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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 Friday before the meeting. The draft minutes are posted to the website within 30 days, 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.

District Councillors

Councillor Kit Hepple and Ken James have been unable to attend recent meetings, both send regular updates 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

Devon County Councillor James Morrish

Councillor James Morrish has been unable to attend recent meetings due to ill health and the pressure of work, James has 'several hats' within Devon County Council, and works hard on behalf of all the residents he represents. He can be contacted by email for any help or advice you might need.

Holsworthy Neighbourhood Policing team.

A recent communication from PC Frank Rogers has informed the Parish Council that due to pressure of work he will be unable to prepare 'crime statistics reports' as PCSO Mark James provided on a regular basis.

Frank is hoping to instigate a '45-minute drop in' via Microsoft Teams, and will be in touch with the Parish Councils once the details are to hand, as this present time no session has been arranged.

For details of crime statistics follow the link [Home/Police.uk\(www.police.uk\)](http://Home/Police.uk(www.police.uk)), from there input the area or post code to receive information for your area

Our new PCSO is Jessica McEldon.

Agendas are regularly sent to the police team, but to date no officer has been able to attend.

Planning matters:

Planning applications have been very sparse over the past three months, just one application for and extension At Northtown Farm, which was subsequently approved, the application for an orangery at Milton House was withdrawn.

Applications to erect new telegraph poles have been received from Airband, as a Parish Council we have no say in this matter as it's a Government edict to establish better broadband in all rural areas.

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 is still 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

Consideration for grant applications were given at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 23rd November 2022, grants were approved for MD Gardening and district gardening club, MD Parish Church, MD Parish Hall, MD Newsletter and North Devon CAB. Cheques for the successful applicants will be issued in September. The Parish Council will always consider applications throughout the year if necessary.

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 are now looked after by George and Wendy Preston. They report directly to the Parish Clerk if there are any problems. Whilst out walking the paths if you see a problem can you please report it to ensure we get it put right without too much delay.

The Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is being utilized a lot more now. There are great things planned for the future, keep an eye out for future events as your attendance is vital in keeping the Parish Hall a communal hub.

King Charles III coronation will be held on the 6th May 2023, communities are encouraged to have a celebration Sunday lunch or street parties on the 7th, with Monday the 8th being a Bank Holiday.

At this present time no definite plans have been made, but there will be celebrations, so keep an eye out for details.

Airband

You might have noticed that there has been a lot of Airband vehicles recently in the area, the Government has specified that all Rural areas must have better broadband reception, it is hoped that this will materialise in the not too distant future.

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

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Chapel News – March 2023

Dear Friends

The Christian Church is moving towards the high point of the year – Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

It is such an important time that Christians spend weeks preparing for it – the season of Lent. There are many questions to be faced in Lent; not least about ourselves, both our mortality and our character. What are we like? What is our purpose? What is life all about? Those are clearly pretty big questions and there are multiply answers, rather than one single definite solution. Christians of course follow Jesus towards his destiny, the cross on Good Friday. The central question as we move from Ash Wednesday, through the forty days of Lent; to Palm Sunday and Holy week (the last, and most important and cataclysmic week of Jesus' life), on to Easter Day itself is "Who is this Jesus?" What is he about? What does his journey teach us about God? And what does his trek teach us of ourselves?

Christians wish to claim that Jesus is the Son of God, revealed so wonderfully by his death on Good Friday. Jesus was arrested, subject to torture and vilification. He was abused mentally and physically; maybe even spiritually. How would he have felt that his nearest and dearest followers deserted him? Indeed, did he feel that God had left him too?

But that is not the end of the story. Death could not hold Jesus. The suffering love that he showed on the cross is vindicated. Nothing, neither in heaven nor upon the earth can defeat the way of love. Jesus' self-giving love is supreme. So we ponder a man of God; a person for whom love is most important; a love and life that cannot be squashed nor destroyed, giving the world some hope in the darkness.

"Who is this Jesus?" "Who is this King?" for Christians preach about the Kingdom of God and the way of Christ; indeed seek to show the virtues of that Kingdom in the way in which they live.

The question, "what sort of King is this?" may well emerge at the beginning of May. Many of us are going to be able to experience the Coronation of a Monarch for the first time as Charles III is crowned king on May 6th. After so many years it still seems odd to be singing "God, save the king!".

What sort of monarch is Charles going to be? Indeed, what sort of country do we want to live in? And how many of the values of the Kingdom of God do we want to see enacted in our own times? Compassion, care, understanding, honesty, truth, tolerance, kindness, generosity, but above all love.

With Every Blessing

Rob Blackhall

Methodist Minister.

Christmas 2022 – The lead up to Christmas was marked with the distribution of Real Advent Chocolate Calendars, including Christmas-themed stories and real chocolate to Toddlers, Sunday School and other young people, sourced by Toddler Group funds.

Frank Watson led a lovely Carol Service including traditional carols and Bible readings, interspersed by meditations and other readings and it was a joy to see so many people, filling the Schoolroom. As normal, the collection was designated for Action for Children and £148 was forwarded to the charity.

Flower Plan:

12th March
Mrs Margaret Fishleigh

9th April
Mrs Phyllis Piper

14th May
Mrs Ann Poole

Dates of services at the Chapel for March to May, all at 11.00am.

Sunday, 12th March

Sunday, 19th March

Sunday, 9th April

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, 16th April

Sunday, 14th May

Sunday, 21st May

All Age Worship with Mr David Watson

Café Worship

All Age Worship with Holy Communion

Preacher: Revd Rob Blackhall

Café Worship

All Age Worship with Mr David Ley

Café Worship

Our 2 services per month, normally held in the Schoolroom, are inclusive of all ages from the youngest to the eldest. The 2nd Sunday service is normally led by one of our Ministers or Lay Preacher, and an activities table for children is included. The 3rd Sunday service is normally in Café Worship style and is inclusive of activities, crafts, songs, readings, etc., for all to contribute and join in.

