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# MILTON DAMEREL

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2024

95th Edition





## New cutting beds at Rosemoor

We are delighted to announce an exciting new venture at RHS Rosemoor – our very own cut flower beds! In a bid to enhance sustainability and celebrate the home-grown beauty of our gardens, we are embarking on a journey to grow our own cut flowers onsite.

Traditionally, The Garden Restaurant has sourced cut flowers from external suppliers. However, this year we are planning to change things. Our primary goal is to provide the restaurant with freshly cut, garden-grown blooms throughout the summer season. How? By cultivating a variety of flowers from seed here in our market garden area.

Why dedicated cut flower beds, you may ask? Well, for starters, having these beds in one central location makes it easier for our garden team to care for them. It streamlines the process, ensuring efficiency in both cultivation and harvesting.



And, while our main gardens boast an abundance of beautiful flowers, not all are suitable for cutting. By establishing dedicated beds, we are able to focus on varieties specifically chosen for their suitability as cut flowers. This not only preserves the integrity of our garden displays but also ensures a consistent and seasonal supply for the restaurant.

But it's not just about aesthetics. We're proud to follow organic principles in nurturing our flowers and, by eliminating the need for external sourcing, we are reducing our carbon footprint – locally grown, freshly picked with no travel. Our cut flower initiative also benefits biodiversity, attracting pollinators and enriching the environment in our gardens.

So, when you next visit, make sure you wander over to our market garden and cut flower beds. Come and see the beds in bloom, and perhaps you'll spot our flowers gracing your table in the restaurant.

Melissa Clark Horticulturist



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Edgar Pett

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 has been unable to attend meetings but is always available if he is needed.

Councillor Ken James attends meetings on a regular basis and is a great help to the Parish Council, his continued support and advice is very much appreciated.

## **Hardship Fund**

**Councillor Ken James has informed the Parish Council that funds are again available to anyone who is in need of financial help, the grants can cover various things such as problems paying Utility bills, council tax, replacement of household items, purchasing of food. For further information please contact Councillor Ken James via email: [Councillor.James@torridge.gov.uk](mailto:Councillor.James@torridge.gov.uk)**

## **Devon County Councillor James Morrish**

Councillor James Morrish has been unable to attend recent meetings due to work commitments, James is a great help to the Parish Council, his support and advice is very much appreciated. James is available by email to all residents if they have any concerns, he is always willing to help.

## **Holsworthy Neighborhood Policing team.**

At the time of writing I am unable to confirm who our PCSO is but Sgt Donna Gutteridge sends regular updates and is available at the Holsworthy station. As soon as we find out the PCSO's name it will be published on the website,

## **Bus Shelters**

It was reported at the Parish Open meeting that the bus shelter at Venn Green was very untidy with rubbish strewn inside, if at any time you use the shelter please report to a Councillor or the Clerk if it is need of a tidy up or clean, also encourage users to take their rubbish with them. Councillor Moyse recently tidied it up and also cleaned the glass panels of the other shelter, volunteers for this job are always welcome.

## **Planning matters:**

There has been very few Planning application received over the past three months, the Demolition of a Barn for the erection of one dwelling, which has been approved, part retrospective siting of three temporary static caravans for agricultural workers, this was refused permission, new kitchen extension, granted permission.

## **Town Farm**

It is apparent to all that some tidying up has been done on the site, with the fences being repaired and the entrance being cleared. No information regarding if or when the development would be started is forthcoming...

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. These are then discussed at the meeting and comments passed on to Torridge. 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.

## **Annual Precept**

Your might notice on your Council Tax information that the Parish Council's precept request has risen significantly from the previous year. The reasons being that we will be receiving a large invoice from Torridge District Council for the Parish Council Election. In addition the Parish Council requires an extra top up this year as the funds are lower than previous end of year accounts. This is due to the Parish Councillors approving extra grants for the Kings Coronation celebrations. Also the cost of cutting back hedges and verges to ensure the safety of all parishioners and visitors to the area.

## **End of year accounts**

These are in the process of being completed, with the internal independent Audit being completed in June.

All information regarding the accounts will be published on the website as soon as they are completed and approved by the Parish Councillors. This should be by the end of August.



### **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.

### **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 updates 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, please notify me of any problems, 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, District and County Councillors encourages residents to do so as often as they can.

### **Parish Footpaths**

The Parish Footpaths are now looked after by George and Wendy Preston, and they are doing a grand job, their report is printed elsewhere in the newsletter. 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.

