

MILTON DAMEREL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Milton Damerel Community Event



Dear Resident of Milton Damerel,

To celebrate this historic event, vou are invited to the Milton Damerel Platinum Picnic

Sunday June 5th

At the Parish Hall from 11am till 4pm

Bring your own picnic, or barbecue and ice creams available at small cost and enjoy the free events:

20ft inflatable slide. side stalls and lucky dip for the children Prize for best Red, White & Blue costume Free tea, coffee, and soft drinks available

Join the fun early and enter our art and photography competitions. Winners to be chosen on the day.

Entry forms with details can be obtained from Sanders Garage, or email MDParishHall@gmail.com.

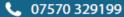
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Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agendas for all meetings are displayed on the notice boards and available on the Milton Damerel Website, no later than the Thursday before the meeting. The draft minutes are posted to the website within 30days, but are not officially approved until the next meeting. 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.

Parish Council AGM

At the AGM held on the 18th May2022 Councillor Stephen Moyse was elected to be the Chairperson of the Parish Council for the next year. Councillor Richard Piper was voted in as Vice Chairperson

COVID 19

Most restrictions have now been lifted but the Government still urges people to be cautious as the desease has not gone away. The wearing of face masks is not compulsory but some shops are requesting that shoppers wear one when inside their supermarkets. It is also a personal choice whether to wear one or not.

District Councillors

We congratulate our District Councillor Ken James for being elected to the chair of Torridge District Council for the third year running, he has been unable to attend recent meetings due to pressure of work and ill health, however, he has sent reports via email, which have been printed within the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting. Councillor Kit Hepple although not always available to attend meetings regular updates are also received by email, both Councillors work in the background to support the Parish, they can be contacted anytime by all, for any help or advice that might be needed. Details of how to contact them are in the Parish Website. The Parish Councillors were very grateful for the grant Councillor Hepple approved for the purchase of new defibrillator pads and charge stick, this is a vital piece of equipment for the community.

Devon County Councillor James Morrish

Councillor James Morrish attended the recent Parish Open Meeting, the Parish Council and Parish Hall Committee are most grateful for his recent approval of a grant of £400 for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

James has 'several hats' within Devon County Council, and works extremely hard on behalf of all the residents he represents. He can be contacted by email for any help or advice you might need.

Holsworthy Neighborhood Policing team.

There have been big changes at Holsworthy Station, with PCSO Mark James retiring from his position.

Our new PCSO will be Jessica McEldon, but at the time of writing this article we are not sure if she has commenced her role here. There is also a new Beat Manager, P.C. Frank Morgan.

After the retirement off Mandy Brown the new Sergeant appointed is Donna Gutteridge.

Planning matters:

New planning applications over the last three months, have included variations to the applications for residential dwellings on the land adjoining Sunny view, these have all been approved and work is well in hand.

The application regarding the Solar Park at Bulkworthy has been approved. Your Parish Councillors give great consideration to all applications received, their concerns and comments are reported in the minutes and passed on to Torridge planning department.

Although the application for the development at Town Farm has been approved for some time, there are no signs of any development starting.

Details for all planning applications are available on Torridge District Council website; applications to be considered by the Parish Council are stated on the Agenda for Parish Council Meetings. If residents have any objections or concerns regarding an application, they can convey them in writing either by post or email to Torridge District Council planning department, you can also inform any Councillor or the Parish clerk. As there is now a strict 21-day consultation period it is imperative that you get your comments to the relevant department as soon possible.

The Step Back in Time Fund:

for young people has a balance of £103.02 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.

Annual Grants

Grant applications for the financial year 2022-2023 received from, Milton Damerel Gardening Club, MD Parish Hall, MD Newsletter and MD Parish Church these were considered at the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th November, details will be in the minutes of the meeting and applicants will be notified by letter.

Cheques for successful applicants will be distributed in September 2022.

Website

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):

The AED's sited at Holsworthy Beacon and Sanders Garage are checked regularly, but if at any time you see that there is any damage to the cabinet at either site, please inform the Clerk.

If you would like a refresher on the use of the AED and basic life support (CPR), please let the Parish Clerk know, these are conducted free of charge.

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 regularly passes on the complaints to Devon Highways, copies are always sent to Councillor Morrish, who will substantiate 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.

Parish Footpaths

The Parish Footpaths have been looked after by Michael Jackson for ten years, he has now handed over to George and Wendy Preston. The Parish Councillors, are very grateful to Michael for all his hard work over his tenure, as I am sure are the residents of Milton Damerel Parish.

Annual Accounts 2020-2021

The annual accounts and external Audit paperwork are in the process of being completed, these will be published on the website along with all relevant information before the end of July.

HM Queen Elizabeth II jubilee Celebrations

The arrangements for events are well in hand and all residents should have received a flyer,

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

Chapel News - June 2022

Dear Friends

Oscar Wilde's story 'The Selfish Giant' tells how a giant found fulfilment when he welcomed back other people (especially children) into his garden, taking down his sign 'Trespassers will be prosecuted' and finding that Winter became Summer for him. Years later, the giant grew very old and feeble. He could not move about much, so he sat in a huge armchair, watched the children playing and admired his garden.

One winter morning, he looked out of his window. He did not hate the Winter now, for he knew that it was really the Spring asleep, and that the flowers were resting. Suddenly, he rubbed his eyes in wonder and looked and looked. It certainly was a marvellous sight.

In the farthest corner of the garden was a tree covered with lovely white blossoms. Its branches were golden, and silver fruit hung down from them, and underneath stood a little boy.

The giant ran downstairs and into the garden. He hurried across the grass and came near to the child. And when he came quite close, his face grew red with anger, and he said, 'Who has dared to hurt you?' For in the palms of the child's hands were the prints of two nails, and the prints of two nails were on the little feet.

So the giant cried, 'Tell me who has wounded you, so that I may take my big sword and kill him.' 'No', answered the child, 'these are the wounds of Love.' 'Who are you?' asked the giant, and he felt a strange sense of wonder and knelt before the child.

And the child smiled on the giant and said to him, 'You let me play once in your garden, and today you will come with me to my garden, which is Paradise.' And when the children ran in that afternoon, they found the giant dead under the tree, all covered with white blossoms.

This story may assure us that, as we offer and receive loving-kindness, we share and know God's life and love in Jesus Christ. The story may also show us that, in Christ, God shares in our suffering and so can bring us eternal hope and strength as we know we are held safe in God's compassion for the whole of creation.

Andrew Vidamour Minister, Torridge Methodist Circuit

We are grateful to Andrew for his contribution this quarter; Revd Rob Blackhall is on 'sabbatical' until early August. This is a three-month gift given by the Church to its ministers - it is a "period of release from the ordinary duties of the appointment, in addition to normal holidays, for the purpose of pursuing an approved programme of study, research, work or experience". A sabbatical takes place ever seventh year; although Rob's last one was of a shortened duration in 2013. We wish Rob well for this time.

Christening – It was a real joy on 15th May to host the service for the Christening of Lukas Palmer, younger son of Chris & Nadine Palmer and brother of Mark). Revd Lynne Burgon, returned to officiate, and we welcomed family and friends for the happy occasion, including family from Germany. A lovely service leaflet in English & German had been prepared by the family. The christening was held in the Chapel and Revd. Lynne had brought along a drama about Jesus's baptism, requiring many participants (of all ages) from the congregation. We all then adjourned to the Schoolroom for café style worship and activities, based on God's Love, and the time included sharing a slice of christening cake with tea and coffee. A real occasion of All-age Worship.

Flower Plan:

12th June 10th July 14th August

Mrs Sheila Daniel Mrs Phyllis Piper Mrs Katie Allin

Dates of services at the Chapel, for June, July & August, all at 11.00am.

All Age Worship and Sunday School Sunday, 12th June

Preacher: Mr David Watson

Sunday, 10th July All Age Worship and Sunday School

Preacher: Mr Duncan Withall

Sunday, 14th August All Age Worship including Holy Communion and Sunday School

Preacher: Mr David Ley

Café Worship at the Chapel at 11.00am on 3rd Sunday of each month. (in the Schoolroom) Planned dates are: 19th June; 17th July; and 21st August

A new style for gathering together on Sunday, commencing with coffee and fellowship and then for sharing whatever individuals wish to contribute. At our first service in April we sang a couple of chosen songs, we read a Psalm together, and shared a Bible reading, and prayers and commentaries about the devastating situation in Ukraine, all intercepted by comments we wanted to share. Our age range was from primary school to over 90, so it is a time for all to come along and share in fellowship. Please join in – a warm welcome to you – come along and experience something new (to us that is!).

