400, District Councillor Kit Hepple £400, and £143 from Milton Damerel Parish Hall, were all gratefully received.

The Parish Councillors send their grateful thanks to the Luxton family for the use of their land and to all those concerned who have contributed to this vital facility.

There will be ongoing costs such as the supply of electricity, so ideas for fund raising would be appreciated. Just contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

#### **Bus Shelter at Holsworthy Beacon**

After waiting for some considerable time for the shelter to be erected, it has been the subject of much discussion. Unfortunately, the 'shelter' offers very little protection from the elements. This has been brought to the notice of the Highways department by the Parish Council, with the suggestion to have side panels added to the shelter. This has been declined by Highways as they state that drivers of vehicles exiting from the junction would have their view of the road impaired. Although, as we commented the panels would be clear, they were adamant that it would be an obstruction.

The Parish Council are responsible for the up-keep of the bus shelters and insure them each year, it would be appreciated that if you see any damage being caused you would kindly inform the police and one of your Councillors.

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.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting/AGM:**

This will be held on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, this meeting is the opportunity for you to ask any questions of the Parish Councillors and have your say on matters concerning you or the Parish in general, local organisations are invited to report on their activities during 2019/20. Usually a guest speaker is invited.

The AGM of the Parish Council will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected during this meeting. Both meetings are conducted before the Parish Council general meetings.

#### **District Councillors**

Our District Councillors Kit Hepple and Ken James have been unable to attend our meetings in December and January due to other commitments but keep us up-to-date as to what is going on with Torridge District Council.

#### **Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons;**

Barry attended our meeting in December; a brief synopsis of his reports is contained in the minutes. His full reports can be found on the website. His continued support of the Parish is greatly appreciated. Although Barry cannot attend all meetings, he works diligently in the background to support the Parish Council.

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.

**PFCSO Mark James** has been unable to attend any meetings recently due to his workload, but sends regular updates by email to the Parish Council.

#### **Planning matters:**

There have been very few applications over the past three months. We are still awaiting the outcome of the application at **Town Farm**.

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.

### **Milton Damerel Parish Grants**

Grants for the financial year 2020/21 were considered at the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Successful applicants were, Milton Damerel Newsletter, Milton Damerel Parish Hall Milton Damerel and District Gardening Club, Milton Damerel Parish Church and North Devon and District Citizens Advice.

Organisations will receive their cheques in September 2020. If you missed out this year please be aware that Notices will be circulated and displayed in October 2020 and applications will be considered at the meeting in November.

Please be aware that grants are usually only awarded to local organisations and cannot be given to any individual. Please see 'The Step Back in Time Fund'

**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**

We would like to up-date the photographs on the 'front page' of the site, if you have any suitable photos we can consider can you please email the Parish Clerk.

If you have any events that you want advertised please let me know or email to me in pdf format, the website cannot be kept up-to-date if I do not get the relevant information.

### **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.

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 -Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council

9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## **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. (Not 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 New Year Party on 4<sup>th</sup> February had a good attendance with 50 coming along. The music by Philip Greenaway was much appreciated, and bring and share tea enjoyed.

At the March meeting we will be planning our coach trips for 2020, which will start in April, hopefully on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Chair: John Francis (Tel: 261117)

Vice-Chair: Edward Beckly

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 Margaret Fishleigh** who celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in October  
**Charles Bellew** who celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in January  
**Gareth Piper** who celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in February



## OUR SYMPATHIES



### For those who have been bereaved recently:

**Sheila Daniel** and her family on **the sad loss of husband, dad and granddad, Roger Daniel.**

Roger was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in mid-October and passed away at home on 28<sup>th</sup> December. There was a very large crowd who attended the service of thanksgiving for his life at Milton Damerel Methodist Church on 18<sup>th</sup> January, showing the widespread respect for him in the community. Roger lived all his life in Milton Damerel, attending the primary school and then Holsworthy County Secondary School. Roger and Sheila moved into Rouse Villa in 1971 where he set about several improvements, including concrete paths, a garage and front garage wall, still there as a tribute to his workmanship. In 1981 they moved into the family farm at Woodford, and their four daughters Louisa, Rosemary, Heather and Elizabeth were born and grew up there. His life was spent on the farm and later he was also engaged in agricultural contracting, coach driving, his own garden strimming and trimming business, and recovery vehicle driving. In 2017, with Andrew Ford, he also completed the conversion of a farm barn for holiday letting.

Throughout his life Roger, a committed Christian, was closely associated with Milton Damerel Chapel, attending Sunday School and then the Wesley Guild. As a lifelong member he held various offices – chapel steward, property steward, pastoral visitor, worship leader, and was much involved with young people activities, including the Youth Club and more recently the Baby and Toddler Group. As property steward he oversaw and worked on many of property projects, including recommendations from quinquennial inspections, upgrading the cottage, the electrical supply, concreting the paths and access to graveyard, and most recently the major refurbishment of the schoolroom buildings in 2012/13, working with Andrew Ford. He will be greatly missed!

\*\*\* 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 \*\*\*

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## Chapel News – March 2020

Ministerial musings .....

