

# MILTON DAMEREL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Coronation Competition's Royal Collage - Under 10



1st prize - Henry Piper



2nd prize - Felicity Piper



3rd prize - Edward Moyse



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1st prize Sophie Moyse

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Winner - Kate Moyse



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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.

### **Parish Councillors**

At the recent AGM Councillor Stephen Moyse was elected as Chair of the Parish Council with Councillor Richard Piper being elected Vice Chair. Councillor Rose Haynes has retired from her role and will be sorely missed. At the meeting in April the Chair presented Rose with a small gift and we all enjoyed an evening meal together to mark her retirement.

*We are now looking for a new Councillor, if you think you would like to join the Parish Council as a Councillor. Please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form, the deadline for applications is the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either Councillor Stephen Moyse or The Parish Clerk*

### **District Councillors**

Councillor Kit Hepple has been unable to attend recent meetings, he sends regular updates which are received by email. Kit has approved a grant for the supply of permanent memorial to the two world wars, this is in the process of being chosen by your Parish Councillors.

Councillor Ken Kames has attended meetings over the past months, both Councillors also 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. James has reported that he has fully recovered and hopes to attend meetings in the near future.

### **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 received over the past few months are Barn Conversions at Lower Wallens, Ley Farm, Worden Farm and St.Giles in the Wood, and an extension at Threefield.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The recent Big Breakfast was very well attended.

The celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III were well attended and all members of the Parish Hall Committee are to be congratulated for all the hard work.

The Parish Council presented each Child of primary school age of the Parish with a memorial medallion.

If your child has missed out please contact the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse.

### **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](http://www.miltondamerel.com)

# Chapel News – June 2023

## Dear Friends

I wonder what you made of the Coronation of King Charles III.? It was certainly a spectacular day; of pageantry and precision. How do you move that many service personnel around, seemingly so effortlessly. It must have taken hours of preparation and practice; as well as a considerable amount of time spent polishing things, from shoes to coaches.

And what of the service itself in the splendid setting of Westminster Abbey? I was struck by the symbolism and the ancient words and rituals. One of the messages that Charles clearly wanted to emphasis was this element of service. It was a running theme through the service and indeed Prince William mentioned it again at the concert on the Sunday evening. This was coupled with the idea of seeking more volunteering.

The King's first words in the Abbey were telling.

A young chorister faced Charles, "Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings."

To which the King replied, "In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve."

Two of Jesus disciples, James and John, requested of Jesus, that he allocated them the best seats in heaven.

Jesus was not impressed; and neither were the other ten disciples, to say the least.

Jesus answers them "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:43-45)

The concept of service is firmly established in the life of Jesus and implied in the future life of the followers of Jesus.

There is a direct line from this to the Coronation and the encouragement for us all to service each other and our communities.

**God bless  
Rob  
Methodist Minister.**

*A Blessing  
Go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage.  
Hold fast that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted.  
Support the weak.  
Help the afflicted.  
Show love to everyone.  
Love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy  
Spirit;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always.  
Amen*

## Flower Plan:

**4th June**

Mrs Sheila Daniel

**9th July**

Mrs Lilian Luxton

**13th August**

Mrs Suzanne Askham

## Dates of services at the Chapel for June to August, all at 11.00am.

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**All Age Worship Including Christening with Revd Rob Blackhall  
Café Worship**

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**All Age Worship with Mr David Watson  
Café Worship**

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**All Age Worship including Holy Communion 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday service is normally led by one of our Ministers or Lay Preacher, and an activities table for children is included. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Mr David Ley including Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Mr Duncan Withall</b>
<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Revd Paul Booth including Holy Communion</b>

**Zoom Services for the Circuit** –, these are planned for **11<sup>th</sup> June** (Bible Study), & **25<sup>th</sup> June**, (Dedication of Easter Offerings); **2<sup>nd</sup> July** (Bible Study), & **23<sup>rd</sup> July**, & **20<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm**, all of 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](mailto:sarahrichards185@gmail.com) for details on how to join the 'meeting'.

**Easter Celebrations** – We opened early at 10am on Easter Sunday; we were pleased that Della was able to come along with Easter crafts for all ages! We also served tea/coffee and hot cross buns. We held the usual Easter Egg Hunt within the main chapel. At 11am, our Minister, Revd Rob Blackhall led a quite informal style service in the Schoolroom. This year we gave a donation to the local Food Bank, instead of giving Easter Eggs around the Parish; we did however buy a Real Egg (sharing egg) so that all who attended the service were given a small egg and the children also received the Easter story and puzzle sheet.

**Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter** - Our monthly Torridge 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](http://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.

**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.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!



To:-

None received for this edition.



To:-

### WELCOME

**Jason Hayes and Olivia McCarthy who have moved into 2 Downs View, Venn Green.  
Clive Mitchell, Chestnut Cottage, Holsworthy Beacon.**



### OUR SYMPATHIES



To:-

**Ted Grainger and Family, of 1 Downs View, Venn Green, on the passing of his wife  
Nadine, who died peacefully at home in April.  
Condolences to Christine Cook and family of The Meadows, Strawberry Bank.  
Husband Lawrie, who was 72, passed away at home on Friday 12th May.**



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.



# Holy Trinity Church News

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Hello Everyone

The days and months are flying by and already it is nearly mid-summer day. We are all busy gardening -getting those summer blooms into place but each year gets a bit harder for us 'the boomers' generation. Sound like my mum now when 'arffur' kicks in. But we are still here and have been lucky in our lives to witness not one but two royal 'Coronations', very different in opulence but say what you like no where does pageantry like the British Isles. It glittered and shone, all around the route amid an abundance of red, white and blue. Our British Armed Forces put on a fantastic display - in unison with each other and Commonwealth Armed Forces stretching half a mile long... amazing - history in the making. This time we didn't have to watch it on the neighbours telly, (very few people had TV's back in the early 50's)

At Holy Trinity we had our own nod to the royal day.

You may just have noticed the red, white and blue regalia around the church frontage for the occasion, the church notice-board was bedecked with royal regalia in a very splendid manner. Inside the porch by the door was a lovely vase of flowers, a painted stone, a crown and red, white and blue daisies - thank you to the two ladies who undertook to add the décor and thanks to the guys who had a quick run round with the mowers, making our church yard look very smart indeed for the occasion.