### **Parish Annual Open Meeting**

This was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April, unfortunately it clashed with the Parochial Church AGM, the attendance of residents was very poor, which is disappointing as it is an opportunity to chat with your Parish and District Councillors, to ask questions, get information you might want and to answer any queries you might have.

Representatives from local organisations attended, details of reports are in the minutes and published on the website.

### **Parish Annual Meeting (AGM)**

This was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, once again no residents attended, Councillor Stephen Moyse was elected as the Chair of the Parish Council with Councillor Richard Piper elected vice-chair, both decisions were unanimous.

### **Annual Grants**

The Grants for the financial year 2024-2025 will be considered at a later date. This is due to the uncertain financial position of the Parish Council due to the election costs.

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)

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## Chapel News – June 2024

### Dear Friends

It feels like that it has rained virtually every day this year! I seem forever to be first having to clear the mud off my two dogs when I have taken them a walk and got through countless towels in drying them. Not that they mind. They would and do, walk in all weathers, which means I have too as well.

I am reminded of that nursery rhyme

*Rain, rain go away*

*Come again another day.*

*Rain, rain go away*

*Little Robert\* wants to play.*

\* Or whoever

O to just feel the warmth of the sun on your back.

As we enter the summer months, I think we are all hoping for some days in the sun. We live in such a beautiful part of the world; although I fear that we sometimes take it for granted. And, the beach and the coast are not too far away.

Lazy days of summer on the beach with a suitable ice-cream.

Others will find time and solace in their garden. My aunt would often quote part of Dorothy Frances Blomfield Gurney's poem, "God's garden"

*One is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth.*

And her garden was a spectacular riot of colour and smells.

It certainly seems that during the summer months that the created universe speaks of the Glory of God the creator and sustainer of all that that is. After Psalm 19:1 Haydn wrote sublimely in "The Creation" that the "Heavens are telling the Glory of God". We can see that all around.

There is so much to enjoy and experience. To take our time and observe the natural world about us is both a joy and something we should perhaps do more often.

Yes, we do take it for granted. But we do need to be careful. It seems clear that the world is getting hotter, dangerously so, and wetter, certainly if the last few months are anything to go by. The weather patterns are getting more extreme. We are being warned.

What a beautiful world; God's beautiful world; but as with anything beautiful we need to cherish it, appreciate it and care for it.

Enjoy the Summer

Every blessing

Revd Rob Blackhall Superintendent Minister

### Flower Plan:

**9<sup>th</sup> Jun** Mrs Phyllis Piper    **14<sup>th</sup> Jul** Mrs Grace Millman    **11<sup>th</sup> Aug** Mrs Suzanne Askham

<b>Dates of services at the Chapel for June to August all at 11.00am.</b>
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<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Revd Paul Booth</b>
<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Café Worship</b>

<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Mr David Watson</b>
<b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Café Worship</b>

<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Revd Rob Blackhall (Holy Communion)</b>
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Café Worship</b>

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 Methodist Church.** Normally these are United Services with members of St Michael's Parish Church, Shebbear.

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Preacher: **Mr David Ley (Holy Communion)**

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July** Preacher: **Mrs Margaret Price**

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August** Preacher: **Revd Rob Blackhall (Holy Communion)**

**At Home Worship - Circuit offers Zoom services and Live Stream of Buckland Brewer's services.**

**Zoom - 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm** 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'.

Live Stream – Buckland Brewer. We continue to Live Stream Services on the **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church You-Tube Channel** on the 3rd & 4th Sunday in the Month & the 5th Sunday if there is one. **On 30<sup>th</sup> June** in the morning Live Stream of the Methodist Annual Conference Service.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Tuesdays 10.30am in the Schoolroom at **Milton Damerel Chapel**. This is an Ecumenical 'venture' with Thornbury St Peter's Church, but a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us. The leader, Revd Stephen Skinner, will not be continuing after May 2024, as an appointment has been made to the Benefice. We have been very grateful for Stephen's leadership, challenges and humour. Please contact David & Janet Fisher (Tel: 07858506973) or Grace Millman (Tel: 01409261251) for details after May 2024..

**EASTER MORNING** – Our Easter Day celebration commenced at 8.30am with Hot Cross Buns and Hot Drinks and then a variety of crafts and activities and an Easter Egg Hunt. We were delighted to welcome children and adults.

**VISITING ISRAEL EXPERIENCES** – Our Café Worship on 21<sup>st</sup> April was themed on Israel. And provided accounts and impressions of experiences of living in kibbutz in Israel and of visiting Jerusalem and Holy Land destinations. Claire Johns gave us a very interesting insight into her experiences of visiting and working in kibbutzim in the early 2000s, explaining the roles she had when working, experiences of visiting others and other parts of Israel. Alan & Jackie Randall visited Jerusalem and Holy Land in 2010 and gave a slide presentation of the Biblical locations included in their tour.