### **Lent Lilies**

As I write this reflection we are experiencing storm Ciara, gusting winds and heavy rain, spring seems far away but we know it will come soon. For despite the wind and rain there is evidence of this, tiny snowdrops peeping through sodden soil and bright yellow daffodils too can be seen, a sight to cheer us up. By the time you read this the hedgerows will no doubt have given us a wonderful display of our native species of wild daffodil, Narcissus. The Victorians appreciated this majestic display of daffodils – they nominated the first Sunday of April as daffodil Sunday and families picked daffodils from their gardens and took them to local hospitals to give to the sick – a tradition still carried on today in some parts of Britain.

But did you know that the wild daffodil is also known as the Lent Lily? It is because it blooms in early spring with the blooms usually dropping before Easter so it in effect observes the Lenten period! Nowadays of course with the improvements in cultivation it is possible to enjoy daffodils right through from December to late April and we make use of this as they are a popular choice when we come to decorate the inside of our churches on Easter day. The sight of them is guaranteed to lift our hearts as we gaze on their cheerful nodding heads and breathe in their heady perfume. The emergence of the wild daffodils signals the end of winter and entices us with promises of the new beginnings of spring. From what appears to be a lifeless and nondescript bulb new life springs forth and in a similar pattern as the end of Lent draws nearer we anticipate the glory to come – the rising from death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

No matter what besets us in our lives we have this eternal hope set before us – God is able to bring forth life and glory from what may be to us, unpromising beginnings.

God's Blessings and peace to you and your loved ones this Easter time and always. Lynne Burgon.

### **CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of March to May 2020**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mrs Grace Millman</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Mrs Valerie Carter</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mrs Gwenyth Johns</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mrs Christine Poole</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mrs Margaret Fishleigh</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mrs Ann Poole</b>

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** – We were blessed with a large congregation for the Annual Carol Service as Neil and Lizzie Stevens had invited many guests to come along to the Christening of Brooklyn Danielle Stevens. The service was led by Revd Lynne Burgon, and was followed with tea and mince pies. Donations for Acton for Children, the charity normally supported at the Carol Service, totalled £155.00.

There was also a 'good crowd' on the following Sunday when Revd Lynne Burgon conducted the Crib Service, and was followed by a Bring and Share Tea, during which there was special visitor – one of Father Christmas's "deputies" who had surprises for the young people.

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Please look out for posters on activities and the service which will be led by Revd Lynne Burgon. We wish everyone a blessed Easter-time and joy in celebrating the Risen Lord!

**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 Schoolroom for activities and stories. The next sessions will be on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, - Easter, and Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, all at 11am.** See Junior News. Details from Sheila (Tel: 261466)

**FAMILY SERVICES** – All-age, family, friendly worship is 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 there will be just the one service on **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, which will be led by Mr David Ley.



Our chapel is part of the Torridge Methodist Circuit with chapels stretching across North-West Devon from Northam in the north to Black Torrington and Sheepwash in the south, Alverdiscott in the east and Milton Damerel and Parkham in the west, and for 1 or 2 Sundays per quarter we have a service involving all the chapels or a section of the chapels. In this quarter these services have been planned for 26<sup>th</sup> April, which for us will be at Shebbear, and 31<sup>st</sup> May at Melbury Farm, Parkham, which will be the circuit service celebrating Pentecost, followed by a picnic. Everyone is made very welcome at these circuit services and if anyone would like a lift please let one of our stewards know.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – A concert presented by the Exeter Male Voice Praise Choir – a return visit on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

**AFTERNOON TEA and CAKES** – The date of our Spring Afternoon Tea and Cakes has not been set – please look out for posters which will be displayed around the parish. We look forward to seeing our supporters and new friends for tea, a variety of cakes, and stalls.

**BIBLE STUDY** – The discussion group now meets at 2.30pm on Monday afternoon in the Chapel Kitchen – we are on “winter” time, which will continue until the clocks change at the end of March. We continue to use the Cover to Cover study material either covering a book of the Bible or a topic. Currently we are part way through an 8-week study exploring Four Great Loves. Discussion leads us to all sorts of topics of conversation, along with some humour, and if you enjoy conversations or perhaps just listening please feel welcome and come along. We will be following a Lent study from 2<sup>nd</sup> March – you are welcome to come along just for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter, as a taster. For more details speak to Sheila (Tel: 261466).

**SEW ‘N’ SEWS** – We continue to meet once a month on a Saturday in the Chapel Kitchen, bringing along our respective projects - knitting, sewing, etc. For details of our next Sew N Sews please check noticeboard on Chapel railing or contact Barbara – 01805 601651 or Sheila 01409 261466. It would be lovely to have a few more needle-workers join us!

**CONTACTS** – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister, Revd Lynne Burgon (01805 624392): Our stewards: Dan Brett (Tel: 261609) and Jeremy Sharp (Tel: 261548), Property Steward: Julian Allin (Tel: 261188). Secretary: Katie Allin (Tel: 261188).

## Bradford School News!



We have had a very successful start with Bradford Bouncy Babies, we meet Monday mornings during term time in the School hall. The little ones enjoy playing together, and they really enjoy a mid-morning visit from Class One, who often join us with a nursery rhyme or two! We welcome any children from babies through to school age, along with parents, grandparents & carers. Please do feel free to pop in!

On Thursday 30th January Class 2 were very lucky to have had an illustrator come into school. Joseph Witchall illustrates books for both children and adults and showed the children the process from start to finish. With the children's ideas he also created some new characters. A very interesting wolf Roman Emperor with horns and a horse's tail and an old Celtic druid holding a chicken! The children then had the opportunity to create their own illustrations with a variety of props to give them ideas.