Services Elsewhere in the Circuit:

Sunday, 26th June Meeting together at Torrington Methodist Church for all the Circuit for video link with the Conference Sunday Service from Telford.

This service will also be available online for joining in from home

Zoom Services for the Circuit – The plan for the summer months, until October, is to hold 2 services per month, thus 12th June, 10th July (possible), 24th July, 14th August and 28th August all **at 6.30pm each Sunday**, which you are most welcome to join in. The service can be accessed via a computer/laptop with camera/microphone, IPad/phone or using the normal phone – even if you have a device with camera/microphone and do not wish to be seen, you can join in without the camera on – please contact Sarah Richards, our Circuit Administrator, on 01237 472649 or email her sarahrichards185@gmail.com for details on how to join the 'meeting'.

Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter - Our monthly Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter includes outlines of weekly services for readers to use on its own or with the Zoom service. If you would like to receive this monthly Newsletter please let us know. The Newsletter is also available on line at www.torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk and there is also a Facebook page for the Circuit. There is also a private Facebook Group, where we share thoughts, prayers and other material – this is Torridge Methodist Circuit Group – if you wish to join please go to this Facebook page and use the Join button. Details of other Circuit Zoom events are also shown on the Facebook page – bible studies, online coffee mornings, other celebration occasions— again please contact Sarah Richards for details for Zoom access.

Circuit Discussions on Future – The Torridge Circuit Meeting in March voted for new proposals on governance and structure as a way forward for our circuit next year, thus from September 2022.. The purpose is about Mission – how can we spend less time on administration and more being the people of God in our grea.

The Governing body of the Methodist Church is the annual Conference.

At Circuit level the Circuit meeting looks after the affairs of the Circuit and for setting policy - Finance, Property, Safeguarding, GDPR.

In addition to the presbyters and circuit officers, representatives are elected by the local Church Councils, ensuring representation from all Church Councils and Societies.

There will be 5 Church Councils covering the 14 Societies, and Milton Damerel will be part of the Council titled South of Torrington, incorporating Black Torrington, Lake, Milton Damerel, Thornhillhead, Langtree, and Sheepwash. A Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of its Church (and Societies) and its property - Mission, Worship, Pastoral, Finance, Property, Safeguarding, Data Protection.

We look forward to working in new ways.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Members of the Chapel are pleased to sponsor the free drinks – tea, coffee and soft drinks - for the Milton Damerel Community Event on Sunday, 5th June at the Parish Hall and look forward to sharing in this momentous occasion.

The Chapel & Covid-19 - The risk assessment remains in place and we will continue to follow and amend guidance as needed, - providing adequate ventilation, hand sanitisation or hand washing on arrival and departure, asking people who have Covid-19 symptoms or are unwell to stay away, and continue to encourage the wearing of face masks, as necessary, and social distancing.

CONTACTS – For further information or help please contact: Our Minister for this quarter Revd Andrew Vidamour (01237 478453) Our stewards: Dan Brett (Tel: 261609) & Jeremy Sharp (Tel: 261548), Property Steward: vacant; Secretary: vacant

CONGRATULATIONS!



To:- Valerie Harris, at Holsworthy Beacon who celebrated her 80th Birthday in April Congratulation to Charles and Elizabeth Bellew, on the birth of their first Great Grand Child. Amy and Thorne have become proud parent to Toby, 7lbs 9ozs, born on 12th May. Christian & Gail Whitely, who will celebrate their China (20th) Wedding Anniversary in Aug. Roy Fairbrother, of Albatross, who celebrated his 80 birthday in May.

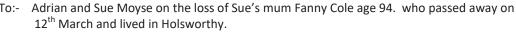


WELCOME

To:- Ryan, Hannah and Family, who have moved into the old Post Office Alex, Sarah and Family who have moved into Whitebear Cottage.

OUR SYMPATHIES

To those who have been bereaved recently:



The Family of Norman Webber, who passed away peacefully in hospital in May. Norman moved into Whitebear Cottage in 1969 and was responsible for the lovely show of daffodils along the lane from Whitebear to the Parish Hall.

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 page 30 for contact details. Thank you.



Bradworthy Primary Academy

School Buildings

We are delighted to announce that our long awaited building project will finally be getting underway at the end of this Summer Term.



By the time the project is complete we will have achieved four new classrooms which are much bigger than the classes we currently have in the main school and suitable to deliver the experiences which our children deserve.

We will also have developed the inside of school so that we have the sort of specialist teaching areas, for things like art, cookery and science, that you only normally get in secondary schools and maybe some private schools.

As well as this there will be plenty of space for our support staff to work with small groups of children.

We are entering a really exciting time in the development of our school and we can't wait to get on with everything after such a long wait.

What is especially worthy of note is the fact that we've been able to raise all of the money needed ourselves, and most importantly without the slightest impact on the things we offer our children.

It's been a very long and hard process to get to this point – not least because of the affect of COVID-19 and the spiralling cost of everything.

I hope that you will all agree that this is an exciting period that we are entering into and one which will provide even better facilities and opportunities for all of our children as we strive to make Bradworthy Academy the best possible environment for everyone.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us to this point and everyone who will be supporting us over the next year or two.

Diary Dates

Thursday	26 May	Art Exhibition Opening Concert
Friday	27 May	Art Exhibition
Friday	22 July	School's 150 year Celebration Concert and Summer BBQ
Monday	25 July	Leavers Assembly
Tuesday	26 July	Last day of term

JUNIOR NEWS

Milton Toddler Group

Our small group of children, with the adult helpers, Mums, Grans or Carers, continue to meet on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. The children bring along their own snacks and we offer hot drinks and biscuits around for just a small donation. Over the years we have built up a good selection of games, toys, larger ride-ons and craft materials, these get used every week. Local people have also kindly contributed to our varied of essentials, we've been really grateful for these! Other adults might like to drop in on a Tuesday morning for a coffee and chat? We would love to see you. We find it's a happy experience to get together; spending time with such joyful children really does lift the spirits and brighten the day.

Our Easter Coffee Morning had a good attendance, including the return of some of our previous attenders and friends. It was lovely to see them. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and £120 was raised for the Great Ormond St Hospital.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 – the Toddler Group will be sponsoring the Lucky Dip at the celebrations on Sunday, 5th June at the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children, young people and parents are invited and welcomed to come along to our monthly service of All Age Worship at the Methodist Church, normally 2nd Sunday each month at 11am. The normal format is to meet together for about 10 minutes and then children and young people move into Sunday School, when many activities are provided – crafts, cooking, etc., - and at the conclusion, tea/coffee & biscuits are served and time to meet and chat. For dates please see details under Chapel News. Please join us !!

Holsworthy Walk and Talk

Last month we walked my favourite route at Buckland Filleigh. Of the 48 routes we have around the area this walk has it all. It is one of the more adventurous Level 3 walks with lots of undulations taking us through the parkland of Buckland House, forestry and farm tracks, over stiles and through fields which, this time, were full of playful baby lambs under the vigilant gaze of their mothers. The views across the valleys towards Dartmoor are spectacular.

Our AGM has taken place which resulted in the retirement of our Chairperson, Gordon Bennett. Gordon wasn't a founding member of the Group when David Arney started it back in 2000/01, but he joined soon after following a referral from the Cardiac Rehab Group having had surgery, as a way of improving his health and getting more exercise. He has stayed with the Group, eventually moving up to become a walk leader and then, when David formally constituted the in 2015, Gordon took Chairperson's position, which he has held until We are pleased to welcome Jaquie Shapland as our new Chair who will be a very valuable member of the Committee.



We often refer to research showing the benefits of walking in the management of various chronic health conditions such as heart disease, but Gordon's story brings those benefits to a personal level. Gordon has been an active member of the Group for almost 20 years and continues to be a very valuable member of the Monday Walk in the Park team. He has made friends and helped many others along the way.

We walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am and are FREE. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walks.

Our website has lots of up to date information, details below.