We were going to hold a short service on Coronation Sunday but after the very small congregation for St George's Day, (don't understand why we are not proud of our Patron Saint), it was decided against it.

At the moment we are doubtful as to the future of Holy Trinity Church. To ensure the church remains open we need people to attend services - we only hold two a month. We need donations to get the roof repaired over the south nave. It is about seven years since we started fundraising for the roof and we barely have half the funding as the estimated costs keep rising.

Originally we were looking to raise money for all the works that Holy Trinity needs, but that has been scaled back to just get the roof and downwater goods repaired/renewed. We have raised £16,500 made up of small grants fundraising and donations - but need something like £50,000. Some grants have use by dates and one such is for £6k - due to be used or repaid by July - so it's imperative that we get the work started before then or at least positive plans for the work.

We now have a local builder roofer who is sympathetic to old buildings and is working out an estimate of costs for the most urgent work.

**This is not about religion or whether you use the church this is about **SAVING THE BUILDING NOW****  
**We need **MONEY - NOW** - without it we will be looking at about two years more only.**

Donations can be made in church at any time via the QR codes that are dotted around, but you will need a mobile phone that has a signal here, then you can scan the code and make your gift. Or donate in the designated boxes in church or push a donation through my letter box. . **Don't forget the Gift Aid declaration envelopes if you are a taxpayer as it makes a huge difference to the gift, they are found by the visitors book. Support the fundraising events that are planned - this money is for the roof fund only.**

**Holy Trinity is in the Bradworthy Benefice** and we are facing an unsettled period as Rev.Richard prepares to retire - on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for well-earned retirement. There will be a 'leaving' service at Bradworthy church on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm everyone, including occasional and non-church goers, are welcome to come to say goodbye.

If you need any help or advice from the church then I am your contact (number above).

We pray that it will not be too long before an appointment is made but as there are so many churches involved it will take time - as they say- 'the wheels are slow to turn.'





Delivering aid to orphanages, children's hospitals and  
frontline soldiers since March 2022



We will continue with regular services as far as is possible but as already mentioned if we find it becomes just too much for two people we will have to look to what sort of future Holy Trinity will have. We cannot pay church bills or maintain the church 'alone' and it doesn't make sense to maintain if there is no wish for it in this parish.

You may not think of yourself as a 'church goer' but it is still very much alive for very important parts of our lives - Funerals, Weddings, Baptism. Earlier this year we held a service for the anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of war on the Ukraine by Russia, again it was a small congregation which gave £90, Abbots Bickington Church kindly added a further £20 and we rounded it off to £125. It was sent to 'Lads for Ukraine' to help pay for their final trip overland on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with 3 van loads of supplies for medical and orphanages. Final not because they didn't want to do more but the trip was so arduous and dangerous that it has taken its toll on their health. But 'Well done', to these local people for raising funds gather the aid and then to deliver it to the children of Ukraine.

### Upcoming Community events at Holy Trinity

**BBQ Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30pm – 5.30pm**

Treat your family and enjoy freshly cooked quality burgers, sausages, chicken drums, potatoes, salads and more at the church annual BBQ

For vegetarian option please call to order.

You will get a whopping plateful for just £9 per Adult, children £4.50 under 14 And a dessert if you have any room left'

Dessert is optional and is not included in the price.

Vegetarian catered for – please order in advance.

**Everything for a super treat for all the family. Tombola stall. Outside if the weather is fine**



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August – a fantastic summer Bazaar**  
The Church Garden Party is now having a break and in its place we are holding a '**Summer BAZAAR**'.

Doors to this event will be open at 10.30am until 4.00pm

Tea and coffee included in the entry price of £1 pp children free.

This is a tabletop sale of good quality products including clothes, shoes, games, bric a brac, oddments, household goods, some garage clearance/ blue tooth goods/ household goods.

Cake stall..... tombola and more

You can reserve a table to sell your own products or bits and bobs.

Or if you have a few bits you are throwing out donate them to the church Bazaar.

But please book as early as possible. 01409261181

**Mark these events on your calendar now - so you don't forget.**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10.30am finishing at around 4.00pm**

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 – if the weathers good who knows how far away the radio waves will be picked up. You can sit and listen in to the conversations as they happen. It is a special day for the club members and actually being broadcast from Holy Trinity makes it special for them and it totally fulfils the criteria.

Come and support this group of enthusiasts - have a look, drop in drop out – up to you. Refreshments will be available all day.

Church services are held twice a month : Be aware that services may be different from advertised... depending on whether a vicar is available.

### Church Service dates From June 2023

June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11.30am
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service	cancelled
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11.30am or lay service
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Service	10.00am
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11.30am
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service	10.00am
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11.30am

### **Church Gardening – 1pm – 5pm everyone is welcome to come and help keep the churchyard tidy**

Grass cutting is speeding up and we are so grateful to the people who so generously give their time and equipment to keep the churchyard the envy of many. We are trying to keep the weeds at bay around the graves but it is a hard task for just a few of us – of an age too.. I dread to think what the churchyard would be like if it wasn't for the volunteers. During the summer we meet twice a month – usually the Thursday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. It goes a bit askew when there were 5 Sundays in the months but it works out somehow.

You are welcome to come and help and 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 have a cup of tea - bring your gardening gloves.

Summer 2023

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**Summer Gardening dates 2.00pm - subject to the weather:**

June 8<sup>th</sup>

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

July 6<sup>th</sup>

July 20<sup>th</sup>

August 10<sup>th</sup>

August 24<sup>th</sup> and

September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Take Care**

**Isabel** and **Roy**  
Church Wardens

**Diary Dates**

July 15<sup>th</sup>

August 19<sup>th</sup>

September 9<sup>th</sup>

BBQ from 2.30pm – 5.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

Summer Bazaar 10.30 am – 4.00pm Holy Trinity Church

CHOTA DAY with H A R C from 10.30 - 4.00pm refreshments all day Holy Trinity Church

All Communion Services will be subject to the availability of a vicar.