The children were visited by Mary from Holsworthy Library on Wednesday 29th January. Mary explained how the library works and told them about the different books they can borrow. She also bought a selection of books with her for the children to have a look at and read the story of 'You Can't Scare a Princess' to them.

## Easter Bingo

Looking forward, our annual Easter Bingo is coming up on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Bradford & Cookbury Village hall. We have many good prizes, with full house Easter chicken dinners supplied by R. Perkins of Holsworthy and lots of chocolate too!! Doors open at 7.15 for eyes down at 8!



**Monday Mornings 10 o'clock to Midday**

A new stay & play baby & toddler group, everyone welcome!

New born to school age

Bradford School Hall

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

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Church wardens Isabel and Roy Fairbrother tel 01409 261181



## **Hello Everyone: Welcome to our first news of 2020 from Holy Trinity Church.**

This winter we have endured dismal rainy weeks where the ground became permanently sodden wet and the cold winds blew fiercely into every nook and cranny, when daylight struggled to break through making for dark days after endless dark nights. When a glimpse of the sun was a very rare sight and we were thoroughly fed up with the British weather we had a run to Bideford and there at the Landcross junction came a surprise as daffodils had opened their petals and a shining golden glow sprang from wet grey hedgerows. Very soon they had multiplied and the odd one became a clump, a halo of gold. Now they are everywhere, those few early displays showed us what glory is to follow. We received a call from our bell ringer Rob to ask if we had seen the snowdrops in the churchyard? A carpet of white heads popping out from the grass in all area's and around the trees. It's no matter what the weather does, however harsh all these delicate flowers survive and Spring is on the way. Very soon they are everywhere, whatever the weather.

## **The year 2019 ended with our annual Christmas Tree Festival and our candlelit Carol Service.**

We were very pleased to welcome to our Carol Service the Sutcombe Ladies Choir led by Rosie. They sang beautifully and added such a lot to the service. The candles glowed in the wonderful Christmas atmosphere within the ambience of this lovely old church where everyone joined in singing the much loved carols and listening to the traditional readings. All the adults were invited to partake of a glass of warm mulled wine - with juice for the children, and mince pies - tradition at its best. What a wonderful lead up to the BIG Day.

*The Christmas Tree Festival* was held on the weekend of December 14th and 15th, it seems a long time ago now.



Saturday was the drier of the 2 days and heavy rain on Sunday, but it didn't deter the visitors. 2019 saw more people taking part, not just local people from Milton Damerel but from other villages around the Benefice too. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

As in previous years the imagination ran wild with all manner of brilliant and very original ideas. Amongst traditional trees were some smart colour coded designer type and others just festooned with ancient Christmas tree ornaments from way back – yes that was mine - at Christmas all the memories come out with the ornaments. I suspect I am not the only one who goes on a nostalgia trip when the decorations come down from the attic.

For the young and not so young we had the annual 'Christmas Tree Hunt'. It entailed a good look

around the church to find pictures of Christmas trees, each one showing the name of a fruit, this had to be written down. Many of the trees were 'hidden in full view', but a couple were so obvious they needed a bit more searching for. All the children were rewarded with a packet of sweets, which they duly enjoyed while the bigger children and other visitors enjoyed a hot drink and a piece of cake.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who brought in an exhibit, they made us smile, they were very ingenious. I know they brought smiles to the people who came to church to see the trees and partake in a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Thank you everyone for your invaluable support. But can I say there is still room for more trees- join in - you have nearly a year to come up with an idea, or like me raid the attic.

The best liked tree voted for by the visitors, with a nod to Eco, was 'Plastic Free- Naturally' by Wendy.



2<sup>nd</sup> was 'Where's Wally' by Emma, and 3<sup>rd</sup> was 'The Witch and the Hare' by David, a play on the T-Shirts that have been sold for the church roof fund. (We have just 3L and 2 XL T shirts remaining for sale and a few window stickers – you may have spotted one on the rear screen of my vehicle.)

Well done to everyone who entered.

If you have left your tree and decorations in the church please pick them up when you can.

All monies raised were for the roof fund and all the refreshments and award prizes were donated.

Well done to you all. Thank you to everyone.

**Church recycling** - Please continue to recycle plastic tops/lids ink cartridges, electrical cables, computer cables, bits of metal, even the old metal sink can be recycled for the church roof benefit but if these are large please call for collection. It is working; the church is receiving extra money towards the roof repairs so please continue to support us by donating to the church rather than the bin. Call us if you have a large bag or heavy metal to contribute, we can collect.

### **You can help the Church building of Milton Damerel survive by joining the Parish Giving Scheme**

Members of the community have the opportunity to make a regular contribution to the upkeep of this building. It is a fallacy that the church hierarchy supports each church – they do not, we stand on 'our own feet' financially, if we don't raise the money each year we are in trouble as any household or business would be if the books don't balance. We are a charity and rely on the generosity of the congregation which are smaller than in the days of our forefathers, and the wider community.

Just a couple of pounds per month will make a difference to our church paying its way. You don't have to come to church, you don't have to be a Christian, you can request your details are not divulged to anyone, you can choose how much you wish to give. It is collected by Direct Debit and all donations from this scheme have the added bonus of receiving Gift Aid so the value of the donation is increased. You can cancel anytime you wish to.