**45<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – On 12<sup>th</sup> May David Ley had been planned as our preacher. The day was also the 45<sup>th</sup> – Sapphire - wedding anniversary of David and his wife, Catherine. David themed the service on Love and included hymns and readings from their marriage service in 1979. Their marriage was at Milton Methodist Church, Catherine grew up at Oxenpark, and with her parents and sisters worshipped and were involved in many of the events, activities, etc., at Chapel. They brought along a framed wedding couple photo and order of service to display, and Catherine assisted David in the service and with Holy Communion. We were delighted to have our congregation 'bolstered' by the attendance of Catherine's sister, Marilyn and husband, David, by Bryan Ley, David's father, aged 98 years, and by 4 other members of Langtree congregation, the church now attended and supported by David & Cathy. The children attending used their activities time to make congratulations cards and flowers were given to 'the happy couple'. Many reminiscences of the day were shared over coffee at the conclusion.

**Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter** - If you would like to receive this monthly Newsletter please let us know. It includes diary details, the preaching plan for all the chapels in the Circuit, information on weekly Bible Study groups, other study events, and news from the Methodist Church. 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. Finally, 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 steward: Jeremy Sharp (Tel: 261548), Property Steward: vacant; Secretary: vacant.*

# Holy Trinity Church News

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Hello to each of you. We were so happy to see so many people in church on both Mothering Sunday and Easter Day, the pews were almost filled to capacity we needed a few more children as there were a few Easter eggs leftover and Roy had to eat them... hard job being church warden. We know from the laughter that rang out that you enjoyed the service too.

At last we have felt the warmth of real sunshine on our face - summer is here and we are looking to positive changes in our parish church of the Holy Trinity..



During the interregnum – the time of one vicar leaving and another taking up the vacant post - we have had an irregular service pattern, as Rev Stephen Skinner is/was part-time and there are 8 churches in this benefice, most are reached through travelling along the narrow winding lanes which takes up a chunk of time, we had to be adaptable so all churches could have a 'turn' with the vicar leading us. Stephen will be leaving on June the 2<sup>nd</sup>. His last service will be held at Bradford church.

Life is made up of beginnings and endings as they say as one door closes another one opens and so Rev Mark James will be taking up the reins of the Bradworthy Benefice after his licensing service on **June 25<sup>th</sup> at Bradworthy Church 7.00pm**, you are all welcome to be at this special service.

The first service that Rev James will preside over will be a Benefice service held on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Church here in Milton Damerel at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to come to the service and meet Rev Mark James – there will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to talk to him. We pray that this new beginning for us all will bring more light and joy to our services and make YOU people in the community of Milton Damerel keener to pop into a service occasionally....we don't bite but you will get a giggle.

We see a much brighter future for our parish church not just because of the new vicar arriving on the doorstep but because we have been sent such willing helpers of late who are determined to save this church building and are putting a massive effort into getting things done which were beyond our sole capabilities – we can't wait to get started but we need that 'old chestnut' - money.

We have been recommended a local builder to begin making the church waterproof, he has had a 'look' so we will see what the outcome is. Members of our church have volunteered to do minor repairs if you are able to help to save the church then contact us.

We hope that you can get with us or behind us. We have been few people raising money for this church never more than 6 of us – often fewer but between us and some grants we have raised nearly £18000- -- but it has taken us approx 8 years – and now we need even more money. One easy way you could help is to join the Parish Giving Scheme – we get Gift Aid added to the donation so it is worth much more. You can find it on line – and sign up on line. Or you can give a donation to me anytime or better still come to our events have a cup of tea and a cake – make new friends, maybe a bit of gossip going on and relax for a while. Get with us – we need you.

**Reminder that the church has quite a comprehensive library of reading books, why buy a new one when you can borrow exchange or donate. They are in boxes with titles easy to read. Please leave a donation in the box by the entrance door.**

## **JOIN US FOR**

**Church Services for June**

**Next Service is June 9<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer at 10.00am**

**Benefice Service 30<sup>th</sup> June with Rev MARK James 10.30am**

**THE BIG BBQ Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm is with burgers, chicken, sausage, salads, dessert and drinks all inclusive price of £10 per person £5 children under 12**

**Afternoon tea, cake ON Saturday 10th August relax with us - enjoy music, poetry and jokes to raise a smile - from 3.00pm – till you want to go home.**

Join in a singalong your favourite hymns/songs, let me your favourites and I can make up a list. Tel no. above. Don't be shy we are all amateurs – just have some fun.