## Holsworthy Walk and Talk

The Meldon bluebells had evidently been unimpressed by the cold, wet spring and had sensibly decided to keep their exuberance to themselves for a little longer. Therefore, we changed our walk programme and visited Meldon again on 28<sup>th</sup> April. This time the bluebells were a glorious sight to behold and the fragrance seemed to fill the whole valley. Our level 2 walk was a new route which took us across the dam wall, with a spectacular cascade of water over the spillway, then along the valley and up onto the viaduct by Meldon Station. We then went across the viaduct and returned to the start point using the lane. Everyone thought that this was a good addition to our walk programme and we intend to revisit it in the summer.

At the second anniversary of our becoming an Independent Walking Group we held our AGM. All serving officers have been re-elected and all contact details below remain unchanged.

Our walk programme for May includes the first of our summer routes which will be a Level 3 walk at Sheepwash across tracks and fields. We meet by The Half Moon Inn in the village square. The Half Moon Inn is a 16<sup>th</sup> century Grade II listed fishing inn which serves lunches and we usually call in for refreshments, after the walk.

If you would like to join us 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.

We would like to remind everyone that whilst you are welcome to bring your dog with you on the walk, it must be kept on its lead and under control, at all times.

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

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## **MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT OVER 60's GROUP**

At the February Meeting, future outings for Coach Trips were put forward. A decision on where to go was decided at our March Meeting and a list was made available.

The March Meeting it was agreed that the Coach Trips would cost £10 for Members and £12 Non Members. Our first trip in April was to Trago Mills and Newton Abbott. The weather was good and both venues made a pleasant day out.

**16<sup>th</sup> May**, Cornwall Services Bodmin for Coffee, ST. IVES, The Welcome Stranger for, Lanivet for Chips.

**20<sup>th</sup> June**, House of Marbles, Bovey Trace for Coffee, PAIGNTON, eat before leaving.

**18<sup>h</sup> July**, Blackdown Garden Centre for Coffee, DRIVE THROUGH CHEDDAR GORGE, Burnham on Sea for Chips.

**15<sup>th</sup> August**, Tavistock for Coffee, Tour of DARTMOOR, Princetown for Chips.

**19<sup>th</sup> September**, Trelawney Garden Centre, Wadebridge for Coffee, PADSTOW, eat before leaving.

**17<sup>th</sup> October**, Trethorne Leisure Park for Coffee, TRURO, eat before leaving.

Coach leaves Holsworthy Memorial Hall car Park at 9am. Then picks up at the Football Field, Venn Green and Holsworthy Beacon.

Please book with Iris Fry on 01409 261322 or 07968 326462.

If you have to cancel a booking for any reason, please let Iris know, even if on the same morning, as sometimes we have a waiting list.

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 £4 and monthly subs £2. This does include a raffle ticket. Our Coach Trips are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

New Members always welcome

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## **Memories of the 1953 Coronation.**

Back in 1953 I was just 7 years old and there was great excitement as there was to be the Coronation of a very young Queen Elizabeth II.

Television was a new innovation and very few people had one, we were very lucky as my Dad worked for a firm called Television Ltd, started by a "film star" namely Jack Buchanan who started the business in partnership with John Logi Baird, so of course we were one of the few families that had one in our road.

My actual memories of the day are mainly that it was a rather wet dismal day, chilly as well.

There was to be a "street party" with wet weather plans to move it into the school just along the road, so that's where it was, us kids were dressed up in our fancy dress & bundled off long before the ceremony started, I was a "Hula Girl," a very skinny one at that, vest, knickers and a sort of grass skirt, I probably had a flowery necklace & headband, not a winning costume, I can't remember what my brothers & sister were dressed as but I don't think they won any prizes either, both of my parents worked full time so Mum didn't have much time to spare to make fancy dress for 4 children when she got home from work, as she had a meal to cook for us and my Dad & housework to do, Dad very rarely got home before 7 o'clock and was very often later as he did television repairs.

Being one of the few houses in the road that had a television, a mock crocodile skin one with a 9 inch screen, I can still see it in my mind's eye, a very grainy black, white & grey picture, but it was the first time a Coronation had been viewed by anyone other than the invited guests in the Abbey so our front room was packed with friends & neighbours all crowded round this tiny television set, no room for pesky children.

Over the last couple of weeks I have thought, why were the people who were looking after the kids, not watching the ceremony, but of course in 1953 most news came from listening to the radio or newspapers, TV as we know it now didn't exist, so they would not really be missing anything, not like it is now when we depend on television so much.

My actual memories of the Coronation are sparse, I did catch a glimpse on going home, of a beautiful young woman, walking through the congregation, a crown on her head & the orb & sceptre in her hands, she was very beautiful dressed & regal, our Queen for the next 69 years, the next memory was of her in the Golden Coach, lighting up a rather dismal day with that lovely smile, waving to the crowds.

Television cameras in those far off years were not as mobile or as handy as they are these days, definitely not mobile big bulky things, so they would be fixed in significant spots in the Abbey and along the roads from the Palace to the Abbey and back, they wouldn't be battery powered so would need some form of electricity to power them.

King Charles's Coronation was the first to be fully televised in colour and as an American friend said to me "The bits and pieces I saw of it looked spectacular, and the size of the crowds everywhere was simply amazing. Nobody does "royal" events better than the Brits".

We can definitely put on a great spectacle.

Rosemary Haynes.

## **HOLSWORTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP & RESOURCE CENTRE**

A follow up on the article in our Spring Newsletter:-

We are still opening on a Monday morning and customers and support has been improving.

Unfortunately we have now been told that the lease will definitely end in two years as the building is being renovated and all rooms will have to be vacated. This has put us in a quandary, do we work to close down shop in two years or is the project still viable for the people in and around Holsworthy. If the latter, we will have to find temporary premises for a few months and assume that the rent will be reasonable for us to return or find other reasonably priced permanent premises.

A lot of discussion will happen in the next few months and the committee will have to make a decision more or less by the end of the year. Will our revenue increase for us to be really positive. Only time will tell. So, as they say 'watch this space'

**Opening on Mondays 9.30 to 12.30, as well as the regular Wednesdays and Saturday Mornings.**

On Mondays we are doing Monday Makes, where anyone can call in to make a small craft item for a small charge.

We do need the support of the community. Everyone is welcome, besides running the Shop where we sell Haberdashery, Arts and Crafts items and all forms of embellishments for your projects, we have the Scrap Store, We are happy to give advice and help on creating interesting craft projects.