Collect a pack from the church, you will find them next to the visitors book just inside the church or call at Albatross Venn Green.

*Services for the next three months are as follows:*

11.30am	10.00am	11.30pm	10.00am	11.30am
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
<u>Morning Service</u>	<u>Sung Eucharist</u>	<u>Morning Service</u>	<u>Sung Eucharist</u>	<u>Morning</u>

*We hope you can join us for one of our services, you will be most welcome*

Eucharist is led by the Rev. Richard Freeman and Lay service by me.

Please note there will not be an Easter Day Service at Holy Trinity this year. With more churches to accommodate and fewer clergy to lead the services we have opted out as we held an Easter Service at Holy Trinity in 2019 led by Revd Richard.

### **Church Fundraising Events.**

*The annual coffee morning and plant sale will be held on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*10.30am to 12.30pm at Holy Trinity Church.*

Donations of plants to sell will be very welcome, we also welcome donations of raffle prizes.

**The annual BBQ** will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Trinity 4.30pm – 7.00pm

### **Church Gardening**

**The all-important Gardening Dates** once a month, from 1.00pm (subject to weather), for the next 2 months.

From April we will be back to twice monthly gardening sessions starting at 2.00pm

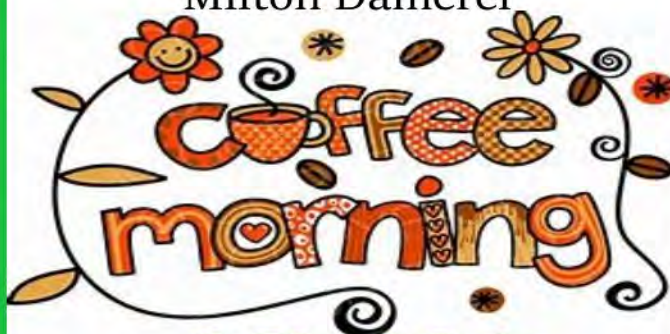
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All has been quiet in the churchyard as the cold wet days pass, but with Spring around the corner we welcome all volunteers to join us for a spruce up from February 27<sup>th</sup>. Jobs to be done include trimming a bit off the hedges and general tidy up.

If you would like to spend time helping out with church gardening just turn up, bring your welly's and gardening gloves. Join us anytime between 1.00pm to 5pm - as much or as little as you feel like – the time passes by very quickly. You will really appreciate the lovely cup of tea, and a biscuit. It's all subject to decent weather on the day.

Isabel  
Church Warden

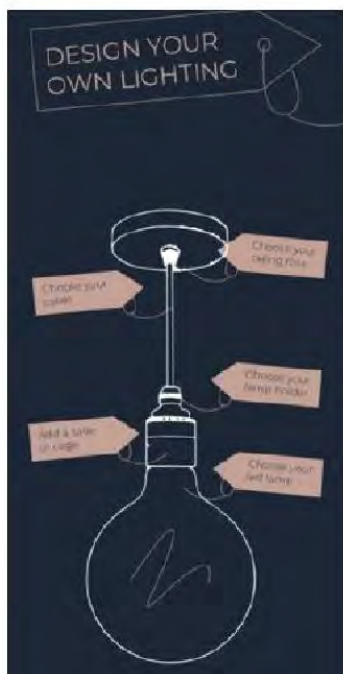
## Holy Trinity Church Milton Damerel



**& Plant Sale**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**

Donations of plants and raffle prizes  
will be appreciated.



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## Changes in our printing arrangements

Our vigilant readers will notice some changes in the printing of the Newsletter – we have moved to a different printing company and A3 sheets are used enabling the stapling to be in the middle seam. In the next edition we hope to re-style the Newsletter.

In the meantime we give our most grateful thanks to Terry Fairbrother who has managed the printing, at cost, of the quarterly editions since December 2006. A significant task using his own printer and also stapling 230 copies each time.

**Thank you, Terry, for your commitment over the last 13+ years.**

*Wades*

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**Looking Back .....**

**The Holsworthy Post – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Looking Back**  
25 years ago – January 12<sup>th</sup> 1995

G. Luxton of Milton Damerel was winner of Zuma Jay Competition in the Christmas Supplements.



## **JUNIOR /YOUTH NEWS**

### **Toddler Group**

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

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

On 8<sup>th</sup> February a group of Mums, Grans and helpers had an evening out with dinner at the Woodford Bridge Hotel.

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.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11am until approximately 12.30pm. No charge and refreshments provided. **Dates for this quarter are Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**, when Revd Lynne Burgon will be leading, **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April**, which is Easter Day and again Revd Lynne Burgon will be with us, and **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**, when Mrs Vivienne Sheriff will be leading the service.

## **Inter Parish Footpath Walks 2020**

Monday 9th March – Halwill. Meet by Halwill Parish Church, EX21 5UH (Note: NOT Halwill Junction).

Monday 13th April (Easter Monday) – Pyworthy. Meet at Crinacott Farm, EX22 6LJ.

Monday 11th May - Milton Damerel. Meet at Milton Damerel Parish Hall, EX22 7NZ.

Monday 8th June – Bradworthy. Meet in Bradworthy Square, EX22 7TD.

Monday 13th July – Holsworthy Hamlets. Meet at East Vognacott near Chilsworthy, EX22 7BJ.