Please come along to any of our services – a warm welcome to you. Tea & Coffee served during Café Worship and following All-Age Worship.

Dates of Services at Lake Methodist Church (Shebbear)

On the 4th Sunday of each month, the churches within the Shebbear Church Council, are meeting for morning worship together – all at 10.30am and at Lake Schoolroom.

Sunday, 26th March **Preacher: Revd Rob Blackhall with Holy Communion**
Sunday, 23rd April **Preacher: Revd Paul Booth**
Sunday, 28th May
PENTECOST SUNDAY **Preacher: Revd Rob Blackhall with Holy Communion**

Zoom Services for the Circuit –, these are planned for **5th, 12th** (Bible Study), **19th & 26th March; 9th** (Easter), **23rd** (Bible Study), & **30th April; 21st** (Bible Study) **May**, all at **6.30pm**, 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'.

Torrige Methodist Circuit Newsletter - Our monthly Torrige Methodist Circuit Newsletter includes outlines of the Zoom 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 Torrige Methodist Circuit Group – if you wish to join please go to this Facebook page and use the Join button.

Update – Our chapel now operates as a 'society' within one Church Council which incorporates the 'societies' of Black Torrington, Langtree, Milton Damerel, Shebbear and Sheepwash. A name for the Church Council has yet to be agreed.

CONTACTS – For further information or help please contact: Our Superintendent Minister: Revd Rob Blackhall (01805 628041) Our stewards: Dan Brett (Tel: 261609) & Jeremy Sharp (Tel: 261548), Property Steward: vacant; Secretary: vacant.

Holsworthy Walk and Talk

We have good turnouts on our January walks despite the weather being inclement. Having not held our Monday Walk in the Park for a couple of weeks due to Bank Holidays it has been lovely to catch up with everyone again. After a blustery, and sometimes damp, walk we have been able to sit comfortably in the Pavilion with a well-earned cuppa hearing news and tales of travels over the festivities with lots of laughter for good measure. Someone mentioned our 'chuckle muscle' which Ken Dodd advised should be exercised every day. We are definitely in agreement with that!

With great sadness we learned that Penelope (Penny) Weighell had passed away shortly before Christmas. Penny had been a member of Holsworthy Walk and Talk for approximately 15 years and was always ready with a smile of welcome, a sympathetic ear and the offer of a lift to those in need. It was Penny who initially put forward the concept for our Monday Walk in the Park, having identified a need for people with limited mobility to have access to a gentle stroll within a supportive, sociable environment. The success of the Monday Group is testament to Penny's intuition and many enjoy her legacy during which can be difficult times in their lives. Our sincere condolences go to John, Penny's husband, and their family.

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 walk.

Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below:

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Holy Trinity Church News

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Hello Everyone

Oh JOY Springtime is in the air with all the promise of longer and warmer days. Everywhere in nature there can be seen the signs of new life to come. 'Springing' back to life.

There have been many changes and adjustments to be made in our own lives over the last couple of years not least the death of our dear Queen Elizabeth, her loss is still felt but time and life moves on.

As we look forward to the Coronation of our new King - Charles 3rd we pray for a bright future for everyone in the new Carolean era. We know that our King is a fervent supporter of nature and the protection of nature. In this world of destruction to forests hedgerows and all things that get in the way of 'progress' there is a need to remember that nature IS our world and everything interacts whether for food or lodgings - every microbe, insect, animal and human being. We are the curators of this world to protect it for the generations to come.

So it is with the ancient buildings and in our midst is the church - it is reliant on everyone else to support it. We are grateful to our volunteers who keep the churchyard neat and tidy I shudder to think what it would be like without them as we couldn't maintain it on our own. As well as bringing a few minutes peace to those who pass through it also contains an abundance of wildlife- our nod toward a better future.

However without a few more voices at services we will be in a very precarious situation very soon. The church belongs to everyone - the door is open to YOU.

Many people believe churches are supported by the hierarchy but they are more like a franchise - we are joined together but are at the same time individual and self-supporting, when the base becomes weak the structure will fall.

So many of you enjoyed the return of the CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2022

Despite the sudden turn in the weather, which it was said was the coldest week of the winter, the church glittered and sparkled. A big thank you to all who joined in by bringing along a decorated 'tree'. I am always amazed by the ideas and the creations that you produce; this year was no exception. There were traditionally decorated trees, decorated twigs, holly bush and a 'green' display representing the 'Queens' green canopy. They came in all sizes from miniature to the tall church tree and in many colours. It wowed the visitors and many said to me it has inspired them to take part next time. Children spent time looking for the 'in your face' mini trees placed around the church, when all had been found every child received a small gift.

The overall 'best liked' creation, as chosen by visitors voting, was the quilted tree made by Mrs Stennet a beautiful and unusual creation. She was presented with her award at the Carol service. Well done to everyone.

We look forward to seeing your inspirational thoughts plans ready for December 2023.

Our thanks especially to people who helped us out over this weekend - your help was invaluable.

The trees remained in church for our Candlelit Carol Service several days later.

Rev Richard was taken ill just three days before the carol service but as it had been cancelled on two previous years we decided to go ahead ourselves. Late Thursday saw us rushing to get service sheets which threw our timings into disarray but thankfully Roberta, Mike, Trish and Rob were in church and had everything in hand when we arrived much later than intended.