Open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 9.30 to 12.30.

You can find us on Facebook: - [Holsworthy-FW-Resource-Centre-Scrap-Store-](#)  
Please look us up and come in and see us, even if it's only for a chat.

## **HOLSWORTHY and DISTRICT SKITTLES LEAGUE**

The League was very pleased that they were able to continue. Many Parishes have not been able to enter Teams as the older generation, who were the backbone of the game have declined in numbers. The younger generation seem not so keen on the game.

Matches between Parishes are normally played from September to April, but this year we finished in March and the League Competition matches were held in March.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April the **Holsworthy Ladies Skittles League** had a dinner and Trophy Presentation at the Holsworthy Golf Club.

Milton Damerel Ladies A team were the overall winners, with the highest points scored for the season. The highest 6 players from both the A and B teams play in the Five Founders Cup and Milton Damerel Ladies were runners up.

The remaining 6 players did reach the semi finals in the Challenge Cup.

Michaela Rolfe who plays for Milton Damerel Ladies A team qualified to play for the Devon County Cup on 30<sup>th</sup> May in North Molton.

Men's Milton Damerel Skittles Club had a very close finish to the season. I believe they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the League.

Lesley Self

## **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 discovered a new Stay & Play Group meeting at Holsworthy Methodist premises in Bodmin St., at the earlier time of 9.15am and finishing at 11am, also on a Tuesday. Anyone wishing to attend this group needs to contact Michele Hogarth, the Holsworthy Pastoral Lay Worker, for more information. Suggest contact through the Bude Holsworthy Methodist Circuit (Tel: 01288 355508).

For the time being we are happy to meet as per usual.

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.

### **ALL AGE WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES at the Chapel**

Our 2 services held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month are inclusive of all ages from the youngest to the eldest. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday service is normally led by one of our Ministers or Lay Preacher, and an activities table for children included. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Note for June only the service will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and not on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.



## The versatility of herbs (RHS Rosemoor)

If you have a small but sunny garden, it can be difficult to decide what to grow. Culinary herbs tick all the boxes because they make your kitchen creations taste good, most have beautiful foliage and the flowers attract pollinators. They can be grown in the vegetable garden, mixed borders, raised beds and pots.

Many herbs can be used as companion planting in the vegetable garden. For example, basil, mint and chives help to repel aphids. Parsley flowers attract beneficial insects such as parasitic wasps, ladybirds and damselflies and sage deters cabbage moth and carrot fly.

Herbs for the pot are at their most flavoursome before the flowers develop and you need to pick when the aromatic oils in the plants are at their highest levels, i.e. in the morning after the dew has dried. When harvesting, pinch out the top fresh growth which will also encourage a bushy plant. You will probably have more than you can use, so have a go at drying or freezing any surplus before they start to lose flavour. Dry herbs on a tray by arranging them evenly and in a single layer. To freeze, simply chop and add to water in ice cubes. Herbs grow best in full sun in moisture-retentive fertile soil with plenty of organic matter incorporated.

Annual herbs such as coriander and dill can be sown on a fortnightly basis for a continuous supply throughout the summer. Cuttings of bay, marjoram, mint, rosemary, sage, tarragon and thyme can be taken from late summer to early autumn and root quite readily.

Try growing strongly growing herbs such as mint and sage in large pots to prevent them from taking over your herb bed. A mix of small herbs in a large container can be placed near the kitchen door for easy access when you want to pop something tasty in the pot.

If you want plants for a sunny spot that are beautiful, attract bees and butterflies and have a use, then culinary herbs are the perfect choice.

Sheila Dearing Garden Technical Services Officer



## **The Market Café**

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## Celebrating The Coronation

Who would have thought that less than a year ago when we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee that we would have a coronation within a year.

Once again everything was trimmed up in red, white and blue and after a drizzly start to the day, by 11.00 the sun came out and we were ready to go.

A steady stream of people kept us busy making teas and coffees, and selling ice creams. Jim and Keith were slaving over the barbecue selling juicy burgers and sausages for those who hadn't brought a picnic or were tempted by the smell! The chocolate tombola proved to be a great success, both adults and children had great fun on the table football and air hockey that are a new addition to the hall's attractions.

Outside, the huge inflatable slide was as popular as ever. As well as a giant Ker Plunk and Connect 4 which were challenging to many of all ages

We had a great selection of entries for the children's collage competition. Sadly not so many for the adults scarecrow competition but the entries we had did appeal to everybody's sense of humour!

The winner was Kate Moyse with Prince George. Great embroidery Kate!

The winning children's entries were 0-11yrs 1<sup>st</sup> Henry Piper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Felicity Piper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward Moyse. 11-16yrs just one entry, won by Sophie Moyse.

After presentation of competition prizes and children's commemorative medals (donated by parish council) the afternoon was rounded off with Mary Carter cutting the celebration cake which was made by Jo of "Oh Crumbs" cake design. Throughout the day the tea table was constantly being refilled with a selection of delicious donated cakes.

So thank you to all those that donated cakes, or chocolates for the tombola and to the Parish Council for funding the outside activities, the slide etc. A big thank you to all those who helped either before the event, during the day or clearing up afterwards.

Thank You to the Giffords for the loan of the field for parking and Edgar for the loan of the BBQ.

LONG MAY HE REIGN OVER US (that's King Charles, not Edgar!) as we need a rest!







## Milton Damerel Parish Hall News

We have had a busy few months at the Parish Hall and support for our events is growing, so a big thank you to all those who come and support us. We ended March with a very well attended Quiz Night where we had question rounds ranging from guess the year, to music and advertising slogans. We also had anagram puzzles of local place names, which caused some difficulties! The night was won by the Devon & Doughnuts team, but everyone enjoyed the night and learned something new, or remembered things they thought they had long forgotten. Look out for our next quiz night with Harvest Supper in September.

Our Community Cafes on the first Saturday of each month are gaining in popularity and people can meet for coffee and cake or a hot light snack. There are games for the children and young at heart, or the opportunity to just meet and chat with friends.

In addition to our Coronation Picnic, we had a Big Breakfast in May where we served over 50 breakfasts and had people queueing for a table. Having so many people at the Hall brings a great atmosphere and a buzz of chat with people meeting up with friends. Our next Big Breakfast will be on September 16, so hope to see you there.