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Holy Trinity Church News

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Everyone

Here we are already well into the year with mid- summer just round the corner Spring seems to have flown by. The churchyard, as always, is looking beautiful, thanks to the people who generously give us their time. To me it is exactly what a countryside churchyard should be, the wide swathes towards the Devon banks are full of wildflowers with bluebells and wild garlic around the edges and swathes of daisies across the grass, the primroses now dying off, the tall trees coming into new leaf — so many people find it a tranquil place.

A 'short notice' service was held on Saturday 12th March for the people of the Ukraine, it was advertised on Facebook and on the church noticeboard. Prayers were said and each person lit a candle, ending the service with a hymn. We are pleased to say that through the generosity of those who attended and those who were not able to, £270 was paid into the Disaster Fund.

We pray that this terrible war will soon be over and the Ukrainian people can rebuild their lives.

At Easter this year we brought the Easter garden from inside of the church to opposite the porch door, we hope it made people stop and think what Easter is about. I was helped by Sophy, who was staying with her grandparents, to build the 'tomb' and as we were working Sophy at 10 years old knew exactly what it represented and talked knowledgably. Compare that with the elderly man who asked me if it was there to catch rats or hedgehogs!!

I know I rabbit on about the church roof but after speaking to our Architect recently he advised us that the roof over the South nave and porch as well as downwater goods needs to be addressed urgently otherwise the damage being caused by water ingress will become dire. We are trying our hardest to get grants but it is extremely hard and takes time plus we are expected to raise a substantial amount ourselves, no mean feat in a small community that has other demands too. Churches are self - supporting so we have to get on with it and raise the money if we fail the scenario a few years down the line will be that the church will be unsafe to use for fear of the roof caving in. It will be too late to save then, the churchyard would be taken over by the council...how often do they cut grass? The church would become a dangerous derelict building, the churchyard unkempt. How would you feel, do you care?

This will happen if we don't raise the money to save it now - time is running out.

We are asking the people of Milton Damerel to come together and raise this money with us as a community project.. Donations can be made at any time but we ask you all to support the fundraising events.

Fund raising ideas and help are always welcome.

Upcoming Community events at Holy Trinity

Pre- Father's Day celebration - Saturday 18th June from 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Father's Day - treat your dad and grandad to a family visit and enjoy freshly cooked burgers, sausages, chicken drums, salads and more (vegetarian option) at the church annual BBQ - dessert is optional.

Plenty of food consisting of Burgers, Sausages, Chicken drums, potatoes, salad potatoes - and more . And a dessert for those who have any room left in their tums. Vegetarian catered for. A whopping plateful for just £8 per Adult, children £4

Everything for a super treat for Dads (and family).

Mark it on your calendar now so you don't forget



Saturday 9th July - 2.00pm onwards we invite you to join us for a

Summer afternoon of cream tea and cakes with a Tombola
(Donations for Tombola would be welcome)

August 4th - 10.30am -12.00 Coffee Morning at church (with Raffle) Savoury and sweet A social morning of catch up and natter



Mrs Edwina Hale informed us that the recycling company have stopped the payment of tops and ink cartridges so **we will no longer be collecting them at Holy Trinity**. If you have any you have collected already then Edwina will take them to someone she knows for the Red Cross so please arrange with Edwina — see Neighbourhood watch page for number.

Thank you for your help but please don't leave anymore at the church.



September 10th starting at 10.30am finishing at around 4.30pm

For the second year the Holsworthy Amateur Radio club will be broadcasting from inside Holy Trinity on CHOTA DAY. We warmly welcome them back on this special day when Amateur Radio clubs come together with Churches and Chapels to broadcast around the world and attempt to connect far and near last year they reached Poland. You are all welcome to sit and listen in to the conversations as they happen. Many people that were contacted last year were pleased to hear the broadcast was actually inside a church, it seemed to make it a bit more special as it fitted the full criteria, but I remember listening to one enthusiast in Wales who picked up the signal in his car as he had to drive a distance to transmit/receive. We hope the day will be brighter and no fog this year.

Come and have a look, listen, drop in drop out – up to you. Refreshments will be available all day.

We would like to invite ladies who can sew or /and stitch craft to help us to repair an altar cloth, We would also like to make at least one tapestry kneeler to commemorate the Queens 70th Jubilee. Is anyone interested? ... Call me 01409261181

We are looking for volunteers who have experience in pointing up buildings.

The cracks around the church walls and windows badly need pointing up. This would be in lime mortar. Tel as above.

Church services are held twice a month

Church Service dates from March 2022

June 12 th	Holy Communion	11.30am All at Holy Trinity Church
June 19 th	Morning Service	10.00am (note 1 week early)
July 10 th	Holy Communion	11.30am
July 24 th	Morning Service	10.00am
August 14 th	Holy Communion	11.30am
August 28 th	Morning Service	10.00am
September 11 th	Holy Communion	11.30am

Church Gardening – 2pm – 6pm everyone is welcome to come and help keep the churchyard tidy

Grass cutting is speeding up and we now meet twice a month – usually the Thursday before the 2nd Sunday and the 4th Sunday in the month. It went a bit askew when there were 5 Sundays in May but we are back on track

You are welcome to come and help, you will soon make new friends. At the moment we especially need another strimmer so if you have an addiction to strimming then this is the place for you, loads of it to do. Please bring your own strimmer but we can supply fuel. No need to phone up just turn up.

Those who walk through the church yard may notice the fresh flowers in the porch, this is down to Ann who also writes the phrases on the stones which sometimes accompany the flowers. Thank you Ann.

The dates for the next 3 months are below, do come and say hello.

Summer Gardening dates 2.00pm - subject to the weather:

June 9th June 23rd July 7th July 21st
August 11th August 25th September 8th

Take Care

Jsabel and **Roy** Church Wardens

Diary Dates

June 18th `Pre- Father's Day BBQ from

2.30pm - 5.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

July 9th Summer afternoon of cream tea and cakes from 2pm at Holy Trinity Church

August 4th Coffee Morning at Church sweet and savoury

from 10.30 am Holy Trinity Church.

September 10th CHOTA DAY with H A R C from 10.30

refreshments all day Holy Trinity Church



Milton Damerel Gardening Group

After the March AGM the gardening group is still going! After Diana stood down after steering us through the rigours of covid the "chair" of the group is now Melanie Richardson and vice chair is Edgar Pett, Treasurer remains as Lesley Self. Contact details elsewhere in newsletter. As before meetings will be held mostly on 3rd Monday of month at the parish hall at 7.30pm unless stated in programme.

We have all been enjoying lovely spring weather but, like the farmers would appreciate just a little rain (might have it by the time you are reading this!). On our first meet after the AGM we set to on tidying up around the Parish Hall as the hedges were looking very unkempt. This was a hectic evening, Edgar and Clifford started early with hedge trimmers and cut a lot back and we cleared the debris up. Clifford was a godsend taking the mountain of cuttings away on his trailer and we then set to with general weeding and tidying edges. Once the light faded we retired for some well earned refreshments and also had a plant swap, exchanging spare plants. It is always interesting to see what one person doesn't want and the next person grabs it with both hands.

The next meeting will have passed by the time you read this, but you should be able to see the fruits of our labours as we are putting together some planters for outside the hall and they should now be blooming beautifully.

These are the next few meetings we have planned;

June 20th, A visit to Stone Farm at Alverdiscott . Car sharing is available

July 18th A talk on gardening "with" Hedgehogs by Janet Skuse

August (Date TBC) A "garden crawl" round some members gardens.

September 3rd (Saturday) Annual Flower & Produce show.

September 19th A visit to Allenstyle gardens Yelland Car sharing available

Annual Membership fees are £10 individual or £15.00 per couple with a £1.00 charge per meeting for members and £4.00 per meeting for non-members. Garden visits charges vary but usually in line with NGS garden visit fees. Non members are very welcome at any of meetings or on garden visits, the more the merrier! The winter programme will be in the next newsletter.