Visitors were welcomed via a candlelit path of light stretching from the road to the church door, something we had been planning for a few years. Mel had turned up with a box of t lights and jars at the CTF and we had ourselves saved jars and bought t lights so we had plenty to line both sides of the footpath.

It looked so pretty - and useful.

Our lovely old church really lends itself to christmas dressings in the traditional manner with greenery and candles filling the window ledges - it spans the centuries - at least from when King Charles 2nd brought back christmas. The candles were lit as were the lights on the christmas trees, it was a warming happy feeling. At the opening verse of one of the carols the main lights were switched off and we were bathed in soft candlelight and the glowing of the battery-operated lights of the christmas trees. I think everyone would agree it was a magical few moments.

A big thank you to the people who I begged to read the lessons. I was very grateful for your 'on the spot' contributions, truly 'together' as we share in the service with more than carols - there was unity too.

The warming mulled wine and home-made mince pies were gladly received ...yes really traditional. Note: could have accommodated more people.



Fundraising this year.

Afternoon Tea and plant sale will be held on May 21st 2.30pm – 5pm

BBQ July 16th 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Full information in the next newsletter. Keep an eye on the Church Noticeboard for any additional information and changes.

Church services twice are held twice a month



Church Service dates from March 2023 – June 2023

March	12 th	Holy Communion	11.30am	
March	26 th	Morning Service	10.00am	
April	9 th	Holy Communion	11.30am	Easter Sunday
April	23 rd	Morning Service	10.00am	
May	14 th	Holy Communion	11.30am	
May	28 th	Morning Service	10.00am	
June	11 th	Holy Communion	11.30am	

Note: June 11th will be our last Communion service at Holy Trinity with Rev Richard.

Church Gardening Dates - everyone is welcome 1.00pm - 5.00pm

From April we will be returning to 2 gardening days per month. We specially need a person who owns a strimmer, fuel will be supplied, to strim round.

We have decided that it will be easier if we keep to just one gardening time throughout the year so it will remain at **1pm - 5 pm** after the clocks go forward on March 26th. However you can pop in at a time to suit you - and stay to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

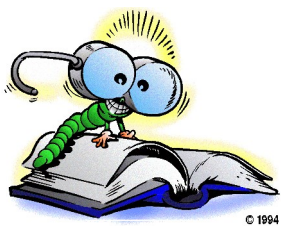
Gardening Dates from March:

March 9th April 6th April 20th May 11th May 25th June 8th

The weather of late has been very mixed – typical English winter really, cold and wet.

As the sun comes out more often and gets warmer, this in turn will encourage us to be outside and where better to be than alive and well in the churchyard. Its very therapeutic keeping it tidy around the graves of those who have gone before and keeping it open for those who expect to rest there in eternity beneath this beautiful bit of Devon. If you like to see the church yard looking neat and tidy then consider coming along for an hour or more to help on one of our gardening dates.

We are still looking for someone who could repair metal flower stands, ours are rusted where the pot sits in. Not a good look.... Still no response?? There is much work to be inside the church too.



Swop or buy but don't forget the church library - books that you can borrow or buy for a small donation.

There is a good range from gardening, cookery fishing to suspense and mystery by many well-loved authors. You can also

donate your used books for others to enjoy.

If you know someone learning French or German Language then a couple of linguist books have been donated. Just pop into the church – they are to the left of the door in the corner.

Diary Dates

May 21st Cream Tea and plant sale
July 16th Annual Church BBQ

Isabel and Roy
Church Wardens

Holy Trinity Church
Invites you
to join us
May 21st
For Cream Tea
Plant sale
Raffle
2.30pm - 5.00pm

 Proceeds to Church Roof Fund

CONGRATULATIONS!



To:-

Clifford Fishleigh of Gratton Farm, who celebrated his 80th. birthday in December.
Rob Green of Crawderne Cottage, who celebrated his 60th. birthday in February.
Charlie Brimacombe of Coppers, who celebrated his 65th. birthday, also in February.



WELCOME



To:-

Apologies to Gary Haworth and Melanie, who have moved into The Beeches, nr Horrellsford. (They are Mr and Mrs, Melanie's maiden name was given in the last Newsletter)
Craig Furze and Jess Fishleigh, who have moved into Wordon Farm.



OUR SYMPATHIES



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 contacts page for details. Thank you.



Parish Hall New's

Now that this first stage of refurbishment is complete regular events are now being held at the hall including the skittles league, monthly whist drives and over sixties club and radio club.

Several successful events were held towards the end of last year. A Christmas table top sale proved very popular with public and stall holders alike, raising £348. This was swiftly followed by our first "Big Breakfast" which proved very popular raising £223 we served approx 40+ breakfasts which was quite a feat for our first attempt! A chocolate bingo event, sadly postponed because of icy conditions raised £75. Our final event of the year was the community carol evening and was in aid of Devon Air Ambulance £60 with mulled wine and mince pies. Their thankyou note is printed elsewhere in newsletter. Let's hope none of us needs to use their services.

Starting from March 4th there will be a monthly "Community Café" on the first Saturday of the month. We will have drinks, light refreshments and cake available, along with occasional table top stalls so come along for a social catch up. There will be more "Big Breakfasts" later in the year, dates to be confirmed so watch this space!

The heating system in the hall is still undergoing upgrading so bear with us and realise it has also been very cold this last couple of months.

Plans are underway for Coronation Celebrations at the hall to be held on Sunday 7th May, details elsewhere in newsletter. Other events are planned throughout the year so keep an eye on noticeboards, blackboards and facebook .