Monday 10th August – Pancrasweek. Meet in Lower Tamar Lake car park, EX22 7LB. We will walk alongside the Bude Aqueduct to Vealand nature reserve. This is quite a long walk so please bring a snack lunch. This is the one walk that I need to know in advance who would like to come as I need to arrange transport back to our cars. Please contact me by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Monday 14th September – Clawton. Meet at Village Hall, EX22 6PS.

Monday 12th October – Bradworthy. Meet in Bradworthy Square, EX22 7TD.

Monday 9th November – Ashwater. Meet at Higher Larkworthy Farm, EX21 5DE.

Please Note: All walks start at 10.00am and have a walk leader who may decide, if conditions are not suitable on the day, to change the venue and/or route. These walks are intended to check on the current state of Parish footpaths and therefore will be walked at a casual pace. These walks can be wet and muddy so suitable footwear/clothing is advised and great care needs to be taken especially when it is slippery underfoot. Parking can be limited so please share transport where possible. Everyone is most welcome to come along. If you need any more information, please contact Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259848 Email: [evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com](mailto:evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com)

## Footpath News

**Milton Damerel Parish Footpaths:** All our footpaths are currently open and usable although several are very muddy in places due to the large amount of rain which we have had over the past few months. The heavy soil in the Parish means that everywhere takes a long time to drain away and dry out. If you have been along the bottom end of "Butterfly Lane" recently you will have noticed the flooding which now covers the lane when it is raining. This is due to the culvert under the lane becoming blocked again during the recent heavy rains. Our Rights of Way warden has asked DCC Highways to replace the culvert with a larger one which is more able to cope with the increased rainfall which we are now regularly seeing. He is also going to replace the pedestrian gate which comes off the driveway to North Town as the posts have deteriorated badly over the autumn and winter. If you are out on any of our paths and notice a problem, please tell the Parish Clerk or any of the Councillors.

**Inter-Parish Walks:** These have now restarted and are on the second Monday of each month, starting at 10.00am. The full list and locations are available elsewhere in this newsletter, and from the 'footpaths' page of the Parish website.

**Holsworthy Walk and Talk Group:** For those whose New Year resolutions are beginning to fade we have our new walk programme from March to June available to whet your enthusiasm.

There have been a few changes to the programme mostly to address some of the parking issues which have arisen due to the popularity of the walks. Some starting points have been changed so please check the programme before setting out or contact a walk leader if you are unsure.

Another new initiative is that we have introduced a choice of starting points on our Ruby Way on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 which will offer the option of different levels of walk to suit different abilities. The Level 3 option starts at 10.30am from outside Holsworthy Museum and then takes the footpath incorporating quite a steep ravine over the river, and out onto the A3079 by 10.45am. Here Level 2 walkers can join us at the lay-by at Coles Mill to walk the Ruby Way together.

Another way to address limited parking is to car share with some other walkers. This is also a good way for new walkers to be introduced to the venues, some of which may be difficult to find even with the post codes. Walking in a group has many physical and psychological benefits. To be able to share transport can also enhance the camaraderie of the day introducing an additional social aspect.

Programmes can be downloaded from [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk) or are available in local venues such as Holsworthy Library and Tourist Information Centre. If you have queries please contact Gillian Aston on **01409 254642** or email **holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail**.

### PILATES...

Methodist Schoolroom

Mondays 9.45am – 10.45am

& 11am – 12noon

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



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If you were fortunate to have received a visit from Santa at Christmas and now have some new equipment, such as electrical goods or cycles in the household, don't forget to update your records at 'immobilise.com' if you use their services. If you have not come across this facility before, it is a free-to-use independent and secure database where you can store details of all valuable items and property with sentimental value, such as electrical goods, power tools and sports equipment. The service operates countrywide and is accessible to the police and so that any recovered items can be returned to their rightful owners. Of course, this won't happen unless your property is marked in some identifiable way which is unique to your household. For example, use your house name followed by your postcode. If your property is marked in some way, it can also act as a deterrent to theft. We have covered property marking in detail in a previous article but full details can be found on the Torridge NHW website at <http://torridgenhw.ourwatch.org.uk> along with a range of other crime prevention articles. If you don't have access to the internet, please ask your co-ordinator for a fact sheet.

A couple of people have recently discovered the weekly e-newsletter which Torridge NHW produces and asked to be added to the distribution list. This gives an overview of the crimes which have been occurring across the three main areas in Torridge and they are also split between the town and rural areas. The police also regularly supply articles of interest to the newsletter. If anybody else would like to receive these, which are produced free of charge, please let your co-ordinator know.

To help in the fightback against cyber-crime and scams, "Avast", the computer security company has recently joined up with NHW at national level to provide online tips and advice to help us stay safe. With online threats constantly evolving there are some hassle-free ways which we can protect ourselves without costing time and money. Their 4 top tips for a safer on-line experience are:

1. Make sure that you have a strong anti-virus (AV) system installed across ALL your devices. If you don't already have one then Avast provides a free award-winning system for use with PC, Mac, Android and iPhone.
2. Ensure your computer and phone software is always up to-date. Software updates often include security patches which are important for keeping your devices safe.
3. Use different passwords across your account so that if one account is compromised, the rest will remain secure. Use passwords that include a mix of characters, symbols and numbers.
4. Change default passwords which come with your devices.

These are some relatively easy but effective ways to improve the security of your internet connected gadgets and routers.