At the May Meeting members arrived to make the planters for display outside the Parish Hall, ready for the Jubilee. The men set to making Wooden Troughs and the ladies planted up the plastic containers, that Edgar and others supplied. The Gardening Group had a Plant Stall at the Parish Hall Table Top event on Saturday 14th and £104.90 was made. Thank you everyone who supplied the plants and bought them. Plants and Compost was duly bought from the monies. Any remaining money will be given to the Parish Hall

Have a great summer! Melanie





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School news:

I'd like to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter Break. I hope you all had a restful break and an enjoyable time with your families. The children have come back to school with big smiles on their faces and have been ready and eager to learn which has been a joy. We can't wait to get stuck into all the learning we have planned for the weeks ahead! The Easter Egg Hunt was amazing, FOBS had as much fun hiding the Easter eggs as the children did finding them! It was lovely to see the children outdoors looking for the eggs and the Tea and Cake provided was much appreciated at the end of term. **Mrs Jo Luxford**

After School Clubs

Clubs started with a really enjoyable cricket session with Miss Presswell and hockey with Miss Lovering. We are very excited about our other new clubs. It is not too late to sign up- just log on to School Gateway and click the sessions you'd like your child to attend. Friday Fun is open to children from both schools. If you do bring your children (or yours and anyone else's) you are welcome to stay- there will be tea and coffee available for waiting parents. Class 2 start their Summer Term swimming lessons very soon.

Pre-school update

We are officially open! Our fabulous new Nursery is up and running on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12.30 for **BOTH 2 and 3 year olds.** We are currently taking bookings for September onwards. Please encourage anyone you know with young children to come and have a look at what we have to offer.

Class 1

Bracken Class have started our new text in English – The Arrival by Shaun Tan. This is a story that is a little bit different to those we usually study as it has no words! This has meant that the children have had to use their inference skills to be able to write some fantastic short passages for the first chapter. They have had to look carefully at the images, make decision on what is happening; who the characters are and the vocabulary they are using to create an appropriate tone for the images. The children have all done an amazing job and what a brilliant start to the Summer term. **Mrs Terri Tucker Grant**

Class 2

Fern Class enjoyed their last Wild Tribe session just before the Easter holiday. It has been a lot of fun combining Maths and Outdoor Learning! This week their maths has been all about describing position and direction. They have used the Bee Bots to practice using clockwise and anticlockwise, left and right and quarter, half, three quarter and whole turns. **Miss Lovering**

Hub News

Ruby Hub is looking forward to a visit from Bemma Akyeampong from African Ark in May. She is going to share some stories, teach us some African Court Dance and help us do some African inspired art work linked to our Jubilee Celebrations.

Diary Dates

Please support us where you can! We look forward to your company on:

27th May Jubilee Quiz at Bradford & Cookbury Hall, 7 for 7.30 29th June Coffee Morning in Holsworthy Memorial Hall

11th July Hockings Ice Cream van visits School

Further details will be advertised on Facebook & posters locally





HAVE THE GOOD TIMES GONE?

When I was first married and started in my legal career, it seemed almost always possible to buy a house. That is because the yardstick back in those days was that you could generally buy a house for roughly 3 times your income. The latest research carried out by Capital Economics reveal that the average property in the southwest costs 9.6 times local average full-time earnings. For comparison's sake, the ratio for London is 12.3 times earnings.

People desperate to get on the property ladder are now rushing to lock into cheap loans as we see mortgage rates rise and lenders tightening their affordability checks. Average fixed-rate mortgage deals are now at their highest level for more than 5 years. A typical 2-year deal is now 2.86% whilst a 5-year one has reached 3.01% (a figure not seen since October 2016). With rising inflation, the figures are bound to get even worse.

With London property prices being so high, and wages not keeping pace, I read recently that Londoners are abandoning property for boats. Demand for narrowboats is double the normal level as the cost of living crisis is pushing them to live on canal boats. In consequence narrowboats are selling for 25% more than their normal value, and most of them are being used as permanent homes. Will we see the same in the southwest?

A demand for warehousing has seen a massive increase since the pandemic, and there is no slowing down. Consumer habits appear to have changed once and for all with supermarket deliveries to our doors being the norm and Amazon's profits increasing exponentially. High street shops are struggling, and more and more are shuttered up. There is now call for the government to pump in £350 million for a high street buyout fund. This will help communities revive their local high streets turning vacant premises into pubs, cafes, shops, leisure centres, libraries, markets and community gardens. The aim is to attract people back to the high streets where they will find a mixture of retail outlets, leisure activities, and homes. We can only hope it is a success.

HOLIDAY HOMES

The Queen's Speech has come and gone. It contained the usual smorgasbord of Bills to be introduced and what the government is to do next. An interesting proposal for us living in the south west is that the government is to give local authorities "discretionary powers" to double Council tax charges on second homes that are furnished but not occupied as a sole or main residence. Councils will be given the power to double Council tax on other vacant properties after a year. A spokesman said "We can't let empty homes sound the death knell for vibrant towns and villages, and it's only fair that all property owners do their bit to support their local area."

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This comes on the back of real anger from many of our local communities on the coast and inland where many properties are unused for most of the year. The statistics show that Cornwall alone has more than 7,000 empty properties. This has prompted the Cornwall Council leader Linda Taylor to say that the tax levy will allow local authorities to raise vital funds. She went on to say "Second homes that stay empty for most of the year are increasingly becoming a real threat to the viability of so many communities across Cornwall."

The next steps which are being considered by our local councils is the introduction of a mandatory register for holiday homes. Devon and Cornwall have suffered summer overcrowding, fuelled by staycationers during the pandemic, and what is described as an "explosion" of second homes available for rent on websites such as Air BnB and Vrbo. A compulsory registration scheme will require all accommodation providers to log their names, the location of the second home, insurance details and a fire risk assessment as well as details of the property itself.

Visit Cornwall has estimated that about five million holidaymakers travel to the county each year, and has been looking at ways of cutting numbers for some time.

If these steps are implemented and are seen to have real teeth, it may lead to locals being able to remain living in the communities in which they have been brought up and not be pushed out.

If you need help on legal matters then do get in touch with us here at Busbys on 01288 35 9000. See also Busbys advert in this publication.

John Busby, Busbys Solicitors, Bude

Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club

Message in a Bottle

The Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club (HARC) plan to set up a low power telemetry beacon to mark the Queens Jubilee during the month of June. This will be a metaphoric 'message in a bottle' from the parish of Milton Damerel to the outside world. Visitors to the Parish Hall Jubilee celebrations on the 5th June will be invited to guess the furthest point the beacon will be heard. A link to a live map plotting the beacons progress across the globe will be published and a winner announced in the next Parish Newsletter.

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About the beacon

The beacon uses WSPR (whisper) which stands for Weak Signal Propagation Reporter, and a protocol designed by astrophysicist and Nobel prize winner

Joseph Taylor. It uses low power telemetry to probe potential propagation paths. The power used is half that of a single Christmas tree lamp!

If WSPR (whisper) sounds familiar, it may be because it has featured in the press recently in articles about the search for a missing aircraft.

Competition

Join in the fun, where do you think our little parish be heard? Add your guess(s) to the clipboard on the Holsworthy Amateur Radio club stand at the Parish Hall Jubilee event on the 5th June.

There will be a number of people on the H.A.R.C stand at the parish hall event who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

HOLSWORTHY SKITTLES LEAGUE

It's been a strange year for many clubs and groups, and the Holsworthy Skittles League tried to get going again, once lockdown was over. Skittles matches are normally played from September to April and then a League Competition held at the end of the season, to find the overall Parish winner, who has the highest team scores for that competition. All Parish Teams also have trophies for the Highest scorer of points for the season, Highest score of the season and a Wooden Spoon for the person with the lowest score of the season.

Men and Ladies teams consist of 2 teams of 6, from different Towns and Parishes, who wish to be Members of the Holsworthy League. The League would then schedule matches to be played at various venues each month. It would normally be a home game then an away game. A bit sexist, but ladies can play for the men's team, but men can't play for the ladies.

Several Parishes could not get a team of 6 once we had started, so it was decided that 3 or 4 could turn up and some could play twice or the lowest score could be taken, to make up the final score. Many games were missed at the last minute, because of COVID. Some were scheduled for a later date or not played at all. Because it was so up and down the League decided that a finale Competition game would not be played.

Milton Damerel Ladies managed to keep their full 2 teams with reserves, but at times we did have to cancel and reschedule. The B team also went out for a team meal to celebrate the end of the season. We are hoping that enough teams will be formed to enable the Holsworthy League to start afresh this September season.