Milton Damerel Parish Hall is excited to announce that we will shortly have a full size table tennis table available to hire. Charges will be £10/hour to hire the table and £2/hour to hire bats and balls. Watch our Facebook page for further updates, and how to book.



As ever we are always glad of any volunteers who wish to get involved with helping at events, just contact anyone at events at the hall. details

JUNIOR NEWS

MILTON TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler Group are still meeting in the Schoolroom at 10.30am on Tuesday mornings and finishing at 12.15pm. Our numbers are now quite low, so we are looking to join with other Tuesday groups occasionally.

We provide hot drinks and biscuits; children are welcome to bring their own refreshments. A small donation is all that's needed towards expenses.

We have lots of toys, crafts and song time is always popular. An open invitation to local families.

Christmas-time

On Tuesday, 20th December we were pleased to welcome Jess, from Dance Fit, for some Christmas festive fun, games and dance. Everyone brought along food to share, there were also a few Santa presents despite the fact Santa was unable to come (probably due to other pressing engagements!) We were also pleased to welcome our past Minister, Revd Lynne Burgon, and Frank Watson, our Circuit Lay Pastoral Assistant, who pays us a visit from time to time, and Kat Tims, who rounded off the event by accompanying a few Christmas songs and carols on her guitar. A good time was had by all.

ALL AGE WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES at the Chapel

Our 2 services held on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month are inclusive of all ages from the youngest to the eldest. The 2nd Sunday service is normally led by one of our Ministers or Lay Preacher, and an activities table for children included. The 3rd Sunday service is normally in Café Worship style and is inclusive of activities, crafts, songs, readings, etc., for all to join in. Please see Chapel News for weekly details.

Work with your damp ground.

To some people, a boggy or damp area in the garden is a problem, but it does not have to be. Such an area opens up unique planting opportunities, provided you can keep it damp over the summer.

Plants that enjoy boggy conditions range in size from the enormous, *Gunnera manicata* to the more dainty and colourful members of the *Primula* family. Then there is another group of plants that, although do not naturally grow in wet conditions, tolerate damp feet. April and early May is the peak season for many of these plants to flower and the Stream Garden at Rosemoor always looks fabulous at this time.



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Ferns are perfect as an architectural backdrop for the more decorative plants. One of our favourites is *Matteuccia struthiopteris* AGM or the shuttlecock fern; allowed to form colonies along the stream, it thrives under the shade of deciduous such as *Betula* or *Acer*.

Camassia is a native to moist meadows in North America so is well suited to the damper areas of your garden. The erect stems of *Camassia leichtlinii* subsp. *suksdorfii* Caerulea Group support beautiful star-shaped flowers combining perfectly with the bright green of the fresh fern fronds. Add splashes of bright red, purple and orange in the form of drumstick and candelabra primulas then you have a winning combination.

Most people don't have room for *Gunnera* but, if you are looking for big leaves, *Rodgersia* will fit the bill. Those with bronze tinted leaves such as *Rodgersia pinnata* 'Superba' AGM complement blue irises and *Camassia* perfectly.

Our own British natives should not be overlooked when planting up a damp area. *Caltha palustris* (marsh marigold) and *Cardamine pratensis* (cuckoo flower) are two springing to mind that are sure to thrive.

So don't look at that wet border with suspicion, turn it into a boggy oasis of bold plants and colourful flowers.

Sheila Dearing Garden Technical Services Officer. RHS.

MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT OVER 60's GROUP

It is with much sadness to say that our former Chairperson and long time member John Frances passed away on 29th December at the age of 87. Our thoughts are with his family.

It seems a long time ago now, at the 6th December Meeting we had a Christmas social. This was a Bring and Share Tea, Christmas music and table games. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The group also had a Christmas Carvery at Holsworthy Golf Club on 13th December.

No Meeting in January.

February Meeting, future outings for Coach Trips were put forward. A decision on where to go, will be made by our March Meeting 7th and a list will be made available.

Although we call ourselves 'Over 60's 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 and of course, our Coach Trips.

Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2.30 to 4.30 at Milton Damerel Parish Hall. Membership is £5 and monthly subs £2. This does include a raffle ticket. Our Coach Trips are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

New Members always welcome

Chair:	Linda Gifford
Vice Chair:	Margaret Walters
Treasurer:	Iris Tel 261 322
Vice Treasure:	Dora Reed
Secretary:	Colin Boucher

🔔 A Timely Reminder. 🔔

It's that time of year again, Spring and the time of year when the fields around will have ewes with young lambs at foot and cows will soon be out with their calves.

Most of the residents of Milton Damerel don't need a reminder but if you are new to the area and new to country living you might not realise what damage your dog could do to farm livestock. Even the smallest of dogs can be a risk to ewes and lambs, maybe they only run around barking and "playing" but if the ewes are still in lamb the stress is likely to cause them to abort their lambs they are carrying or they could panic and collapse and die, your pet can be a killer.

Cows with calves are also a risk, the mother's are very protective, do not come between a cow and a calf, if you come to a field, stop, look and listen, if there are cattle in the field and there is no other route, keeping your dog on a short lead & under control, try to walk around the group, giving them a wide berth, if they start moving towards you and look threatening, the advice is to let go of your dog, it can run faster than you, with a bit of luck they will go after it rather than you, make a quiet and quick exit from the field then call your dog to you and put back on its lead, also be aware that cattle can jump gates, quite often you'll see a field gate with the top bars bent and buckled, very often that was caused by a cow or bull practising for the local "cross country event" 🐄🐄, advice is to make a quick departure from the area so as not to agitate them any longer.