We have now added table football and air hockey to the Hall, and these are available for people to play at the Cafes. For the competitive amongst you, or those with young families looking for ways to burn off energy we have also introduced a new Family Games Night booking, where you can book the Hall with the Skittle Alley, table football, air hockey and table tennis table - prices are £10 per hour, plus a £5 charge for hire of the equipment. Don't forget, you can also book Table Tennis separately by the hour.

In April the Committee met to discuss and agree renovations to the Skittle Alley and these will be progressing over the summer months. We will be levelling the floor so we can use the room for smaller meetings, and groups. This area will be easier to heat and will be much cosier for smaller meetings in the winter. We have purchased a wooden alley from the Holsworthy Skittle League, which will be put down when matches are planned. Watch this space for more developments, and if you want to lend a hand and wield a paint brush or 2, then get in touch with any Committee Member, or follow our page on Facebook.

We had a poll on Facebook recently where we were asking people to tell us the events or groups that they would like to see at the Hall. We are currently gauging interest in Yoga, Chair Aerobics and Dancercise as regular events, and a series of art activities funded by Devon County Council. If we get sufficient interest in these we will arrange some taster sessions so if you have not already signed up but would like to do so either contact Mel on 01409 261353 or send an email to [MDParishHall@gmail.com](mailto:MDParishHall@gmail.com) telling us what event you are interested in and we will keep you updated.

We have now planned all our events up to the end of this year, so we have plenty of dates for your diary. Besides the Community Cafe at the beginning of June we have planned an Ascot Race Night on June 24th. Ticket numbers are limited and are £10 each if purchased on the night, or 2 for £18 if bought in advance, and this includes a free Pimm's on arrival and free buffet. To purchase your tickets, please contact any Committee Member, or email us. We will have a limited bar on the night and racing on the big screen, so put your glad rags on and come and join us for a fun night out.

**MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL**

**2023 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNE 3**

**COMMUNITY CAFE**  
JOIN US FOR LIGHT SNACK, HOT DRINKS, GAMES AND CHAT - 10AM - 1.30PM

**JUNE 24**

**ASCOT RACE NIGHT**  
BIG SCREEN RACING WITH LIMITED BAR AND FREE BUFFET - TICKET ONLY - STARTS AT 7.30

**JULY 1**

**COMMUNITY CAFE**  
JOIN US FOR LIGHT SNACK, HOT DRINKS, GAMES AND CHAT - 10AM - 1.30PM

**JULY 22**

**CIDER & PASTY WALK**  
WALK STARTS AT 4PM

**AUG 5**

**COMMUNITY CAFE**  
JOIN US FOR LIGHT SNACK, HOT DRINKS, GAMES AND CHAT - 10AM - 1.30PM

**SEP 2**

**GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW**  
MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB  
ENTRIES 9.30 - 11.30AM. DOORS OPEN 2.30PM

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### School News:

Summer term is well underway at Bradford Primary School. We have had a busy start to the term with our Lower Key Stage 2 children having 2 days of water sports fun and Meath Quarry with children from Black Torrington, Highampton and Exbourne Primary schools. The children all came back excited (and exhausted) by their experiences on the kayaks, canoes, rafts and paddle boards.



We are looking forward to starting our Water sports club this week, so we had a visit from Lifeguards at Bude RNLI to talk to the children all about beach and water safety. The Lifeguards were very impressed with the children's knowledge.

Our year 6 children worked brilliantly over SATs week and are now having a well earned residential in Normandy, France. They have been to see the Bayeux Tapestry and visited the Normandy Beaches.



Our coronation afternoon tea was a huge success. The weather wasn't what we'd hoped for so we couldn't have the street party, but Highampton village hall looked very festive. We enjoyed some lovely cakes and treats and then lots of energetic games led by Mr Pugh and Mr Pearson.



We are looking for to a busy half final term at Bradford with lots of fun learning opportunities, including residential for all our KS2 children and a whole Hub trip to Paignton Zoo.

### Fern Class and Foundation Stage Unit Update:

Since September, our FSU has been growing. We are now offering provision **Tuesday - Friday between 8.45am and 3.30pm**, which can be **morning, afternoon, or whole day sessions**. The children can purchase a school



dinner, if needed.

We have had a great start to the summer term. This half term we are looking at how things grow and change. We have read The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Olivers Vegetables and looked at how animals and plants grow. We have also been looking after some caterpillars and have loved watching them grow bigger and can't wait to see the Butterflies they will become.

Our Parent and Toddler group, Bouncy Babies, runs every Monday morning between 10-12pm. We have lots of fun sessions including messy plays, outdoor sessions, and dance with Jess Squires. It is £1.50 per session and £1 for each additional child. Snacks and refreshments are provided.

### Bracken Class (KS2 class):

Bracken class have started their new topics and are enjoying learning about Cells in Science and The Vikings in History. In PE, we are enjoying learning about different team games as well as starting our swimming lessons. The children are growing in confidence and developing their swimming skills. The year 3s and 4s have started our new maths topic of Time and have been looking at months, years, days, hours in a day and telling the time on an analogue clock. While year 5 and 6 have been learning how to measure angles using a protractor and describing angles as acute, obtuse, and reflex.

### Diary Dates:

**Please support us where you can! We look forward to seeing you soon.**

**28<sup>th</sup> June – FOBS Coffee morning at Holsworthy Memorial Hall.**

**20<sup>th</sup> July – Hocking's Ice Cream Visit (Last day of Term)**

**If you are interested in visiting or joining Bradford Primary School and Nursery, please contact us via email or telephone. We would welcome any inquiries.**



## BRADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

# BOUNCY BABIES SUMMER TERM 2023

**First child £1.50.**  
**Additional children £1 each**

**Every Monday during term time between 10 - 12pm**

Activity	Date
Music and Dance Session with Jess	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> . June
Wild Tribe Session	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> . June
Cooking Session with Viv	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> . June
Music and Dance Session with Jess	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> . June
Music and Dance Session with Jess	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . July
Multi Skills Session	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> . July
Teddy Bear's Picnic	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> . July



## Lasting Power of Attorney ( LPA)

The Attorney(s) act on behalf of the Donor (the person making the LPA) though this is traditionally for when the Donor loses capacity, an LPA can be registered so that the Attorney(s) can act where the Donor may be absent or otherwise indisposed.