The New Inn Kilkhampton

After a very broken skittles season the one thing the "B" team were not going to miss out on was our end of season meal out. After several postponements as not all the team were "clear" because of covid we finally managed a lovely evening out at The New Inn in Kilkhampton, a pub we know well as we play a fixture there.

This is a traditional family owned pub with two generations of the family running it together. There is a good selection of traditional ales and ciders and a very extensive menu. A choice of six starters, fourteen main courses, that is including the choice of steaks and the specials menu. As there were six of us we had a good mix of dishes, steak, 6oz burgers, belly pork, piri piri chicken and cajun spiced chicken to mention a few and there were no complaints. Portions were all very generous and main course prices ranged from £10.95 to £29.95 for a mega mixed grill but plenty for £15.00 or below. There is also a childrens menu at £5.50.

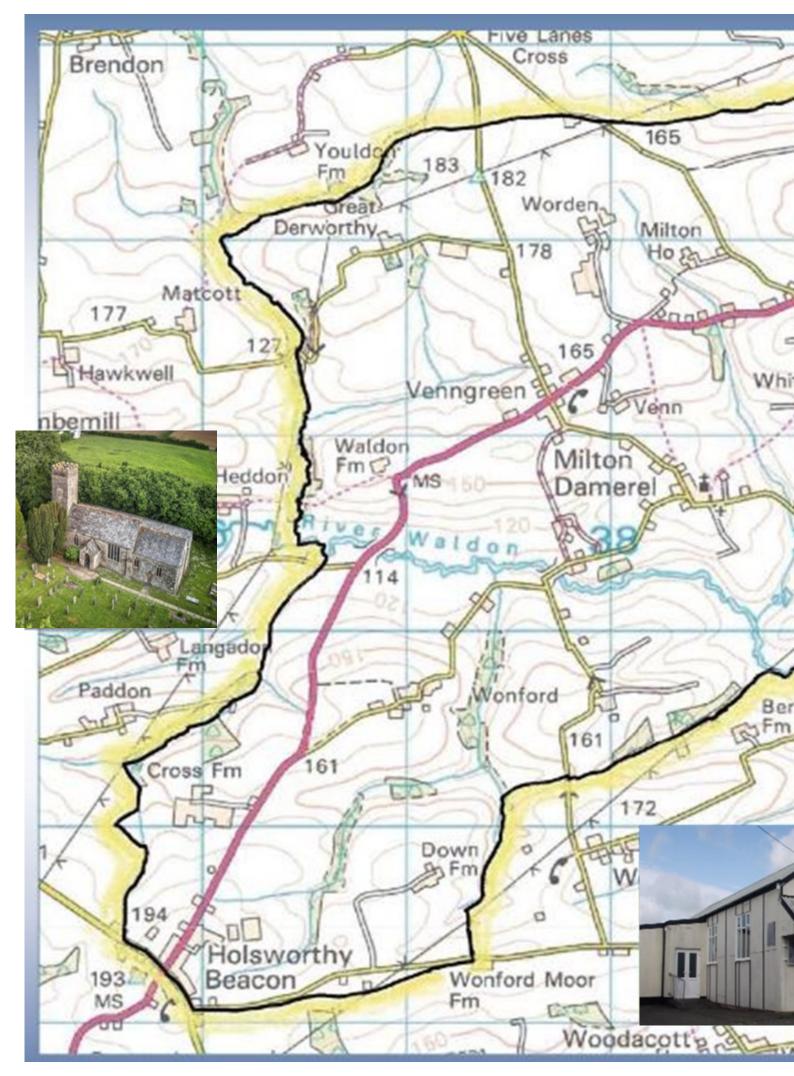
Several of us indulged in desserts and weren't disappointed again a large choice from ten options or just ice cream, with added clotted cream if you wish.

The New Inn is in Cornwall but don't let that put you off it is a lovely place. Jim and I have eaten there several times and never been disappointed.

It is often best to pre book for evenings and especially in the height of holidays season definitely pre book.

Open daily from 12.00pm to 10.00pm (11pm on Fri & Sat), food served 12pm to 1.45pm and 6.00pm to 8.30pm in evenings.

Melanie Richardson







NEW VENUE

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The Table Top Sale was very successful in May with lots of new faces coming to the hall. Our next big event is the Platinum Celebration on the 5th of June. Photographs and a full report to follow in the next Newsletter.

As we all know some renovations are long overdue at the Hall, and we have obtained quotes to renovate the kitchens, toilets, entrance hall and heating in the main hall, as well as some redecoration to the Skittle Alley and Main Hall. Unfortunately our funds don't quite stretch to cover all these items, but the Committee have agreed to proceed with the planned renovations to the kitchen and to redecorate the Skittle Alley and Main Hall. As part of the redecoration we plan to install improvements to the heating in the Skittle Alley and to test some infra-red heating in the Main Hall. If this is successful and liked by our users, we will update all the heating in the Main Hall to infra-red. We will also install heating in the kitchen to hopefully eradicate the damp problems. It had been hoped to have this completed by our Platinum Jubilee event, but unfortunately this has not worked out, so we are planning to have the work done over the summer months. We still plan to renovate the toilets and entrance hall, but this will need to wait a little longer.

If you have any DIY or decorating skills, you would be welcome to come and join us on one of our decorating days - keep an eye on our Facebook page for details - the more the merrier, and we will keep you well supplied with tea and cake!

The Gardening Club have done an excellent job of tidying up outside the Hall and will be installing some flower planters shortly to brighten the area. We have also finished our chalkboards to advertise our events in an effort to improve attendance.

We are seeing more people attending events now, which is encouraging, but the Hall is still much underutilised within our Community. Hopefully the worst of Covid is now behind us, and with the renovations planned, we will start to see numbers increasing. Other villages are having problems keeping their Village Halls going, please don't let that happen to Milton Damerel and come and support the events.

Forthcoming Events:

Amateur Radio Club Milton Damerel Photographic Society Flourish with Fitness – Jenny Spicer Gardening Club Whist Drive 1st Wednesday of the month 2nd Wednesday of the month Every Tuesday at 7 pm 3rd Monday of the month 3rd Saturday of the month.

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: Mel Richardson, Secretary: Kate Moyse, Treasurer: Tracey Toft, Publicity: Sara Lawes. Wendy and Rob Green, Julie Sage, Margaret Fishleigh, Elizabeth Bellew, Christine Cook, Charlie Brimacombe, Kay Bellew and Bethany Bellew.

Hiring the Hall

The hall is available for hire for events and private functions at very reasonable rates.

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Or telephone Julie Sage, the booking secretary on 01409 261308.



MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT OVER 60 GROUP

This year we have had 3 meetings with only a few members attending and hope more will rejoin us in the near future. We have decided to have a coach trip on June 21st. Going to Looe and stopping at Kernow Mills for Coffee. Hopefully the cost will be £10 for Members and £11 for non Members. To keep the coach trips going we will have to fill the coach, so no further trips have been booked until we see how this one goes. Anyone wishing to join us on this Coach Trip please ring Iris.

Although we call ourselves 'Over 60 Group', you do not have to be over 60 years of age to join us. Anyone is welcomed to come to our meetings for a social afternoon.

Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2.30 to 4.30 at Milton Damerel Parish Hall.