Also, did you know that not picking up after your dog can be a death sentence to cows, dogs faeces can pass on Neospora, a single celled parasite of livestock and companion animals, it causes abortion in cattle and once infected they are infected for life, if a cow aborts its calf due to Neosporosis she will be culled as there is no cure. Please pick up after your dog and keep it and your cat wormed regularly.



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Snowdrops and daffodils are now coming into bloom. These are sure signs that Spring is just around the corner. Let us hope that the beauty we see in nature will aid us through these worrying economic times. Here are a few of my observations of events in the legal and property world in recent days.

LIVE BIRTHS

The Office for National Statistics has produced figures relating to birth characteristics in England and Wales for 2021. The most popular date of birth in 2021 was 23 September with 2,055 live births occurring. The second most popular date was 07 October with 2,011 live births. The least popular dates of birth between 2001 and 2021 was Boxing Day with 1,345 live births followed by Christmas Day with 1,416. 2021 was the first year that births registered outside of a marriage or civil partnership outnumbered births registered within a marriage or civil partnership. There were 624,828 live births in 2021, of which 320,713 were registered to women outside of a marriage or civil partnership. That equates to 51.3% of live births. In 2021, the average age of mothers who gave birth in England and Wales increased to 30.9 years, while the average age of fathers remained at 33.7 years.

LAUGHING GAS

The Psychoactive Substances Act bans the knowing or reckless supply of nitrous oxide (otherwise known as laughing gas) for inhalation. However, the British Com-

pressed Gases Association is calling for a ban on all direct consumer sales and asks MPs to tighten the law to cover those without an exemption found in possession of the gas. Consequently, Ministers are preparing to revise drug misuse laws to allow people who are found with laughing gas to be prosecuted. Under the proposals, only those with a "legitimate reason" would be exempt. This would include chefs who use it in products including whipped cream or for freezing and chilling food.

ROGUE LANDLORDS

Birmingham City Council have recently brought a legal case which saw two defendants ordered to pay more than £83,000 in fines and costs. They had been found to be illegally renting out a tiny "unpleasant" and "dark" basement flat. A spokesman who spoke for the Council said that the Property "Was insufficient in size, had insufficient windows and low ceiling heights". He went on to say that the defendants had ignored a Standing Order instructing them to stop renting the flat out. He said "This is an important victory for the City and demonstrates how the City is dealing with rogue landlords."

FIRMS ON THE BRINK

There are growing fears that this year will see a wave of company collapses as the cost-of-living crisis continues. The number of firms on the brink of going bust jumped by 36% in the last 3 months of 2022 according to an insolvency firm. The numbers are expected to rise due to higher costs and consumers cutting back their spending. Up until now low interest rates and loans have helped firms – but all of that of course is coming to an end. A backlog in the insolvency courts due to Covid has delayed some company collapses – so it looks like the situation can only get worse.

KNOTWEED

A man recently bought a property in London for £700,000. He found on moving in that it was riddled with Japanese Knotweed. He therefore sued the Seller on the basis that the Seller had misrepresented the state of the property before purchase. It emerged in the court proceedings that the Seller had answered "No" to the question on a required Property Information Form that asked whether it had been affected by Knotweed. The new Buyer sued for £32,000 to cover the costs of investigating and excavating the plants, as well as diminution in the value of his home caused by the Knotweed. A Knotweed expert used for the case suggested that the canes were as high as 2 metres and at one stage might have been "overhanging the neighbouring garden."

CASH IS KING

The estate agents Jackson-Stops has revealed that buying a property in cash saves as much as 8% compared with using a mortgage. Cash buyers pay on average £260,401 based on last September's figures whereas buyers with mortgages paid £283,159. Cash buyers are therefore saving the most money in the South East namely £32,832. The average cash buyers spent £381,324 in the region compared with £414,156 among those with mortgages. Cash buyers are getting discounts, and mortgage rates are extremely volatile. As cash buyers are in the most advantageous position, sellers are more likely to give a reasonable discount for a quick sale, and for the certainty which cash provides. Many of the cash buyers are baby boomers having paid off their mortgage and then deciding to downsize and live retirement with fewer bills to pay.

WILLS AND LPAs

Now is the time to take stock and see whether you need to put your house in order. Principally you need a Will in place, particularly if you are in relationship outside of marriage or where you are in a second marriage and wish to benefit children of an earlier marriage. Lasting Powers of Attorney are also a vital tool as we get older. They enable you to nominate attorneys who can act for you in all relevant circumstances. Were you to have a stroke or lose mental capacity, your next of kin would have to apply to the court for Court Orders to administer your affairs. This is stressful, lengthy and expensive. We can give you help to put these in place, so do get in touch with us here at Busbys. You can contact us on **01288 35 9000**. See also Busbys' advert on this page.

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Holsworthy Beacon Chapel Closes

Holsworthy Beacon Chapel has had a presence in the village since 1882 when it was built at a cost of £285 (including a grant of £15!). It was built to seat about 100 people. It replaced the original Chapel, which was built in 1838, when it became apparent that a larger building was required to accommodate the growing congregation. The building of the present Chapel was a very ambitious project, but was obviously embraced with great enthusiasm, faith, vision and excitement, the dedicated members helped in any way that they could to help to defray expenses. Most of the labouring work was done on a voluntary basis, including the fetching of stone, and travelling to Delabole with horses and wagon to collect slates for the roof. Apparently my great-grandfather