**CHOTA Day will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>**. The church is open to everyone to come along see and chat to members of the Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club as they connect to other radio enthusiasts across

the UK and Europe from inside Holy Trinity. Refreshments for sale.

**Breakfast rolls, cheese scones, scones with jam/cream and tea and coffee**

**Open to the public from 11.00am closes to public 3.30pm.**

**CHOTA is:- Churches and Chapels On The Air** was started after WW2, it has a worldwide following.

**Christmas Tree Festival December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. Put it in your 'Diary' start getting your thinking caps on - times and details in next issue of newsletter. Together we can make it a bumper crop.





**News on services- keep your eye on the Church noticeboard for service dates.**

**From July: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.00am Morning Praise**

**Harvest Festival September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm** Refreshments. Gifts suitable for the food bank please.

**Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at the 'WW1 Tommy' statue at the front of the church gathering at 10.45am for 11.00am silence.

Any changes will be put on the noticeboards around the church

**Church Gardening** - It's that time of year where everything is growing furiously - there is much to do and we need help weeding and keeping the church yard looking tidy. We have people who keep the churchyard neat and tidy - we applaud them. Keeping the graves tidy is the responsibility of families but in an ancient churchyard like ours there may be no family in the area. We meet people from around the world in our churchyard who are descended from residents of this community they thank us for keeping their ancestors grave tidy, those who just come for a look around say thank you for keeping the grass short - they can leave their welly's in the car. Would you help maintain this high standard by joining us? Weed a few graves in the churchyard when your time permits. At the moment we are working between 1.00pm and 5.00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month but that depends on the weather. Turn up at any time you will be welcome.

Like strimming? you can strim to your hearts content in the churchyard - you'll need your strimmer as we don't have one - we can supply fuel. It is too big a job for one person to undertake.

Its good exercise and you will feel such a sense of satisfaction - trimming a BIG lawn.

We supply a cup of tea and a biscuit, plus bit of a gossip to help it down. See you soon.

**Isabel and Roy**

Church Wardens

## **Millenium Yew Tree – planted along path into Holy Trinity Church**

Edna Mortimer, formerly a resident of Milton Damerel, for some years the Parish Clerk and co-founder/ compiler of the Parish Newsletter, recently forwarded these comments and photographs.

She said

"I was talking recently about my trip down memory lane to Milton Damerel the other day. I really wanted to see if the millennium Yew tree planted back along in the year 2000 had grown or even survived. I was so happy to see how healthy it is looking now. My friend took a photo of me beside the tree and I searched for the photo taken at the planting. Some of the Parish Council members are no longer with us and Father Reynolds and it feels rather special. Next year will be the 25th anniversary, how quickly time passes. I thought you might like to see the photos, I'm sure there are other copies, I treasure mine."



The Parish Councillors in 2000:

From left ... Rachel Watkins, John Prouse, Janet Elliot with spade, Phillip Reed, David Poole, Charles Bellew, Edna (Parish Clerk), John Carter... with Father Michael Reynolds.



Edna Mortimer 2024

## **LOOKING BACK**

**From Holsworthy Post on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 50 years ago April 13, 1974**

A Milton Damerel Parochial Church Council meeting, Mr Norman Webber was elected secretary in place of Mrs Clarke, who has left the parish.



Bingo saved some lucky people from having to buy Easter Eggs. Next was a Soup and Sweet night, something we have not done for a while. Home made Soup and lots of delicious sweets to choose from, Pavlova, Gateaux, Trifle, Tiramisu, Lemon pudding were just some of the options and there was enough for seconds. Neil & Hayley tested our brains with fiendish anagrams to decipher alongside and pictures of desserts, and Peter Self displayed more of his collection of artefacts. This time different types of measuring instruments.

The May Community Cafe included our annual Plant Sale and was well supported. All monies from this event were donated to North Devon Hospice as part of Lesley and Melanie doing the Night Walk on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Total raised in the hall including donations was £360 so with a "Just Giving" page as well, we hope to raise around £500.

The regular Monday Morning yoga classes are on hold over the summer months but hopefully will resume in the Autumn. Tuesday evening dancercise at 7.45 continues to be well supported.

After our problems with insurance compliance Bob Sage has worked tirelessly to complete all the tasks on their "To Do" list in order to continue cover. Some repair work will be carried out on fascias and guttering in the near future this will hopefully give us some breathing space from the continuous damp problems caused by the age and construction of the building. As you will see we have several events planned for the summer as well as the regular Community Cafe. The Flower and Produce show will be on 31<sup>st</sup> August and the next Big Breakfast in early September.