Since the last newsletter we have to report that our PCSO Emma Tomkies, has now left us and moved to Okehampton. This now leaves us with just one PCSO, Mark James, to cover the whole of the town and rural areas. This is a huge area for just one person when you consider that the basic PCSO duties are different from PC duties. We will have to hope that more staff are attached to Holsworthy when the recently announced new officers become reality.



## Legal Advice

## The Root of All Evil

It never ceases to amaze me how the lure of money can completely change people. In my professional capacity, I regularly communicate with recipients of gifts under Wills. Many have been the bunfights I have had to sort out and at times referee when next of kin squabble over who should get what following the recent death of their family member. That is very often followed by attempts to get money long before the estate of the deceased can be administered and legacies paid out.

I have seen saints suddenly turn into sinners. I have seen gentle tempered people become super aggressive. I have seen lambs turned into wolves. Underneath it all has been a seismic shift in placid personalities and all because the lure of money has had its effect.

I was therefore interested to see the recent case of Anita Border. She made a Will and appointed a “good neighbour” called David Loveday to act as the sole Executor of her estate. Who better to trust than somebody she saw regularly and who always came across as such a sincere and pleasant gentleman. In her Will she gave £110,000 to his partner Emma Cullen and £110,000 to her friend of many years Parminder Gibbs.

Sadly Anita died in August 2015, and it then fell to Mr Loveday to fulfil his legal role, bring in the estate assets, and then pay out beneficiaries as the Will provided. Emma Cullen got her £110,000, and Mrs Gibbs began to worry very considerably when she received nothing. Loveday fed her a tissue of lies, prevarication and delaying techniques to the point where she really smelt a rat. She had to go to the High Court and apply through the Court to get possession of her rightful inheritance of £110,000. She also asked the Court to remove Loveday as the Executor of her friend Anita’s Will as he had betrayed his position of trust.

It was through those proceedings that the Court discovered that Loveday had in fact spent the money on himself buying himself cars and holidays and also paying off his own personal debts.

The Court locked him up for six months when he refused to tell the Court where the money had been spent. The Court imposed a further sentence of 43 months when he admitted to the fraud which he had committed. In this fact-finding exercise, the Court tried to discover where the money had been placed as Loveday had alleged it had been put into an ISA – but that proved to be nothing but a hoax.

Sadly for Parminder Gibbs, she and her husband had to take out a re-mortgage on their home to pay their legal fees. They would have expected to be reimbursed from Loveday. However, serious doubt had been cast on whether any money at all could be recouped because of the nefarious actions of this unprincipled individual.

Anyone preparing a Will must be 100% sure that the Executors they nominate can be trusted 100%. This is another good reason why the safest action most times is to appoint a solicitor to act. Even were a solicitor (heaven help us) to be dishonest, the likelihood is that any losses will be fully reimbursed as a consequence of a solicitor’s duty to ensure that indemnity insurance is in place.

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**WHAT'S ON.....a selection of local events.....**

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
What the Butler Saw by Joe Orton	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm 30 <sup>th</sup> April – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May @ 7.30pm	HATS Theatre, Holsworthy www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
“Let’s Celebrate” The 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9th May	
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:		
Fused Glass	11 <sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm	
Making Silver Rings Mary Myers	24 <sup>th</sup> March @ 10am	
Batik Workshop with Bridget Cordory	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon	
Dementia Friendly Art	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 10am-12noon	
Making Silver Jewellery	12 <sup>th</sup> May @ 10am	
FILMS:		
Waiting for Anya	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am	
The Runaways	30 <sup>th</sup> March & 2 <sup>nd</sup> April @ 3pm	
The Call of the Wild	31 <sup>st</sup> March @ 5pm 5 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm 6 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm	
Dolittle	2 <sup>nd</sup> April @ 11am 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 7th April @ 3pm 4 <sup>th</sup> April @ 5.30pm	
Sonic the Hedgehog	8 <sup>th</sup> April @ 5pm	
LIVE COMEDY:		
Last of Summer Wine	12 <sup>th</sup> April @ 8pm	

## **MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP**

All meetings are normally on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Happy New Year to you all and hope 2020 will be another good year for bumper crops and that the vagaries of the weather will not be too extreme. Fingers crossed! There was not enough space in the last newsletter for a review of the group's meetings after the garden show, so they have been included here.

**21st October 2019** - 'The Beauty of Leaves' with Howard Wills. This was a last minute change to the advertised talk and we are grateful to Howard for coming along with such short notice. Hands up all those who spotted him on Gardeners' World in August 2019! Howard is the proprietor of Fernwood Nursery which is a 3-acre smallholding located in the village of Peters Marland, near Great Torrington. He holds the Plants Heritage National Collection of Sempervivum, Jovibarba and Rosularia – houseleeks. Howard gave a very interesting presentation on the beauty of leaves in all their infinite variety, shape, form and colour and which was accompanied by a lovely and colourful presentation. He showed photos of some leaves the group had never seen before and some we had assumed were stems, but were in fact a leaf. Thank you Howard.

A follow up visit to Fernwood Nursery is currently being arranged for later in 2020.