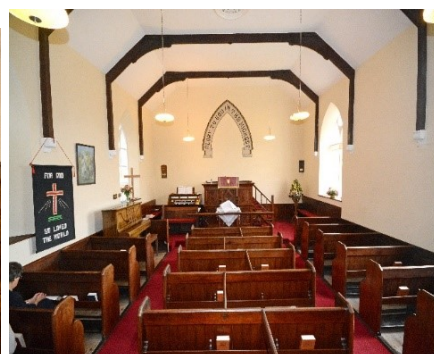


set off for Delabole through the night, fell asleep en route and the horse turned around and went home! The opening celebrations included providing a luncheon for 160 people and tea for 300, which was held at Brendon. There were only a few inhabitants in the village at that time, but many families would walk to Chapel from outlying farms and houses, often quite a distance, such was their commitment. At this time it was the very centre of the community and such an important meeting place. In these formative years the Chapel would often be nearly full on a Sunday evening. In 1920 the garage was built. It was in fact a stable and carriage house and was built to accommodate six horses and four carriages at a cost of £100. By 1930 there was just one preacher, Mr. John Vanstone, who used to travel 'John Wesley' style on horseback, and Mr. William Wicket with pony and jingle. Latterly, the carriage house was used to garage cars rather than stable horses. Eventually as cars became more popular, they were parked outside. Since 1966 it made an ideal room for Sunday School, meetings, suppers and funeral teas. The cemetery was added in 1950. Mr Edwin Routley generously gave the land, about a quarter of an acre, situated between the Chapel and garage. On the 10th May 1955, the new cemetery was officially opened and dedicated. Miss Clara Hole was the first person to be buried there. Holsworthy Beacon Chapel has been the spiritual home to so many over the decades. Where people have worshipped, praised, prayed and had fellowship together. Where children have been brought to Sunday School to hear about Jesus. Where there has been laughter and fun, where people have been married and buried, baptised and confirmed, have shared deep sadness and tremendous elation, where the holy sacrament has been administered, where people have been taught and challenged. *Where Jesus has always had central place.* It has a rich history and holds a myriad of special memories. It has played such a major part throughout the whole of my life and that of my husband Keith, our parents and my ancestors.

It is with enormous sadness that the existing members have made the decision to close the Chapel. However, an ageing congregation coupled with low numbers at our services, in addition to the responsibility of complying with all the rules and regulations, of maintaining the building, together with filling the offices and performing the duties essential in keeping the Chapel running, has become difficult.

Our final service was taken by Rev. Simon Leigh on the 4th September 2022. We think of the phenomenal changes, which have evolved through the 140 years since the inception of the Chapel, and how life has changed so radically in this period and then we reflect on the fundamental Christian faith and discipleship and we realise that our objectives and those of our ancestors are no different. Jesus is the one steadfast and unchanging anchor who can hold our lives together. He is always good, always loving, always all powerful. No matter how this world changes around us, he is always consistent "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever". *We'll praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come.*

Photos from the final service





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Rural North Devon continues to be one of the lowest crime areas in the country, which is why we seldom see police officers around the Parish. Whilst we can all be grateful that physical crimes are few and far between, we are all subject to the continual onslaught of scams which seem to permeate every aspect of our daily lives whether by phone or online. Whenever the police manage to shut down one scam another two seem to pop up. We hope that you won't be caught out as these become ever more sophisticated.

Investigative journalist Alexis Conran recently produced a short series of programmes for Channel 5 TV, covering phone scams and internet shopping, how easy it is to get caught unawares, and which also includes some very simple ways that we can protect ourselves. These were excellent programmes and if you missed them they can be found at 'My5' TV catch-up or by following this link:

<https://www.channel5.com/show/phone-scams-don-t-get-caught-out>

Telephone number 159. If you get a call purporting to be from your bank and you are not sure whether it is genuine or not, then hang up and dial **159**. This is a relatively new service, started in 2021, which has been set up as a joint venture by Stop Scams UK and Global Cyber Alliance to try to combat fraud. Around 80% of banks have joined the scheme and you can be sure that you will be transferred through to your bank. The main message to remember is that genuine calls from banks, credit card companies and even the police, will not contact you 'out of the blue' to ask you for personal information such as passwords and pin numbers.

Government Emergency Alerts – The Government is currently putting together a new system which will allow it to send out an "Emergency Alert" to all mobile phone users within a specific area. They are hoping to be able to launch it later this year. This system will be used to warn of an emergency in an area such as flooding, or severe risk of flooding. Only the Government and the emergency services will be able to send these messages which will be fed into the mobile phone networks at source. This means that they will go out to everybody with a smart phone or tablet, without any need for registration. It will also give you instructions if they would like you to take some sort of action. More information about this service can be found at www.gov.uk/alerts and you will be able to opt out of receiving messages by going onto the website **after** it has been launched.



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Evelyn's Walk (9/1/2023)

I've just returned home after a bracing walk on Monday 9th January. The weather last night was very wet & windy!! Thankfully, it stopped raining & the wind had eased by the time we set off from Clawton Village Hall at 10am. Looking back at my records, we used to walk in Clawton annually in September. We have enjoyed sunshine & we have endured the heaviest rain. We have had to negotiate some seriously challenging stiles & now we have self-closing gates. We have had to negotiate "Amazon rainforest" (fields of Maize) & now we have lush grassy fields. It was lovely to repeat a route that we last walked as a group in September 2018 & share all sorts of memories of previous walks in Clawton.

From the Hall, we turned left down the hill & then joined the footpath on the right. It was a bit soggy underfoot but not too bad. It was well way-marked & brought us out at Higher Sellick. We continued to follow the footpath which took us across the fields to Hole Park. We joined the road that runs between North Tamerton & Chasty. By turning right & right again, we followed the lane back towards our cars at the Hall. It was a bit muddy in places but hey it's January in Devon & perfectly passable with suitable footwear. I was pleased that the route was generally well marked, passable with minor trimming of brambles & the two wooden footbridges were in good order. Generally, we all agreed that we had enjoyed the walk & looked forward to more walks together in the months ahead.