### **What are LPAs and what do they do?**

LPAs come in two varieties:

#### **1. LPA for Health and Welfare decisions**

This allows for the Attorney(s) acting on the donor's behalf to consent to care decisions and medical treatments. It also enables the Donor to provide instructions and preferences for how they wish their decisions regarding their health and welfare when they lack capacity,

#### **2. LPA for Property and Financial affairs**

This allows for the Attorney(s) to manage the Donor's finances and property. The Donor can elect whether this LPA is 'active' either immediately or only once they have lost capacity. This LPA can also give instructions and preferences to the Attorneys to help restrict/guide how they wish for their property and finances to be managed when they can't do it themselves.

### **Can my "next of kin" can handle everything without an LPA?**

Most people believe that if they lost mental capacity, their "next of kin" would be able to manage everything for them, from financial assets to healthcare choices. However, what they don't realise is that the concept of a "next of kin" isn't a legal concept. This means that it does not grant a hypothetical next of kin any rights to help manage wellbeing or assets as it does not have any actual legal "meaning".

### **Do I have an LPA done when I lose capacity?**

No: in order to give someone else the power to look after not only you and your healthcare wishes but also your finances, you must appoint Attorneys - this ensures that they have the necessary powers to act on your behalf while you still have the ability to give it to them.

By law, if you were to lose capacity, you no longer have the means to give this power to an Attorney, meaning your family (and/or friends) will have to make an application to the Court of Protection for a formal appointment of Deputies (rather than Attorneys). This is a far more laborious compared to simply having an LPA in place. It can be time-consuming, costly and removes any form of choice away from the Donor as the Court can appoint 'anyone' as a Deputy - should there be any suitable candidates for to be a Deputy, the Court could even decide to appoint the local authority instead.

In summary, an LPA means you have chosen those who you would like to be your Attorneys as well as given guidance on your preferences/instructions to help them to ensure that your wishes are met.

At the time of writing, there is currently a 20-week (nearly 6 months) delay with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) for LPAs to be registered from the date of submission, so the quicker you put an LPA in place, the better!

### **Final Thoughts**

These are just some of the misconceptions and myths that surround LPAs: there are others which we can discuss with you if needed. Hopefully this brief overview helps to clarify any confusion you or someone you know may have.

If you would like more specific information or advice, please contact us.

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<b>PCSO - Jess McEldon</b>		

*On the 19<sup>th</sup> April, along with all the other organisations from the Parish, we were invited to submit a report to the Annual Parish Meeting. As there were only a few parishioners present at the meeting our report is set out below, for the benefit of the whole Parish.*

Rural North Devon is still one of the lowest crime areas in the country, currently sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> position behind rural Wales and the Scottish islands. The Parish is however not free of the traditional types of crime and there have been a small number problems over the past twelve months. Scams of all types, over the phone and internet seem to target everyone, no matter where they live, and they seem to get ever more sophisticated. Doorstep scams, when you get people cold calling on properties haven't been an issue this past year.

The low levels of local crime mean that we haven't needed to hold regular meetings in the Parish, and whilst the co-ordinators have attended Torridge meetings in past years, unfortunately Torridge NHW has ceased to exist. This is down to a combination of the Covid pandemic and people's reluctance to take on committee roles. The weekly newsletter which Torridge NHW used to produce, covering crime across the region has also had to be suspended for the time being. This is due to the police upgrading their computer system and they are currently unable to supply the weekly data required to put the newsletter together. Hopefully it can be re-started when the problems are overcome.

We have met both of our new officers, PC Frank Morgan & PCSO Jess McEldon, but due to the reduced staffing at Holsworthy which has increased their workloads we don't have the same contact with them that we had with the previous regime.

There is one anti-social problem which does seem to have been on the increase over the past few months. This is dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs. The lane from Venn Green Cross to Strawberry Bank crossroads seems to be a particularly problem area and also the churchyard at Holy Trinity is being desecrated on a regular basis. This is disappointing because we are a relatively small community and so it can only be a small number of individuals involved. If the problem continues we can request the Torridge Dog Warden to become involved.

We remain grateful to the Parish newsletter and the Parish website for allowing us regular space for articles which save us having to produce our own. The newsletter in particular is helpful, as it goes out to every home which makes our articles available to everybody, not just members.

We would like to finish by thanking everybody for their continued vigilance in reporting unfamiliar vehicles that they have seen parked in the area and remind people to continue to lock their sheds and outbuildings when they are not using them, as these continue to be high on the target list of opportunist thieves in the surrounding areas at the moment.

## **SADLY BACK TO SQUARE ONE**

***12 months ago the Newsletter Group were excited to have five parishioners respond to our 'Cry for Help'.***

***Two of the volunteers were computer literate and one volunteered to be our Compiler and the other offered to take on Treasurer. The future of the Newsletter looked safe after a long period of uncertainty but sadly due to personal reasons neither were able to take up their positions, one having to move back to Somerset.***

***We were grateful to welcome two volunteers, Peter and Mel as a Group Members and the final volunteer stepped back as she did not have computer experience.***

***So once again we are looking for volunteers with basic computer knowledge to take over the duty of Compiler, Treasurer or Advertiser controller, all of which are currently managed by the same person.***

***We meet 4 times a year and the work load is not great.***

***If you are interested and would like a chat to find out a bit more about what is involved, please ring David Taylor on 07434024113/01409 261577***

## MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP

In January and February 2023 we didn't hold any Meeting.

March 20<sup>th</sup> was our AGM and 16 members attended. We had a lengthy discussion on whether the group should carry on as membership had declined. All who attended felt the group should continue and we agreed to have a Show again in September, book a couple of speakers and have a couple of garden Visits. We also agreed to tidy up around the Parish Hall again ready for the Coronation Celebrations. We also hope to run a plant stall on a regular basis at the Community Café being held at the Parish Hall.

### APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>

As above, we tidied up around the Parish Hall and topped up the plants in the tubs.

### MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

Trigon Farm, a smallholding, at Derriton, Holsworthy. The owner Al, will give us a talk on growing sustainable Flowers and Veggies using permaculture principles and no dig.