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2019** - 30 years at Bridge Mill with owners Rosie and Alan Beat. Rosie and Alan run their 16-acre smallholding on organic principles along with a working water mill. They gave an interesting, informative and sometimes funny talk on how they started the smallholding with their family, with all the trials and tribulations along the way. There were lots of before and after pictures and we were all impressed with the hard work that has gone into this venture – the Good Life pales in comparison! It has been a life's work for Rosie and Alan and it has finally paid off. Bridge Mill is well worth a visit.

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2019** - Christmas Supper Special. Make a willow tree and/or willow star with Eileen Harris. It was a very good and productive evening. Eileen was an excellent teacher and having the odd mince or two made for an enjoyable and different evening. The group got into the Christmas spirit and was proud of its efforts.

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – Growing media with Richard Hart from Hart of the Garden. Richard has over 30 years horticultural experience and made a welcome return visit. He answered questions on different types of soil/compost and what is the best growing media for different growing scenarios. He also pointed out the key differences between them. The seed-sowing season has now started in earnest so it was very useful to know what medium seeds/plants do best in and how to make your own mixes. We all look forward to strong healthy plants and bumper crops. Thank you Richard.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Annual General Meeting and seed swap. Don't need a whole packet of peas or sunflowers? Got a better germination rate than you need? Bring your surplus seeds or seedlings (labelled please) and swap them for something else.

It is also the AGM and it is your chance to have a say on how the club is run, stand for committee and review the group's finances.

New members are always welcome.

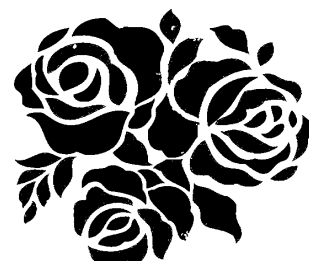
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## Pete's Property Market News

It is not as if you have had to read too many articles to find interesting stories about the UK Government these days. These are turbulent times in the political landscape, and it would be wrong to state what is going to happen with any great certainty. However, it is important to consider what may happen in certain scenarios, and many people have questioned would seller stamp duty impact the property market?

It is not as changing stamp duty is at the top of the list of priorities for the UK Government right now. However, Chancellor Sajid Javid outlined plans that he believes will help buyers step on to the property ladder. The plan is a simple one, make vendors pay for the stamp duty on a property deal, not the buyer.

Stamp duty brings in a lot of money for the UK Government.

Currently, the Government receives £11.9 billion in stamp duty annually. The average property price in the country is £230,000 and this would see a stamp duty bill of £2,100 for the property. Of course, it is difficult to discuss stamp duty without mentioning the caveats that are in place.

Right now, while the buyer pays the stamp duty, not every buyer pays the duty, or the same rate. If you are a first-time buyer purchasing a property that is worth less than £300,000; you don't need to pay stamp duty on the purchase.

There is no denying many industry sources have said stamp duty has played a role in stifling the market. A home buyer purchasing a house which costs £350,000 could find themselves having to find an additional £7,500 in stamp duty costs.

Buying a home is expensive, and having to find a sum like this, with a time constraint, is challenging. Removing this burden from buyers would help some households balance their budget to buy property.

Right now, and again, the Government may have more pressing matters to attend to, the Chancellor is said to be reviewing a number of systems. The Chancellor has spoken out about his desire to help more first-time buyers' step on to the property ladder. Sajid Javid has also

said; "If you are going to have tax cuts, I think you should always be thinking about the lowest paid. I'm looking at various options. I'm a low-tax guy. I want to see simpler taxes."

Buyers and vendors will have different emotions regarding proposed changes.

This change, if it does occur, will be welcomed by buyers, but vendors are unlikely to be thrilled. Selling your home is often expensive, and this change may seem some homeowners deciding against selling their home. If this leads to a further drop in supply of homes, there could be a sizable slowdown in the economy.



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## Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/11/19 – 31/12/19:

There are a few burglaries on the update again this time. We advise members of the public to always be vigilant, and to contact us if you see anything suspicious, either by calling 999 if it is ongoing, or by calling or emailing 101 if the information is non-urgent. Thank you.

The following crimes have been reported:

**BRADFORD:** Burglary from outbuilding

**BRIDGERULE:** Dog worrying livestock  
Common assault

**HOLSWORTHY  
HAMLETS:** Theft of used batteries

**HALWILL:** Dog not under proper control

**ST. GILES ON  
THE HEATH:** 2 x Burglary from outbuilding  
Attempted burglary from  
outbuilding  
Burglary to dwelling

**TETCOTT:** Harassment without violence

Crime prevention advice, with links to Farm Watch and property marking, can be found on our website:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-community/stop-rural-crime/>

**If you have an incident to report, don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101, or email 101@dc.police.uk for non-emergencies.**

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### LOVE Devon helps brings communities together

It may be cold outside, but there's a warm glow spreading out across the whole of Devon. From coast to countryside, villages and towns to cities, **LOVE Devon** is bringing communities together to support themselves and each other and to celebrate everything that is good and glorious about living and working in this part of the world.

**LOVE Devon** was established by Devon Communities Together which is approaching its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. The independent charity was set up with the intention of helping communities to help themselves, and **LOVE Devon** was established as a way of raising awareness and raising much-needed funds to support the charity.

The charity's key objectives are more important than ever – to ensure Devon's communities are given the support they need to address the issues that affect them; to help them become more resourceful and resilient and to build places that are healthier, more vibrant and inclusive with improved well-being.