New Members always welcome

Chair: Linda Gifford Vice Chair: Margaret Walters

Treasurer: Iris Tel 261 322 Vice Treasure: Dora Reed

Secretary: Colin Boucher

Evelyn's Walk 14/2/22

By hook or by crook, everyone managed to find their way to Dunsdon Nature Reserve on Monday 14th February. It isn't the easiest place to find & there are various ways of getting there. I have been known to do a few extra miles in my attempts to locate it previously!! If you don't already know, it's situated in the Parish of Pancrasweek & has quite a big car park. Rather

than venture through the actual Nature Reserve which has a reputation for being wet, we walked back to the entrance of the car park & turned right along the lane. This took us past the beautifully renovated Chapel at Lana & we could admire the Church of St. Pancras in the distance. If you ever get lost along the lanes, the Church makes a good landmark back towards the A3072 at Weekstone Cross. By constantly bearing right, we achieved a very pleasant circular walk. We could have stayed on the lanes but we ventured along the footpath on our right which effectively follows the route of the Bude Aqueduct bringing us out at Puckland. At one point, we could have turned right & returned to our cars by going through the Nature Reserve. For the same reason as I mentioned earlier, we didn't take that option but I would like to go back there in drier weather. The lane took us past Broomhill on our right & by turning right at Dunsdon Cross, we completed our right hand loop & returned to the entrance to the car park. For



those of you with an OS map, you could trace our route quite easily. Of course, there are more modern ways of doing the same. It took us less than two hours with various stops to discuss the way markers. I hadn't considered that there were so many ways of pronouncing some of the local names including Pancrasweek, Lana & the best was Lishaperhill. I felt pretty safe with Puckland & Broomhill! Just to confuse the matter, one of the way markers referred to Kilkhampton & Statton (?!). To brighten up our walk, we spotted an early Primrose & we identified stalactites on one of the bridges over the Bude Aqueduct. It really wasn't too muddy underfoot so I'm guessing that not many people know about this lovely walk. Oops, the secret is out now.

Evelyn's Walk (14.3.22)

Bearing in mind that we have endured so much bad weather recently, I couldn't believe that the weather on Monday 14th March was positively perfect for our walk. There wasn't a breath of wind, the sun shone & the sky was so blue. We met in the car park by Bridgerule Village Hall. It was buzzing with activity as the Post Office was open & a Zumba class was due to start. Everyone was intrigued about where we were going to walk as Bridgerule has a reputation for having no footpaths. Twelve of us set off towards the centre of the village which took us past the Bridge Inn. Apparently, there is a very popular Quiz Night on Sunday evenings. We crossed the bridge that goes over the River Tamar. Somebody mentioned that this marks the county boundary between Devon & Cornwall. Interesting then that Bridgerule is recognised as being in Devon whichever side of the bridge you live. Apparently, the decision was made to alter the county boundary to this effect way back in 1844. We took a

little "there & back" stroll along the river bank which gave us a better view of the bridge & also the improvements that have been made in order to reduce flooding to the cottages. From there, we went past the Chapel & up the hill towards St. Bridget's Church. We were very fortunate to have the company of Alan Beat who lives with his wife, Rosie, at The Bridge Mill. He very kindly invited us to have a look around their property that extends to sixteen acres. They have lived there for over thirty years & one of the features that is in the process of being restored is a Mowhay. It's a traditional pole barn that would have been used to store hay for the animals. As the fodder was gradually used over the winter months, there was a clever mechanism enabling the roof to be lowered so that the fodder was less likely to be damaged by the elements.



There are very few still in existence so it was a privilege to see the real thing. We ventured around the back of the mill building which enabled us to see the water wheel that is fed by the leat. I would suggest keeping an eye open for when The Bridge Mill is open to the public as you get an opportunity to see it working & producing flour. I believe it will be open on Sunday 8th May as part of the National Mills weekend & on Sunday 29th May for the National Gardens Scheme. We had a most enjoyable tour of the smallholding. Alan showed us evidence of otters that visit the ponds. Apparently, they are nocturnal & favour inclement weather so they are not often seen. We took the opportunity to just stand & absorb the tranquil atmosphere. The views were beautiful while we were warmed by the sun & a Chiffchaff provided musical accompaniment. From there, we continued up the hill towards the Church but turned right along what I know as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) but locally is known as "roly poly". In essence it's a steep track providing access to the adjacent fields. I'm pleased to report that everyone took it carefully avoiding any tumbles. It was a bit muddy at the lowest point but it was then much easier walking up the hill the other side as it wasn't as rocky & uneven. When we rejoined the lane, we admired the view across to St. Bridget's & considered that we had just trodden the same route that would have been taken by the Vicar from the old Rectory which is now known as Glebe House. It was a pleasant stroll down hill past the School & back to our cars. I think everyone felt that we had been most fortunate with the glorious weather & our walk had provided a most enjoyable way to start the week.

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Evelyn's Walk (11.4.22)

On Monday 11th April, fourteen of us met in the car park behind Pyworthy Village Hall. A serious consideration when organising these walks is whether there is suitable parking for everybody. We are so fortunate in Devon to have our lovely Village Halls with their facilities. I am pleased to read in our Parish magazines that the usual activities are getting going again. I was interested to see that several residents from Pyworthy, both current & previous, joined us. I was delighted to have their company. My goodness, they had such a wealth of local knowledge between them & we learned such a lot about

Pyworthy as it is today & how it used to be. It would be very easy to stroll through the village not realising that Pyworthy used to have a School & Post Office as they have been converted into housing. It would be easy to stroll past the entrance to The John Sanders Park without realising that there is a gem behind the gates that is beautifully managed by volunteers. Gill led us through the village, pointing out these features & then along the lane past Hoppatown. Further down the lane, one of the group pointed out an entrance gate on the right hand side that I had never noticed previously. It used to provide access to the Rectory Barn which stands in the grounds of the Old Rectory. The present Village Hall wasn't opened until 1985 & so Rectory Barn used to be used for village functions. We listened to



snippets about Reverend Edward Andrew Donaldson who used to reside at the Old Rectory from 1904 until his death in 1935. Apparently, he had a private income & did a huge amount of good in the locality, not just in Pyworthy. He had cottages built on a piece of land that he owned in the village for his Chauffeur & Head Gardener. He also had fish ponds constructed within the grounds & there is still evidence of them. It must be a challenge keeping them maintained given their position within the woodland. He also planted an avenue of beech trees. They will look amazing in the coming days as their young leaves start to unfurl. If you are interested in following this up, there is a book called Pyworthy - A Devon Village. It includes a collection of notes & photographs from local people complied by Joyce Crutcher. There is a copy available in Holsworthy Library.

My feeling was that we could have stood & soaked up the peace & tranquility for much longer but we knew that Gill had more to show us so we followed her along the track towards Crinacott Farm. We joined the footpath on the left that took us between the solar panels. It was a bit uneven underfoot so be careful if you venture down there especially when the ground dries up as it could cause an ankle to twist. I know the panels serve a purpose but I was pleased to get past them as their buzzing masked the bird song. We crossed the wooden footbridge & walked up hill across the most beautiful lush green fields which brought us out at Yeomadon. We turned left & followed the lane which joins the North Tamerton road. It was only a little way before we turned left again at Brook's Cross & followed this lane back towards the village. Gill pointed out the beautiful Church of St. Swithun. Reverend Donaldson was Rector here & I would have liked to have had a peek inside having heard so much about him. I will have to return another day. We had already walked for two & a half hours & covered approx. 3.9 miles. The time had flown!!

Evelyn's Walk (9/5/22)

On Monday 9th May, the plan was to meet at the Parish Hall in Milton Damerel in order to set off at 10am. Eighteen of us managed to find our way there in spite of DCC's best efforts to thwart us with a strategically placed road closure. Well done to all concerned for your perseverance.

Mike Jackson very kindly led the walk which included a mixture of lanes, footpaths & private land. Memory tells me that we had trodden a similar route last year BUT it's amazing how it felt like a new route by walking it backwards...... I mean in the opposite direction! We turned left from the car park which took us down the hill to the crossroads. We went straight over & then turned right through a gateway. We were all most grateful to John Elliott for giving us permission to walk across his land. This enabled us to admire the most beautiful rural views of lush pastures. Thankfully this took our mind off the fact that what



goes down usually then goes up. At least we could make excuses for regular stops to admire the views when in fact some of us needed to get our breath back. The route brought us out by the Chapel & this stirred a few memories of when it used to be a School. When we reached the lane, we turned left & this took us down towards the River Waldon where we admired the beautiful mill building. By following a footpath just opposite, we emerged onto what is known locally as "Butterfly Lane". It comes out near Lizzy's Larder. If you have never been in there, it's well worth a visit. Mike's route took us back towards the Church & by walking through the pretty Church yard, we joined a footpath which took us across a field that was being grazed by young heifers. They took absolutely no notice of us & didn't even try to be in the photograph. The timing was perfect as I had requested bluebells for our walk & Mike managed to pull the rabbit out of the hat. They were stunning as we followed the permissive footpath through the woods. This section is so much improved since the boardwalk was built & steps were installed. When we rejoined the lane, it was just a short stroll down hill back to our cars. I believe everyone enjoyed the walk which was approx. 3.5 miles & took us a couple of hours. The sunshine was a real bonus.