JUNE AND JULY, we will arrange for Garden Visits.

AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, to be confirmed

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

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

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### Devon County Show Supreme Interbreed Winner.

Congratulations to Mike Kirby from Blackberry Farm shop who had an excellent few days at Devon County Show winning his classes with his home bred Limousin heifer Koojan Sugarbabe.

He went on to take Reserve Commercial championship with his Limousin x heifer before winning Supreme interbreed Champion.



### Countryside Alliance awards South West local food and drink Champion

Mike and Lizzy Kirby were invited to the House of Lords by Baroness Malilieu to receive their South West Champion local food and drink award. The Countryside Alliance Award, also known as the Rural Oscars, recognises rural businesses who champion local food and drink and go above and beyond to serve their community.

They were met at the reception by Sir Geoffrey Cox. Following the magnificent Awards Ceremony they discussed the way forward for farming, small businesses and the rural community in Devon over afternoon tea, before Sir Geoffrey showed them around the House of Commons with a fascinating insight into its formidable history.





### Evelyn's Walk (13/3/2023)

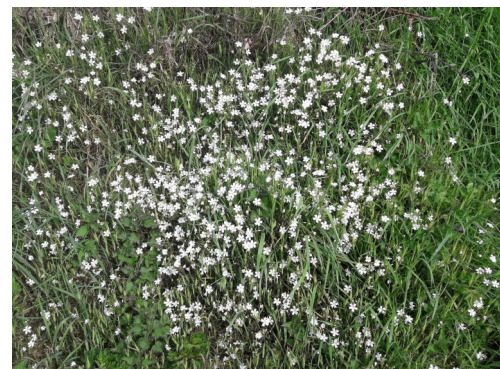
It very rarely happens but I made the decision to change the route for our walk on Monday 13th March. I had intended to do a much longer walk than usual but it didn't seem such a great idea when I lay in bed listening to the wind howling in the early hours. The Met Office confirmed that the forecast was for strong winds in the south west from 10am. There were only six of us who met at Clawton Village Hall. We were most grateful to Maralyn Bailey for giving us access to the facilities. The spring flowers in the planters at the front of the building were a ray of sunshine on a dull morning. We turned right from the Hall & walked along the lane towards Herdicott. We did some splashing in the puddles along the way & were grateful to the drivers of the vehicles that went past us for slowing down. By turning right at the junction heading towards Chasty, we enjoyed some panoramic views towards Pyworthy & North Tamerton. I



I took the opportunity to point out landmarks so people could follow up the notion of walking across Affaland Moor & back via Leworthy if they wanted to in the future. I have to admit that it looked a bit bleak towards Affaland & I felt that it would be more appealing on a sunnier day later in the year. We found the footpath on our right which took us down the drive of North Down Farm. We all agreed that it must be quite a trek to put out the recycling crates. The route was quite well way-marked & I was pleasantly surprised to discover that the path was quite clear of vegetation. No secateurs required. For anyone contemplating walking this route, please be aware that it is definitely NOT a "walk in the park". Somebody described it as an assault course. We had to negotiate four stiles along the way & just as we thought we were on the home straight, we encountered some serious mud. I mean real squelchy stuff that very nearly sucked my boots off. I'm pleased to report that nobody actually lost a boot & more to the point, nobody ended up sitting down in it. It is one thing getting a wet foot but a muddy derriere is a different matter entirely. From there, it was easy going & we joined the lane by the entrance to Town Farm. By turning right, it was a short stroll back to our cars & the irony was that there were no puddles along that stretch in order to do some much needed splashing. In spite of the stiles & the mud, everybody said they had enjoyed their walk.

### Evelyn's Walk (9/4/23)

You may recall that the last scheduled walk coincided with the Bank Holiday Monday at Easter so I didn't organise a group walk. However, the weather was glorious on Easter Sunday so I went for a walk with my partner. We anticipated that it would be very busy near the coast so we opted to go to the Devon Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve at Dunsdon in Pancrasweek. We had the car park to ourselves. Knowing that we had recently had a lot of rain, we decided to turn right from the entrance to the car park & walk along the lane. It was such a clear day & we could see for miles towards Bodmin. Apart from farmers tending to their duties, we didn't see anybody. We soaked up the sunshine whilst enjoying the bird song & the sunny faces of primroses & celandines in the hedgerows. By following the lane past the beautifully renovated Chapel at Lana & bearing right, we joined the footpath on our right which follows the route of the Bude Aqueduct. It provided a lovely level walk along a nicely maintained path with very neat hedgerows. It was easy walking which enabled us to admire the vegetation bursting into life. The bumblebees were loving it. We had wondered about taking a shortcut back through the Reserve but it looked very wet underfoot. We opted for staying on the footpath until we reached Puckland. Then by turning right & walking along the lane past Broomhill & turning right at Dunsdon Cross, we completed a very pleasant circular walk. It took us less than two hours including a couple of stops at well-appointed benches.



Coincidentally, the second Monday in May will be another Bank Holiday Monday. On this occasion, I have decided to postpone the walk until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We have very kindly been given permission to park at Thornbury Holiday Park by Lisa & Paul. We will set off at 10am & I'm hoping that we will be able to enjoy some Bluebells. If you would like any more information, you are very welcome to contact me.