As ever we are always to welcome new volunteers.

Currently there is a need for a NEW TREASURER. The post involves general basic accounting, invoicing and using online banking. Any offers would be gratefully accepted and all assistance and help will be given when taking over this position. Just contact any committee member or give me a call, Melanie 07929509534

## Parish Hall The Way Ahead Part 2

As mentioned in Spring issue some decisions need to be made concerning the future of the hall. We plan to have an "Open Meeting" on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This will be an opportunity to discuss the options for the future of the hall. There will be FREE tea, coffee & cake!

Come and discuss options with us. As a committee we need to know what it is that Parish residents want from the hall or if you want a hall at all. So get you thinking caps on! A full refurbishment, or a new build or even closing it and demolishing it all require funding of some sort. In order to apply for funding we need "hard evidence" of support from the community. IE letters, emails, suggestions of new activities etc. Even if you are not currently a regular user of the hall, it would be beneficial to all if you could call in and give your comments or forward them via email.

If we are unable to demonstrate sufficient support from the wider community then the hall will close as the maintenance costs in the future will be unsustainable. If that happens it will be increasingly difficult in a small community to restart it. Many members of the village have lots of memories of family celebrations in the hall. More recently we all celebrated The Golden Jubilee, The Platinum Jubilee and then The Coronation as a community and more memories were made. It would be sad if that all came to an end. So please let us know your thoughts. Thankyou. Emails can be sent to [mel@completeknight.co.uk](mailto:mel@completeknight.co.uk)

## From The Archives

These letters are from a page from Farmer & Stockbreeder July 1946 following an appeal to the government for farm workers.. I presume the labour shortage referred to was the aftermath of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. My Mother was a new farmers wife and from a nursing background. I should imagine she was wondering what she was letting herself in for!

As I live on an isolated hill farm with husband and two boys where there is no help of any kind, I appreciate the lot of many farmers wives. It seems to me the only way of bringing about improvement is by setting up some kind of organization which would have the support of farmers wives throughout the country. I think collective action is needed to bring the benefits to working farmers wives that the various unions have obtained for their members.

It seems in these days no notice is taken of individual complaints and we must become organized to be heard. I wish you the best of luck in any effort you may be able to make to do something for the women on the farms. A. Nisbet. Argyllshire

Another letter.... I have four children and give one man his midday meal. The house has 12 rooms but no bathroom, gas or electricity, my kitchen range is dated 1882. I tend the garden and do all the housework and have not had a day off in 11 years. Am I deserving of more help. J. Revill

A third letter comes from a homeless couple who where the wife would gladly help in the house in return for somewhere to live. While her husband has a job in a nearby town.

Might this be a solution to some of the current rural housing problems?



## MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL

### Upcoming Events 2024

**SATURDAY** COMMUNITY CAFE  
1st JUNE 10.30 TO 1.30

**THURSDAY** PUBLIC MEETING  
20th JUNE FUTURE OF THE HALL  
7.30PM

**LATE JUNE** CIDER AND PASTY WALK  
TBC

**SATURDAY** COMMUNITY CAFE  
6th JULY 10.30 TO 1.30

**SUNDAY** AFTERNOON TEA &  
21st JULY FAMILY FUN 3PM

**SATURDAY** FLOWER &  
31st AUG PRODUCE SHOW

**EARLY SEPT** BIG BREAKFAST



### Evelyn's Walk (11/03/24)

On Monday 11th March, eight of us met in the car park next to Bridgerule Village Hall. We had a discussion about what would be the most appropriate footwear given that there are no footpaths in Bridgerule & whether to wear a coat. Unbelievably, it wasn't raining & it was very mild. Before setting off, we discussed how busy it was in the Village Hall. There was obviously a class taking place & the Post Office was open. We noticed the new building which wasn't evident twelve months ago & is intended to be a Community Shop. It looks as though building work is nearly finished but apparently more fund raising is required in order to complete the project. As we set off towards the bridge over the River Tamar, there was mention of the shops that used to exist in the village. We were fortunate to be in the presence of people who remembered the original Post Office, Sweet & Antiques shops & they pointed out where they used to be. We were amazed how well the river was dealing with the volume of rain that we have experienced in recent months. However, there was evidence that it had flooded recently. We walked up the hill passing the School & Glebe House Cottages. Somebody remarked that the incumbent of St. Bridget's Church would have lived there when it was the Rectory. The chances are that Father Kingdon would have walked along the BOAT (By-way Open to All Traffic) in order to get to the Church. An alternative view was that he would have travelled with a pony & trap. In this case, he probably would have stayed on the lanes. It might have been further but less steep than the "Roly Poly". We admired the Church tower in the distance & enjoyed watching the young lambs playing in the sunshine as we negotiated the only PROW in Bridgerule. We were pleased that we had anticipated mud at the lowest point. We made a slight detour to visit the Church. The door was locked but we admired what we believe to be a stone stoup in the porch. We also discovered Father Kingdon's resting place & marvelled at the thought that he was still serving the Parish at the age of ninety eight! We then walked down the hill towards the village but took a detour through The Bridge Mill with very kind permission of Alan & Rosie Beat. We soaked up the sunshine as well as the peace & tranquility listening to Wrens & seeing Buzzards overhead. We saw a deer, a Snipe & I'm sure that we saw Willow Tits feeding in the courtyard. I have had a look at the web site & The Bridge Mill is open to the public on Sundays 26th May & 2nd June. It's well worth a visit especially when the water mill is operating. Proceeds go to charity. It was difficult to drag everyone away but we ventured back towards the car park by way of the Hedgehog Crossing which made everyone smile. What a lovely way to start the week.

Please contact me if you would like any more information.





## Evelyn's Walk (13/05/2024)

After several consecutive days without rain, it couldn't stay dry any longer. We met in the Village Hall car park in Chilsworthy on Monday 13th May wearing waterproofs. It was only drizzle but quite wetting. In spite of that, we set off in fine spirits towards The Green which had obviously been cut recently. Quite an achievement given how wet it's been this spring. We followed the BOAT (By-way Open to All Traffic) which reduced the distance that we needed to walk on the road heading towards the Chapel & Quarry Park. We followed the footpath on the left which took us along the edge of grassy fields. We all commented on the self-closing gate that has replaced the stile. It made the route so much easier especially as stiles can be a bit slippery when they get wet. The route was well marked & took us over the stream via a footbridge & through another self-closing gate. We then followed the footpath across more grassy fields towards the



road. This can be quite a busy road running between Chilsworthy & Bradworthy but in reality we only saw a couple of cars before we turned left in approx. 100m along the lane towards Burnards House. The hedge must have been shorter than when we walked this route in August last year as the Tumulus was immediately obvious in the adjacent field. If you look on an OS map, it is marked as Ugworthy Barrow. We walked along the lane which was looking very pretty with Bluebells & frothy Cow Parsley. We passed the entrance to Thorne Manor on our right & then joined the footpath on the left. It's actually the drive for Parnacott House which has an interesting history. There is lots of information on their web site. The footpath continues through the courtyard & along a track towards Parnacott Farm. This is notoriously wet given its close proximity to the route of the Bude Canal in times gone by. We took a wet but drier route along the footpath on the left. This took us across the fields towards School Lane in Chilsworthy. It was a joy to see the most beautiful Copper Beech tree & watch the lambs playing together before we returned to our cars. The route made a very nice circular route of approx. 3.75 miles. We didn't walk particularly fast & were back within two hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 10th June. We will be setting off from the Village Hall car park at Bratton Clovelly at 10am. Everyone is welcome. Let me know if you need any more information.  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!



To:- George Preston of Sparrow Cottage, who celebrated his 70th Birthday in May.  
Tony and Caroline Brimacombe of Coppers, who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 9th May .



## WELCOME



To:-

None received



## OUR SYMPATHIES



To:- Sally, Thomas and Rachael on the sad passing of husband and father  
Ashley Vallance



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## **MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP.**

At the Garden Club AGM on Monday 18th March 2024, a decision was made to discontinue with the club in its current format. Mainly because of low numbers attending meetings and it is difficult to justify speakers etc. Going forward we are going to continue, but in a more informal way. We will call ourselves THE GARDENER'S GROUP. It is hoped to have some garden visits in the summer and some social meetings in "members" gardens locally to meet up and discuss all things garden related and probably anything else!

Notification of "events" will be via 'What's App', if members don't use this app we will email/phone as requested. For the time being the funds will remain in the bank, but some may possibly be used to fund garden visits, planters at the Parish Hall and in the Parish etc. We have cancelled our subscription with RHS and have not renewed our insurance.

It is hoped to run the Flower and Produce show as usual, the date will probably be 31<sup>st</sup> August.

We hope the few members who did attend the meetings, will still be interested in the group, in its new format and enjoy the different way forward.