**LOVE Devon** is unashamedly proud of its people and places and there's a whole raft of enterprises. Projects include the Village Halls Service which keeps the buildings at the heart of any community beating and the Big Energy Saving Network which tackles the issue of fuel poverty that is worse in rural areas where there is limited access to the mains gas network.

There are important challenges facing everyone in Devon including affordable housing, entrepreneurship, rural isolation and loneliness, the environment and sustainability. But for every challenge, **LOVE Devon** has a creative way of approaching it.

If you love Devon, get involved! Join in with fundraising, access help and advice or simply spread the word. Go to Facebook ([www.facebook.com/lovedevon2016/](https://www.facebook.com/lovedevon2016/)), Twitter (@LoveDevon) or Instagram (@Loving\_Devon) or the website [www.devoncommunities.org.uk](http://www.devoncommunities.org.uk)

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The Group reports on the finances for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. The financial statements are set out below:

	£.	£.
<b>Receipts during 2019:</b>		(2018)
Advertising <sup>NOTE</sup>	1075.25	( 902.00)
Personal donations/subscriptions	50.00	( 39.90)
Grant – Parish Council	<u>100.00</u>	<u>( 100.00)</u>
	<b><u>1225.25</u></b>	<b><u>(1041.90)</u></b>
<b>Payments during 2019:</b>		
Printing	1330.00	(1120.68)
Postage	<u>0.00</u>	<u>( 2.80)</u>
	<b><u>1330.00</u></b>	<b><u>(1123.48)</u></b>
<b><u>Net gain for the year</u></b>	<b><u>-104.75</u></b>	<b><u>( -81.58)</u></b>

Funds in hand at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019:

HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	2303.35
Cash & Cheques held .....	<u>0.00</u>
Total	2303.35
Deduct net loss for year	-104.75

**Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019** **2198.60**

Represented by: HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	2198.60
Cash & Cheques held.....	<u>0.00</u>
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**NOTE :** Funds in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, include the advertising revenue 'in advance' for 2 editions – March & June 2020, valued at £528.00.

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

## Milton Damerel Parish Hall

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### Events Report

The Soup and Sweet Evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December was enjoyed by all who attended and raised £247.61. Unfortunately the weather again prevented the Carol Singing to go ahead. With donations received and the money raised at the Charity Whist evening a total of £143.00 was sent to the Parish Council. We have agreed that this is to be used for the future funding of the Air Ambulance Landing Lights, which have now been installed at Venn Green.

### Future Events for the diary

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March      **Whist Drive** 7.30 pm start

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April      **EASTER BINGO**  
Doors open 7 pm Eyes down 7.30 pm



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April      **Whist Drive** 7.30 pm start

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May      **Whist Drive** 7.30 pm start

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Ticket only**

Four course lunch, bring your own drinks  
A Raffle will be held

Adults £12, Children (5-11) £6, Infants (0-4) free  
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Telephone Roberta Jackson 01409 261196

A new menu has been devised for this year's lunch to include fresh Salmon.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June      **Whist Drive** 7.30 pm start

### Hiring the Hall

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

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

## Landlords must meet electrical safety standards

Safety is paramount in the rental sector, and there are many regulations landlords must comply with to ensure they provide tenants with a safe rental property. It is often difficult for landlords to remain up to date with rental regulations, but another is on the way. The Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020 is still to be approved by the House of Commons and the House of Lords, but it is unlikely any issues will arise.

Therefore, landlords must be prepared for the new regulations to be in place from the 1st of July 2020. From this date, all new tenancies which begin on or after the 1st of July 2020, must have a five-year electrical certificate for the rental property. This work must be carried out by a registered electrician.

Check the renewal date for electrical safety standards.

While the certificate should be renewed every five years, if the report recommends an earlier renewal date, this is the one the landlord must comply with. For the sake of the regulations, all new tenancies is set to include renewals, and tenancies which become statutory periodic renewals.

If you are a landlord with existing tenancies, you may not think the regulations apply to you. However, all existing tenancies must comply with the regulations from the 1st of April 2021. Also, landlords should be aware circumstances can change quickly. Just because the regulations don't apply to you and your rental property now, if a tenant moves out, you may have to ensure your rental property complies with the regulations at short notice. It is best to be prepared, which is why landlords should familiarise themselves with the regulations sooner rather than later.

Tenants should receive a copy of the electrical safety certificate.

Given landlords should be familiar with the Gas Safety regulations, the management of the Electrical Safety certificate should be similar. Once the landlord receives the certificate, a copy should be provided to tenants within 28 days of the renewal. When a new tenancy begins, the landlord should provide the new tenant with a copy before they move into the rental property. Prospective tenants can request a copy of the certificate when looking at the property.

Landlords should be aware local councils have the right to request a copy of the certificate. When this happens, the landlord should provide a copy within seven days.

When the certificate recommends remedial work take place, this should be undertaken within 28 days. However, if the report states the changes must be made within a shorter time-frame, it is the date which comes first which is the most relevant.

When remedial work has been carried out, the landlord should receive written confirmation of the improvements. The landlord should provide a copy of the confirmation to tenants, and again, 28 days is the expected timeline.

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## THE NEWSLETTER GROUP and GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

If there are any concerns about the data we hold or publish please contact any member of the Group to request changes to the data. Group members and contact information is listed 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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**To advertise in this newsletter contact David on 01409 261577 for more details.**

**The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 15th May 2020.**

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