I will take this opportunity to acknowledge the great initiative operated by DCC called P3 (Parish Paths Partnership). The footpaths in Milton Damerel are kept in wonderful order & have become more & more accessible over recent years largely due to the dedication of the P3 coordinator for the Parish. The boardwalk, gates, steps etc have been funded by DCC but the fact that our local PROWs are kept so accessible is primarily due to the diligence of volunteers.

The next walk will be on Monday 13th June. We will set off at 10am from the Village Hall car park in Chilsworthy. If you would like any information, you are very welcome to contact me. Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

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Parish Footpaths

All of our footpaths are open and currently usable although please bear in mind that as we move into the wetter months parts of some paths will be muddy and that suitable footwear should be worn.

If you come across a problem on any of our own Parish footpaths, please contact the Parish Clerk or any of our Parish Councillors. Their contact details are elsewhere in this newsletter. The sooner that a problem is known about then the quicker it can be put right.

If you are new to the area and would like to know where our local paths go there is a downloadable booklet on the footpaths page of the Milton Damerel website. For footpaths further afield, both Devon and Cornwall have inter-active maps on their ".qov" websites which can be used to find footpaths and bridleways across both counties.

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Livestock Worrying

Why is this important?

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What do you need to do?

Ensure responsible dog ownership. Dogs should not be unaccompanied outside of the home and their behaviour should be managed at all times. On access land your dog MUST, be on a lead between the 1st of March and 31st July and at all times when livestock is present.

How can you prevent this?

- Enjoy the countryside but keep your dog on a lead if livestock is present. Release your dog if chased by cattle.
- Livestock worrying taking place at the time is considered an emergency dial 999
- and explain there is a dog attacking livestock with a precise location.

 Livestock owners can advise dog walkers by giving clear notices advising of the presence of livestock, Location of footpaths and appropriate fencing.
- Email 101@dc.police.uk if livestock has been chased or attacked and the dogs have left the location.
- . Farmers have the right to protect their livestock. Ensure you are aware of the legislation and your legal responsibilities.
- Anyone able to offer information relating to livestock worrying is asked to email 101@dc.police.uk, call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
- · Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Watch schemes and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area

The Devon and Cornwall police rural affairs team have produced a calendar which highlights rural issues throughout the year to focus problem solving activity for police, partners and public with key messages and prevention activity.





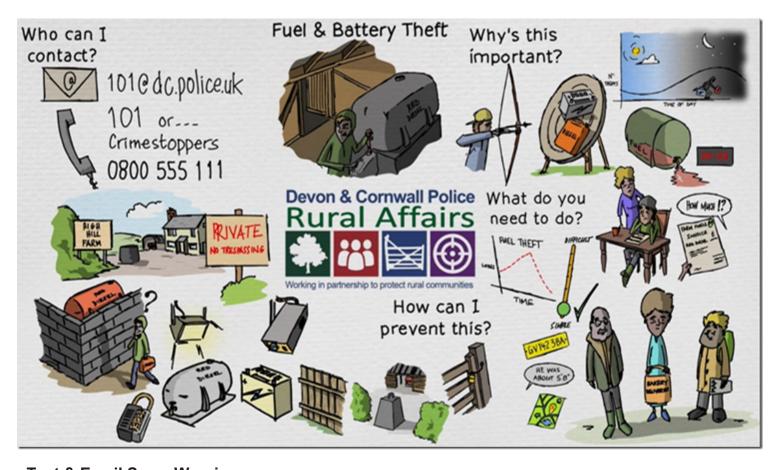
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Venn Green PCSO - Jess McEldon	Mike Jackson	Tel: 261196

There has been a complete change in the staff of our Neighbourhood Beat team since the last newsletter. Our PC, Mandy Brown, has retired and her position has been filled by PC 17221 Frank Morgan, who we understand to be a very experienced officer. Sgt. Donna Gutteridge (No. 18490) has taken over as the team leader and our new PCSO is Jess (Jessica) McEldon.

Rural Crime plays a large role in the daily life of policing across the South West and the Police Rural Affairs Team have produced a short video which is recommended viewing for anybody who lives in, or visits, rural areas. It is just over 2 minutes viewing and can be found at: **www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-community/rural-crime/**



Text & Email Scam Warnings:

No.1 -

Please be aware that Torridge District Council have received a number of reports from residents who have reported suspicious texts or emails, supposedly from Torridge DC, asking them to respond in order to claim the £150 energy rebate. This is a scam and Torridge DC will not be contacting anybody by text for this scheme.

Please do not click on any links, give any of your personal details or reply to the text. If you have any elderly or vulnerable relatives who may be duped by this type of message, please make sure they are not taken in by it.

No.2 -

In April, Action Fraud received 196 reports about FAKE emails purporting to raise money for those effected by the crisis in Ukraine. If you are considering donating to this very worthwhile cause please make sure that it is through an established collections agency.

An Article from RHS Rosemoor

Summer Containers

Growing plants in containers is an ideal way of creating a seasonal display to provide extra interest during the summer months when we spend much more time in the garden. They can be used to create a splash of colour, further enhance a planting scheme, used as a focal point or be strategically placed to hide an unsightly object.

The beauty of containers is that they give instant effect; you can grow plants in a variety of soil conditions (blueberries, for instance, require free-draining acid soil), they are moveable, and even if you only have a small backyard you can still enjoy the pleasure of growing something.

Container gardening is just like conventional gardening but on a smaller scale. You still have to consider the basic rules:

- What soil conditions do the plants need?
- If growing several different types of plant in a container, how vigorous are they?
- Select plants for seasonal interest, and consider foliage and flower shapes, colours and textures, and habit of growth.

Is the container going to be placed in sun or shade?

Remember that containers need regular watering. During the hot summer months, water at least once a day. To keep this manageable, plant up a small number of large containers, rather than a large number of small pots.

When planting a mixture of plants for summer display choose no more than four subjects for each container. You can see this to great effect in each of our colour themed gardens. In the Cool Garden, we use *Argyranthemum* 'Citronelle' with lemon-yellow flowers, *Centaurea* 'Silver Fountain' with silverblue leaves and mauve flowers for height and *Dichondra argentea* 'Silver Falls' to trail over the edges of the pot. In the Hot Garden, containers are planted with *Fuchsia* 'Thalia' AGM for height, *Plectranthus* for foliage colour and *Lotus berthelottii* AGM to trail over the sides.

Whatever your gardening ability, a few pots or containers are always a fun addition to the garden, so why not give it a go and see what you can create this summer?

Sheila Dearing Garden Technical Services Officer



©RHS/Tim Sandall Cool Garden Pl:anter



©RHS/Tim Sandall Hot Garden Planter

Almond Slices

Ingredients

Pastry:

175g/6oz Plain Flour 75g/3oz Margarine

4-5 tbsp Seedless Raspberry Jam

For the Sponge:

175g/6oz Self Raising Flour 175g/6oz Caster Sugar 175g/6oz Margarine 50g/2oz Ground Almonds 3 large Eggs 1 tsp Baking Powder 2-3 tbsp Milk 2 tsp Almond Flavouring

Flaked Almonds for sprinkling on top of the sponge.



Grease and line a 30 x 23cm (12 x 9in) Swiss roll tin.

To make the pastry, measure the flour into a bowl and rub in the margarine with your fingers until the mixture resembles bread crumbs, add 2-3 tbsp cold water, using a spoon gradually bind together to form a dough.

Pre heat the oven to $180 \text{ C/Fan} \ 160 \text{ oC/Gas} \ 4$. Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface rolling to the size of the lined Swiss roll tin, lay the rolled pastry into the tin making sure it covers the whole base of the tin. Spoon in the Raspberry jam and gently spread to cover the pastry leaving approx 5mm or $\frac{1}{4}$ inch clear around the edge of the tin.

Measure all the sponge ingredients into a mixing bowl and beat until light and fluffy, spoon the sponge mixture over the jam taking care to cover the whole of the tin, level out with the back of the spoon and sprinkle with the flaked almonds.

Bake in the pre heated oven for approximately 30 minutes or until golden brown and the cake has shrunk from the sides of the tin. Leave to cool in the tin, then cut into slices.





Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/1/22 – 28/2/22:

The following crimes have been reported:

There were 16 domestic related crimes reported during this period.

BLACK TORRINGTON:

1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour

HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:

1 x Burglary other than dwelling

MILTON DAMEREL:

1 x Burglary from rental property

PYWORTHY:

- 1 x Theft of blanket
- 1 x Theft of gate

VIRGINSTOW:

1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour

WEST PUTFORD:

1 x Owner/Person in charge of dog dangerously out of

This month we'd like to raise awareness of the problem of Livestock worrying and why it is important for dog owners to behave responsibly when out and about in the countryside with their pets. Please see the attached information from our Rural Affairs Team.

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

Always call 999 if you see a crime taking place.

Crimes can also be reported via our website: https://services.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crimereporting/

and information can be passed using this link: https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/report-something/

or by calling Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111

PC Frank Morgan & PCSO Mark James

Holsworthy Police Station torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Changes to Local Police Personnel

There are some changes afoot within the Holsworthy Neighbourhood Policing Team. Firstly, you will note that I have signed this month's update from PC Frank Morgan & myself, as PC Morgan has taken up the role of Neighbourhood Beat Manager here at Holsworthy, following PC Mandy Brown's retirement. Secondly, we have a new Sergeant, PS Donna Gutteridge. PS Gutteridge joined us in January and is settling in very quickly. Lastly, it's 'Goodbye' from me as I will shortly be leaving for pastures new and this will be the last report I compile. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Parish Clerks, the Councillors themselves and those of you responsible for including our information in Parish publications, for the support you have given me over the 9 years that I have been serving in Holsworthy. Regrettably, the pandemic restrictions have meant that I haven't seen as much of you all over the last couple of years as I would have liked, but I have always felt welcomed at meetings and events I have attended over the years and will very much miss being part of your communities.

Fortunately a replacement for me has already been arranged and your new PCSO will be Jess McEldon. Jess is a very experienced PCSO and although I'm not sure when she is due to start, I am sure she will be in touch with you all in due course to introduce herself. In the meantime, I know that Frank is keen to get out and meet as many of you as possible, so could I please ask that you send notice of any upcoming Parish Council meetings, or public events, to Frank, using his email address: frank.morgan2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Kind regards

Mark James, Police Community Support Officer, Tel: Internal: 300484 Holsworthy Neighbourhood Policing Team Well Park, Western Road, Holsworthy, EX22 6DH

HATS Theatre, Holsworthy www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk

Our Golden Year - to celebrate the 50 years since opening the theatre back in January 1972 with Hansel and Gretel.- looking back over productions, snippets from the shows and giving a little history of what has happen in the theatre over that time. Audience to dress in evening wear if they'd like to, not a necessity of course, to make this an evening to remember

Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July

The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.ploughartscentre.org.uk

For prices, tickets and Covid-19 requirements

..a selection of events at The Plough, Torrington, and in Open Air at locations as detailed.. For a full programme of all events in The Plough diary please go to the web-site. There are several events, workshops, etc., held at other venues in

North Devon.							
HAUNTED HISTORY TOUI							
Bideford Town	Thu 30 th Jun @ 7.30pm meet opp. Library						
Torrington Town	Wed 27 th Jul @ 7.30pm meet at The Plough						
THEATRE							
Double Barrel Productions & The Plough Arts Centre:	Wed 15 th – Sat 18 th Jun @ 7.30pm Fri 17 th @ 10.30am; Sat 18 th @ 2.30pm						
Edie's War by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm	10.30am; Sat 18 th @ 2.30pm						
WORKSHOPS							
Plough Youth Theatre – Juniors	Saturdays from 1pm – 3pm 30 th Apr – 16 th Jun; 10 th Sep – 10 th Dec;						
	30 th Apr – 16 th Jun; 10 th Sep – 10 th Dec;						
FILMS							
The Hermit of Treig	Wed 1 st Jun @ 2pm & 8pm						
Sonic The Hdgehog 2	Wed 1 st Jun @ 5pm; Sat 4 th Jun @ 2pm &						
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OPEN AIR THEATRE							
Sun & Moon Theatre: Much Ado About Nothing by William	Wed 8 th Jun @ 7pm Hartland Abbey						
Shakespeare	Thu 9 th Jun @ 7pm Castle Hill Gardens						
The Rude Mechanicals: God & Dogs	Fri 24 th Jun @ 7pm Tapeley Park						
Hotbuckle Productions: Great Expectations by Charles Duckens	Sun 26 th Jun @ 3pm RHS Garden Rosemoor						
Torrington Players: Cry Witch	Tue 28 th Jun & Wed 29 th Jun @ 7pm						
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Heartbreak Productions: Much Ado About Murder	Thu 30 th Jun @ 7pm						
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Illyria Gilbert & Sullivan: The Pirates of Penzance	Sat 2 nd Jul @ 7pm Clovelly Court						
The Pantaloons: Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare	Fri 8 th Jul @ 7pm Tapeley Park						
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Slapstick Picnic: The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde	Tue 19 th Jul @ 7pm Tapeley Park						
Box Tree Productions: The Three Musketeers	Sun 24 th Jul @ 5pm Hartland Abbey						
+ drama workshop 6-11 vrs @ 3pm	γ						
British Touring Shakespeare: The Merry Wives of Windsor by William	Fri 29 th Jul @ 7pm						
Shakespeare	Blackberry Farm, Milton Damerel						
The Last Baguette Theatre Company; King Arthur – a fun and farcical	Thu 4 th Aug @ 5pm Hartland Abbey						
family adventure + drama workshop 6-11 yrs from 3pm							
Illyria: A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare	Tue 9 th Aug @ 7pm Tapeley Park						
Immersion Theatre: Rapunzel	Wed 10 th Aug @ 3pm RHS Garden						
+ drama workshop 6-11 yrs @ 1pm	Rosemoor						
Calf2Cow Theatre Company: Wind in the Willows	Fri 12 th Aug @ 5pm Castle Hill Gardens						
Heartbreak Productions: Awful Auntie by David Walliams	Tue 16 th Aug @ 5pm Hartland Abbey						
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The Pantaloons: The War of the Worlds by H.G.Wells	Thu 18 th Aug @ 7pm Tapeley Park						
	Sat 20 th Aug @ 7pm Clovelly Court						
The Three Inch Fools: Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare	Thu 25 th Aug @ 7pm Hartland Abbey						
Heartbreak Productions: Much Ado About Murder	Sun 28 th Aug @ 3pm RHS Garden						
	Rosemoor						
Heartbreak Productions: Awful Auntie by David Walliams	Wed 31 st Aug @ 5pm						
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By KrazyDad

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Difficulty: Easy

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. Use logic and solve the puzzle without guesswork. For puzzle solving tips, and more puzzles, visit KrazyDad.com.

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Regular Events

Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club - Parish Hall

Photographic Society - Parish Hall

Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall

Chapel Sunday Worship

Chapel Café Worship

Trinity Church Holy Communion

Trinity Church Morning Service

Fitness Classes - Parish Hall

Holsworthy Walk & Talk

New Baby & Toddler Group - Methodist schoolroom

1st Wednesday every month 7.30pm

2nd Wednesday every month 7.30pm

3rd Wednesday every month

2nd Sunday every month 11 am

3rd Sunday every month 11 am

2nd Sunday every month 11.30am

4th Sunday every month 10am

Every Tuesday 7pm

Every Monday & Friday 10.30am.

Every Tuesday 10.00am till Noon

HOLSWORTHY BEACON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services are held on first & third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Coffee Mornings on Thursday mornings in last week of the month.

A warm welcome to everyone.

ABBOTS BICKINGTON AND CHURCH NEWS

No news from Abbots Bickington or Abbots Bickington Church. Church services are now every 3 months.

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.

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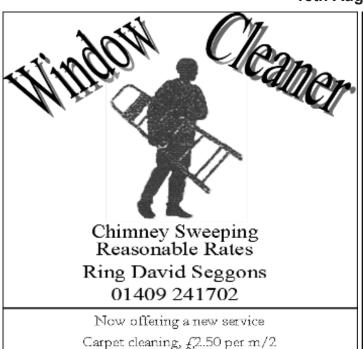
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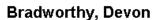
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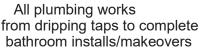
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