**Melanie Richardson      261 353**  
**Lesley Self                261 294**

## **WHAT'S ON .....**

### **Arts & Entertainment in our area**

#### **HATS Theatre, Holsworthy**

[www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk](http://www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk)

HATS is an amateur theatrical society in Holsworthy, having their own 250-seat theatre and produce plays and pantomimes for the local community. The pantomimes are normally performed in mid- to- late January – are excellent entertainment and attract good audiences.

Other events at the Theatre:

#### **MEVAGISSEY MALE CHOIR**

29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

#### **SUMMER DANCE SHOW 2024**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 5.30pm

**The Plough Arts Centre, Torrington** [www.ploughartscentre.org.uk](http://www.ploughartscentre.org.uk) Box Office: 01805 624624

The Plough Arts Centre based in Torrington provides an extensive, varied and interesting programme, including workshops – programmes and one-off days; live events – open air theatres and events at numerous locations around North Devon; theatre; comedy; films; music; and exhibitions and has its own Café & Bar "Charlie's@The Plough". The diary found on the web-site provides details of events, workshops, etc., programmed for each day. Included in the summer programme of Open Air events are:

Thanks to the support of Holsworthy Town Council

Miracle Theatre present 'Love Riot'

In the open air at Badock Gardens, Holsworthy 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6.30pm

Sun & Moon Theatre present 'The Winter's Tale' by Shakespeare

In the open air at Reforge Retreat, Black Torrington Fri 28 Jun, 7:00pm

Box Tree Productions present The Wind in The Willows Drama Wksp 6-11yrs

Hartland Abbey Wed 31 Jul, 3:00pm

Followed by Open Air production at 5.00pm

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### Milton Damerel Men's Skittles.

The Holsworthy District, Milton Damerel A team, were the overall winners in the League. Both the A and B team won the Aggregate Cup. Anthony Down, from the A team, tied with the highest away score with 99 points

### The Puffing Billy

Yet another Tarka Trail eatery! We have eaten here a couple of times recently. Once when we just called in for a coffee after a short walk, then Jim couldn't resist a full breakfast and I had a very substantial sausage and bacon roll, both kept us going for the rest of the day. On another visit with a friend I had fish goujons (posh fishfingers!) in crusty bread this was excellent and the fish was really juicy and tasty and plenty of it. As an alternative to the Tarka Trail a visit here could be included as part of a walk on the commons and if you park at the top of hill you can reward yourself with a Hockings ice cream when you return to your car!

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If you are not aware of this scheme, it is a free service which the D & C Police have been running for over ten years. It is a secure database of secondary keyholders for your property, whether business premises or private, so that the police know who to contact if there is an incident involving your premises and you are not available e.g. away on holiday etc. The advantages of this scheme which is completely free are:

- The ability to bring problems at your property quickly to the attention of a keyholder – to ensure that your property receives attention in the shortest possible time.
- To allow the authorities to quickly notify you of any impending danger such as flooding, pollution etc – to ensure your safety.
- Your information will be kept secure and will only be available to the emergency services – to ensure the security of your personal details.
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unoccupied for any length of time (holidays?).

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For further information and to register go to the Devon & Cornwall Police website and look under “keyholder”.

**Livestock Worrying:** We are told that livestock worrying is 30% up on last year and that Devon and Cornwall holds the dubious accolade of being the area of highest incidence. Please remember that the green fields around us are not a public playground and that your pets should only be allowed to roam freely there with the express consent of the landowners. Even on public footpaths, pets should be on a leash because there may well be livestock in the field and your pet could run off the “play” if it spots other animals.

Livestock worrying is a criminal offence. It is also an offence if a dog is not on a lead or under close control in a field or enclosure of sheep. Dog owners are reminded that farmers have the right to take appropriate action to protect their livestock from attacks, and the owner of dogs witnessed chasing or attacking livestock could receive six months' imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £1,000.

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## HOLSWORTHY and DISTRICT LADIES SKITTLES LEAGUE

As mentioned before the League decided to have two groups of Skittle Clubs. One the normal 2 teams of 6, Division A and where the Parishes could not get 12 players, 1 team of 8, Division B. Also, the season was really short, so all Parishes played a home and an away match before Christmas and again after Christmas.

We all started on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Division B finish on 7<sup>th</sup> March and Division A on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The League Competition matches were held at the end March.

Winners of the Holsworthy Ladies League:-

Division A, were Boyton B team with 64 points and Milton Damerel A team came second with 60 points.

Division B, winners were Highampton with 59 points and Bradford A/B team came second with 51 points.

Holsworthy League will be entering two teams into the Devon County Competition which is being held on 18th May in Torquay.