The next walk will be on Monday 13th February. We will set off from Bridgerule Village Hall car park at 10am. Everyone is most welcome to join us. If you would like any more information, please contact me.



Evelyn's Walk (13/2/23)

Several people questioned why we would want to walk in Bridgerule given that footpaths are noticeable by their absence. However, in my mind it is one of our local "best kept secrets" & I was keen to share it. On Monday 13th February, we met in the Village Hall car park. It was interesting having arrived early to guess who was going to join me on a walk; who was there to visit the Post Office; & who was attending a Zumba class. There were a couple of chaps with clipboards & I never quite fathomed out what their purpose was.

We were very fortunate to have the company of Alan Beat who lives in The Bridge Mill. He & his wife, Rosie, very kindly invited us to explore their smallholding which extends to sixteen acres. Alan led the way & pandered to my request when I asked if we could see the Mowhay. He's in the process of restoring it which is such an important project given that very few Moyhays are still in existence. Fundamentally, it's a traditional pole barn that would have been used to store hay for livestock. As the fodder was gradually used over the winter months, there was a clever winch mechanism enabling the roof to be lowered so that the fodder was less likely to be damaged by the elements. Alan then led us across their land that runs parallel with the road towards the bridge. It gave us the opportunity to see the way that the river is gradually eroding the river banks.

He showed us evidence of Ash dieback which has sadly resulted in the felling of several trees. Alan then led us to the rear of the Mill & we had to be careful where we trod so that we didn't squash the early flowering Crocuses. We were fascinated by the fact that Alan has renovated the ancient Mill during the thirty five years that he & Rosie have lived there. The water wheel is fed by the leat & can be seen in action when The Bridge Mill is open to the public. I see from their web site that it will be open on Sundays 14th & 28th May. Well worth putting the dates in your diary. We then strolled towards the beautiful ponds that Alan & Rosie have created. Given the passage of time, nature has performed its magic & you have no perception of the tonnes of spoil that emanated from the massive holes that were dug to create the ponds. It's an absolute haven for wildlife. We stood at the top of the hill in the sunshine & enjoyed magnificent panoramic views. It wasn't as tranquil as it had been last spring given that a housing development is being built in the village at the moment. Hopefully, tranquility will be restored once it is completed.

We were all reluctant to leave but on the other hand nobody wanted to miss the walk up the hill towards St. Bridget's Church. It's such a beautiful structure & I believe it dates back to Norman times. We looked across the way to the former Rectory, now known as Glebe House Cottages. Apparently, the incumbent would have walked along the BOAT (By-way Open to All Traffic), known locally as "Roly Poly", to the Church. It would certainly have been the most direct route. According to history, Father Kingdon was still serving the Parish as Vicar until the age of ninety eight. Something tells me that fresh air & exercise must have been good for him! I'm pleased to report that nobody went for a tumble but it's quite challenging & the name "Roly Poly" is very apt. It was a very pleasant stroll down hill past the School & football ground back towards our cars. We were shown a little path that I didn't know existed. It enabled us to see a route favoured by Hedgehogs. If it hadn't been pointed out to me, I'd have missed it. I think everyone felt that we had been most fortunate with the weather & our walk provided a most enjoyable start to the week.

Our next walk will be on Monday 13th March. We will set off from Clawton Village Hall at 10am with a view to walking in the Parishes of Pyworthy & Clawton. Everyone is most welcome. Please let me know if you would like any information.

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Roll out pastry and cut into circles a little larger than burgers.

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Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday 20th March, which will be our AGM, along with a seed and plant swop. Everyone is welcomed to attend whether a member or not. Come along to see what we get up to. Our membership has declined over the years, the cost of hiring the hall and having speakers has increased. We will have an open discussion on the merits of running the Group, whether changing the meetings to during the day would encourage more members. Members can put forward their interest, what they would like the Group to do and be involved in.

Our last meeting was a Christmas Social Quiz. Those who attended had a really fun evening, helped along by the Mulled Wine.

Just a rough guide to this years programme:-

APRIL, date to be confirmed. We will tidy up around the Parish Hall and plant up tubs and hanging baskets. This will be preparing for the Coronation Celebrations that the Parish Hall Committee will be arranging.

MAY 22ND

Speaker to be confirmed.

JUNE AND JULY, we will arrange for Garden Visits.

AUGUST 21ST, to be confirmed

SEPTEMBER 2ND, Flower and Produce Show. So please start preparing, we hope for a lot of entries.

We hope to run a plant stall on a regular basis at the Community Café being held at the Parish Hall in the spring.

All Meeting are held at the Parish Hall on 3rd Monday of the Month, unless we have a Garden Visit.

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The Pier House, Westwood Ho!

Sometimes in the winter it is hard to find an interesting mud free walk. Westward Ho! on a clear day always gives spectacular views and free parking up by the "Haunted House". From here, heading away from Westward Ho! there is a well surfaced path, suitable for mobility scooter or buggies whatever the weather. The hard surface continues to a point where you can get great views across Clovelly Bay to Hartland point. From here it reverts to usual rougher cliff path.

On your return continue past the Haunted House and past the colourful beach huts to the Pier house (or you could drive). We had an excellent lunch in the large restaurant which has fantastic views across the mouth of the Taw and Torridge with Lundy on the horizon when visibility is good. We were ready for a good lunch, I chose seafood chowder which was excellent with mussels, cockles, lumps of fish and potatoes in a delicious creamy sauce with super crusty bread. Jim had grilled pork loin with rosti potatoes and veg and this was also an excellent meal. As ever we passed on the desserts but there is a traditional selection and what we saw being served looked good.