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### Evelyn's Walk (15/5/2023)

Due to the Bank Holiday Monday coinciding with the normal date of our walk, it was rescheduled for Monday 15th May. Lisa & Paul very kindly gave us permission to park at Thornbury Holiday Park. It was a great opportunity to see little Albert who is growing up very quickly. We went out of the gate & turned left heading towards the junction that I know as Five Ways. We followed the lane heading in the direction of Shebbear which enabled us to admire fantastic views of Dartmoor in the distance. It was a bit breezy at Windy Cross but we were soon in the shelter of beautiful mature trees as we continued on our way towards St. Peter's Church. We had the lane all to ourselves as the road was closed to traffic that morning. It seems that wherever I go, there are trenches being dug at the moment. We had a look at the old School building which subsequently became a Village Hall. It's lovely that some local people still have happy memories of attending events there in years gone by. Once we reached the Church, we turned left at "Silage Bale Corner" & walked down the hill where we met Meg. She & her husband very kindly offered us the opportunity to walk across their property which includes a section of footpath. The timing was such that we enjoyed a beautiful carpet of Bluebells under the canopy of trees. At this time of year, the leaves are so young & fresh looking. We identified lots of wild Garlic & an occasional Orchid. All we could hear was bird song. It was very special. Meg led the way back to the lane & we turned right down the hill. I didn't like to mention it but everyone soon worked out that we then had to walk up what can only be described as a serious hill. We couldn't kid ourselves that we were stopping to admire the view. We seriously needed to get our breath back. Everyone agreed that it was worth it. We soon reached the junction that I call "Bagbeare Cross" as it's not actually named. We turned left along Thorne Lane. There were beautiful views again once we emerged from the trees. We could identify Brown Willy, the highest point in Cornwall & Rough Tor in the distance. Just before we reached the junction at Cranapool Cross, we opted to follow the footpath on our left rather than stay on the road. The field was newly planted with a crop but we could easily walk along the edge of the field without causing any damage. The next field was full of lush grass with beautiful wild flowers. We went through the galvanised gate, across the lane & over a stile at Branches Cross. This brought us to the rear of the Holiday Park. The setting was idyllic. The lakes looked so tranquil in the sunshine. It must be a very relaxing place for a holiday. You can find details including photos on their web site. This circular route is approx. 3.7 miles & took us a couple of hours.



I'm unable to arrange a walk next month but I'll give details of the walk scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the next newsletter.

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<b>HATS Theatre, Holsworthy</b>		<a href="http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk">www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk</a>
<b>The Comedy Chiller “Laughter in the Dark” written by Victor Lucas</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June; 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm
<b>The Plough, Torrington</b>	Box Office: 01805 624624	<a href="http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk">www.ploughartscentre.org.uk</a>
..a selection of events at The Plough, Torrington, unless indicated. There are other events, workshops, etc., held at The Plough and other venues in North Devon. For a full programme of all events please refer to the web-site.		
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>		
<b>Making Your Mark (Adult Workshop)</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> June from 10am – 3pm
<b>Ploughcappella – North Devon’s warm hearted community choir</b>		Tuesday evenings from 6 <sup>th</sup> June to 4 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm
<b>Dance – Bioform Dance Theatre with Miranda Jankowska</b>		6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> June; 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July from 7pm
<b>Inspire! Community Dance Celebration</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm
<b>OPEN AIR THEATRE</b>		
<b>Romeo &amp; Juliet by William Shakespeare at Reforge Retreat, Black Torrington</b>		24 <sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm
<b>Sun &amp; Moon Theatre Co. Romeo &amp; Juliet by Shakespeare at Castle Hill Gardens, Torrington</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6.30pm
<b>Sun &amp; Moon Theatre Co. Romeo &amp; Juliet by Shakespeare at Clovelly Court</b>		19 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6.30pm
<b>A Midsummer Night’s Dream Drama Wksp 6-11yrs at Hartland Abbey and Box Tree Productions: A Midsummer Night’s Dream: The Musical (4yrs+)</b>		26 <sup>th</sup> July @ 3pm & 5pm
<b>Heartbreak Productions: Sense &amp; Sensibility by Jane Austen at Castle Hill Gardens, Torrington</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> August @ 6.30pm
<b>Heartbreak Productions: Machamlear at Clovelly Court</b>		7 <sup>th</sup> August @ 6.30pm
<b>Pandora’s Box Drama Wksp 6-11yrs at Hartland Abbey</b>		8 <sup>th</sup> August @ 3pm & 5pm
<b>Last Baguette: Pandora’s Box</b>		
<b>Illyria: Pride &amp; Prejudice by Jane Austen at Holsworthy Badock Gardens</b>		12 <sup>th</sup> August @ 6.30pm
<b>Hercules Drama Wksp 6-11yrs at Blackberry Farm, Milton</b>		19 <sup>th</sup> August @ 3pm & 5pm
<b>Damerel IK Productions: Hercules</b>		
<b>Bad Dad Drama Wksp 6-11yrs</b>		23 <sup>rd</sup> August @ 1pm & 3pm at RHS Garden Rosemoor
<b>Heartbreak Productions: Bad Dad by David Walliams</b>		24 <sup>th</sup> August @ 3pm & 5pm at Hartland Abbey
<b>THEATRE</b>		
<b>Mark Thompson’s Award Winning Spectacular Science Show</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> June @ 2.30pm
<b>Michael Morpurgo: An Evening of Songs and Stories (for all ages)</b>		2 <sup>nd</sup> June @ 7.30pm
<b>“Silo” by Jody Medland</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> June @ 8pm
<b>REGULAR WORKSHOPS</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> April to 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		
<b>Plough Youth Theatre – Seniors (13 – 18 years)</b>		Saturdays from 10.15am to 12.15pm
<b>Plough Youth Theatre – Play Story (3-5 years)</b>		Saturdays from 10.15 to 11.15am
<b>Plough Youth Theatre – Infants (6-7 years)</b>		Saturdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm
<b>Plough Youth Script Writers – (8 – 18 years)</b>		Thursdays from 4.30 to 6 pm
<b>For adults with additional needs with the support of their carers</b>		
Tuesdays 10 <sup>th</sup> January to 21 <sup>st</sup> March; 18 <sup>th</sup> April to 11 <sup>th</sup> July		
<b>Plough Prism</b>		Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm
<b>Plough Motion Dance</b>		Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 2.30pm
<b>COMEDY</b>		
<b>Rosie Jones: Triple Threat</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> June @ 8pm
<b>Mark Simmons: Quip Off The Mark</b>		18 <sup>th</sup> June @ 8pm
<b>TOWN HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS</b>		
<b>Bideford – meet at Bideford Town Hall</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm
<b>Torrington Tarka Trail - Meet at The Puffing Billy, Torrington, EX38 8JD</b>		13 <sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm



# SUDOKU

By KrazyDad

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Difficulty: Intermediate

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month 2.30pm  
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Charlies is open for lunches, coffee, snacks and teas from Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am -2.30pm It opens various evenings when The Plough has events on just check Charlie's website or phone 01805 625925. We combined lunch out and then a film in the afternoon. Great way to spend a rainy day!

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