Mikaela Rofo from Milton Damerel "A" has qualified to take part in this competition.

The Dinner and Trophy Presentation evening was held at The Holsworthy Golf Club on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Lesley Self

## MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT OVER 60's GROUP

We were sad to hear in March that a member and once, our Vice Chairman, Edward Beckly had died in December. We did feel it was too late to send a card and condolences from the group.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting, we were given a list of the forthcoming Coach Trips. See below. This meeting, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had our normal afternoon social and played cards and table games. We had our AGM at the May Meeting. The committee were re-elected on bloc. Membership and Subs stayed the same.

Our Coach Trip on 16<sup>th</sup> April was to Wells, stopping at Blackdown Garden Centre for coffee. Weather was good and the day was a very enjoyable.

### Milton Damerel Over 60's Outing Dates.

21<sup>st</sup> May, Cornwall Services for coffee, NEWQUAY & ZOO, eat before leaving.

18<sup>th</sup> June, Bernaville Nursery for Coffee, SIDMOUTH, eat before leaving.

16<sup>th</sup> July, Honey Farm for Coffee, EXMOOR, MINEHEAD, Pelican for Chips.

20<sup>th</sup> August, Newton Abbot for Coffee, TORQUAY, eat before leaving.

17<sup>th</sup> September, Kernow Mill for Coffee, LOOE, eat before leaving.

15<sup>h</sup> October, Exeter Services for Coffee, TAUNTON, eat before leaving.

Although we call ourselves 'Over 60's Group', you do not have to be over 60 years of age to become a member. All ages are welcomed to join us for a social afternoon and any Coach Trip. Once members have booked a coach trip, any remaining seats are available for friends of the group.

Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2.30 to 4.30 at Milton Damerel Parish Hall. At present, membership is £4 and monthly subs £2. This does include a raffle ticket, tea and Biscuits. Our Coach Trips are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Holsworthy Walk & Talk

Thankfully spring has made a tentative appearance following so much rain and attendant mud. The spring flowers are managing to emerge now which always gives us much needed colour and optimism.

This month, on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, we are celebrating 10 years of our Walk in the Park. Our first walk was on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 for which one walker turned up! We now have an average of 14 walkers each week. The Walk in the Park came about as a result of an idea put forward by Penny Weighell, one of our Walk Leaders at the time, as she felt there was a need for a short walk for people with limited mobility who would benefit from the exercise and social opportunity. Penny was quite right, with many physical improvements being reported by the walkers and lots of laughter and friendships forged. If you, or anyone you know, has been involved with the Walk in the Park during the last ten years please feel free to come along to the Sports Pavilion in Stanhope Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am for a cuppa and reminisce.

Recently we resurrected a route which we haven't used since before the Covid pandemic. It was essentially a road walk, because our rural footpaths are still very muddy, and took us from The Square in Bradworthy, out towards Quoigate Cross and then picking up the unclassified lane to Dinworthy. At Great Dinworthy Farm we returned to another surfaced lane and headed south to Crosspark and then back to The Square. A 3 mile round trip. There was very little traffic on the lanes and the panoramic views south from Dinworthy were magnificent in the sunny weather.

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.

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

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## Regular Events

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 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  
 Milton Damerel and District Garden Group

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month 2.30pm  
 1st Wednesday every month 7.30pm  
 3rd Wednesday every month  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month 7pm for 7.30pm  
 2nd Sunday every month 11 am  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month 11 am  
 2nd Sunday every month 11.30am  
 4th Sunday every month 10am  
 Every Monday & Friday 10.30am.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every Month.

## ABBOTS BICKINGTON AND CHURCH NEWS

Reverend David Skinner took his last service at Abbots Bickington Church on 5<sup>th</sup> May. After hymns and communion, David being very fond of animals moved the congregation to the Calf House and said prayers amongst the calves. The afternoon finished with refreshments, all involved enjoyed the occasion.

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## THE NEWSLETTER GROUP and GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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### BEFORE YOU SLEEP

Leave guilt on the floor  
by your slippers and robe  
your worries may nestle there too  
let shame and embarrassment  
slip through the door  
there's no place for such things here with

let memories of laughter  
words aimed to warm  
fill up any space in your head  
remember the smiles  
of the people you love  
let those treasures come with you to bed

you did all you could  
with the day that you had  
you led with that heart full of love  
you toil and you care  
and that's *always* enough  
so release that dark load to above

now rest, close your eyes  
let your fears melt away  
give in to the slumber you crave  
you are giving your all  
to this cycle of life  
welcome dreams and await a new day.

*Donna  
Ashworth  
"Wild  
hope"*



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