We were lucky enough to get a table at the window, in the summer the place gets extremely busy so if there are a few of you it is advisable to book beforehand even in the quieter months. There is also a large outside dining area for the warmer weather! The menu is extensive, starters are from around £7 and most main courses around £15. There is also a children's menu @ £8. If you pass on deserts in the summer, you can walk further into Westward Ho! to the Hockings Ice cream van on the seafront.

WHAT'S ON

HATS Theatre, Holsworthy		www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
Holsworthy Rotary Charity Extravaganza (evening of music, entertainment and fun). Acts + performances from local area	24 th March @ 7.30pm Tickets from Woolacotts, Holsworthy	
The Countrymen 'Bal Maiden Tour' Tickets online from the www.countrymen.co.uk/concerts	31 st Match @7.30pm	
The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.ploughartscentre.org.uk		
<p>..a selection of events at The Plough, Torrington, unless indicated. For a full programme of all events in The Plough diary please go to the web-site. There are other events, workshops, etc., held at other venues in North Devon.</p>		
MUSIC		
Dire Straits	3 rd March @ 8pm	
Teachers Rock – the story so far	4 th March @ 7.30 pm	
Damian Wilson & Adam Wakeman	5 th March @ 7.30pm	
Seriously Collins –Phil Collins & Genesis Tribute Show	10 th March @ 8pm	
The Kate Bush Song Book	17 th March @ 8pm	
CODA – Tribute to Zed Zeppelin	18 th March @ 8pm	
The Unravelling Wilburys	22 nd April @ 8pm	
THEATRE		
Plough Youth Theatre Seniors present 'Tuesday' by Alison Carr	13 th & 14 th March @7.30pm	
Plough Prism proudly presents 'The Prisoners' written and performed by Plough Prism	21 st March @ 11am	
Get Changed Theatre Co present ...(Title tba...!) Okehampton's premiere theatre company	21 st April @ 7.30pm	
LIVE via SATELLITE		
NT Live 'Life of Pi'	30 th March @ 7pm; 31 st March @ 2pm	
NT Live 'Good' by CP Taylor	20 th April @ 7pm; 23 rd April @ 3pm & 7pm; 26 th & 27 th April @ 2pm	
REGULAR WORKSHOPS		
Saturdays 14 th January to 25 th March; 15 th April to 15 th July 2023		
Plough Youth Theatre – Seniors (13 – 18 years)	Saturdays from 10.15am to 12.15pm	
Plough Youth Theatre – Play Story (3-5 years)	Saturdays from 10.15 to 11.15am	
Plough Youth Theatre – Infants (6-7 years)	Saturdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm	
Plough Youth Theatre – Juniors (8-12 years)	Saturdays from 1.00 to 3.00 pm	
For adults with additional needs with the support of their carers		
Tuesdays 10 th January to 21 st March; 18 th April to 11 th July		
Plough Prism	Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm	
Plough Motion Dance	Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 2.30pm	
COMEDY		
Jayde Adams – Men, I Can Save You (Adults Only)	25 th March @ 8pm	
Zoe Lyons: Bald Ambition	1 st April @ 8pm	
The Comedy Store	29 th April @ 8pm	
FILMS		
The Fabelmans – a Steven Spielberg film	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 8 th & 9 th March @ 2pm 1 st , 8 th & 9 th March @ 7.30pm	
EO (Foreign Language Film - Polish with English sub-titles)	10 th March @ 2pm; 15 th March @ 2pm & 7.30pm	
What's Love Got To Do With It	17 th , 22 nd & 23 rd March @ 2pm & 7.30pm	
TOWN HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS		
Bideford – meet at Bideford Library	2 nd March @ 7.30pm	
Torrington – meet at The Plough	29 th April @ 7.30pm	

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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

- Milton Damerel Over 60's Club – Parish Hall
- Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club - Parish Hall
- Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall
- Whist Drive – Parish Hall
- Chapel Sunday Worship
- Chapel Café Worship
- Trinity Church Holy Communion
- Trinity Church Morning Service
- Holsworthy Walk & Talk
- New Baby & Toddler Group - Methodist schoolroom
- Milton Damerel and District Garden Group

- 1st Tuesday every month 2.30pm
- 1st Wednesday every month 7.30pm
- 3rd Wednesday every month
- 3rd Saturday every month 7pm
- 2nd Sunday every month 11 am
- 3rd Sunday every month 11 am
- 2nd Sunday every month 11.30am
- 4th Sunday every month 10am
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- Every Tuesday 10.00am till Noon
- 3rd Monday every Month.

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School News:

Spring term is in full swing at Bradford Primary School. The children have had a great time learning about Anglo-Saxons and Eco Systems as well as creating their own Van Gogh inspired 'Starry Night' pieces. We had a brilliant, but cloudy evening Stargazing with Liz from Moor Wild Experiences. Our children and families enjoyed looking at night sky pictures from NASA and creating their own Telescope pictures. We have made the most of the brighter days and started the new term with some brilliant Wild Tribe sessions, exploring the wildlife in our school and creating some fantastic mini habitats as well as building some quick 5-minute fires to roast some marshmallows. Our Wildlife Champions have started to develop their Wildlife Meadow and created a Mini-beast hotel to promote bees and insects in our environment. We are looking forward to a busy few weeks running up to Easter with our DMAT Festival of Hope kicking off with a **Reading Café on Thursday 2nd March from 2.30pm**. We would love for you to join us and listen to our children read whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

[Bradford Primary School and Nursery | Holsworthy | Facebook.](#)

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:

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