
MILTON DAMEREL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021

85th EDITION

A photograph of a group of sheep standing in a snowy field. In the background, there is a bare tree and a fence. The scene is set in a winter landscape.

*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*

A Cry For Help

Many residents in the Parish enjoy receiving these Newsletters as they contain useful information and helpful advice.

The newsletters are produced by a small group of volunteers that has recently lost three members with computer skills.

This leaves one 80 year old member acting as Treasurer, Advertisement manager and Compiler.

This position can obviously not survive for long so the Newsletter is on the verge of closing down which would be a great shame after all the work put into it over the years.

We are in desperate need of new members with some computer knowledge.

We meet 4 times a year for approx. one & a half hours.

If you would like to help, please ring David on 01409261577 or any other member of the group listed in the Newsletter.



Further to the above and to answer any questions that potential group members may have, there will be a

**public meeting
in the Parish Hall
Thursday 16th December
commencing at 7pm.**

If you think that you would like to help, please come along, meet the 'team' and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a mince pie.

Please take the step

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Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The agendas for all meetings are displayed on the notice boards and available on the Milton Damerel Website, no later than the Thursday before the meeting. The draft minutes are posted to the website within 30 days, 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.

COVID 19

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

District Councillors

Our District Councillor Ken James attended our August Meeting, his report has been printed within the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting. Councillor Kit Hepple has not been able to attend due to pressures of work. Although not always available to attend meetings Regular updates are also received by email, both Councillors work in the background to support the Parish, they can be contacted anytime by all, for any help or advice that might be needed.

Devon County Councillor James Morrish

Councillor James Morrish attended our October meeting, details of his report are in the minutes of the meeting, these are available on-line. James has 'several hats' within Devon County Council, and works extremely hard on behalf of all the residents he represents.

He can be contacted by email for any help or advice you might need.

PFCSO Mark James has been unable to attend any meetings this year due to his workload, but sends regular updates by email to the Parish Council, these reports are posted to the website.

Planning matters:

There have been a few planning applications over the past three months, one for the conversion of a storage barn, one for outline planning permission at Holsworthy Beacon for three dwellings, and outline Planning for One dwelling at 'Garden of Eagles', your Parish Councillors give great consideration to all applications received, their concerns and comments are reported in the minutes and passed on to Torridge planning department.

Although the application for the development at Town Farm has been approved for some time, there are little 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 as possible.

Parish Newsletter

The newsletter is in danger of not being published in the future. This is due to resignations, urgent help is required for compilation and general administration.

Meetings are held four times a year. There will be a public meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 16th December commencing at 7pm. Please come along and meet the 'team' and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a mince pie.

The Step Back in Time Fund:

For young people still has a balance of £183.02 Grants can be made from this fund to help young people of the Parish undertake special activities, such as volunteering at an event at home or overseas. We are pleased to announce that we have given a grant to a young lady who needs financial help for her forthcoming visit to Sweden, which is part of her course at Petroc College.

Applications in writing can be sent at any time to the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk, outlining the project for which the grant is requested.

Annual Grants

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

Cheques for successful applicants will be distributed in September 2022.

Website

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

Community Defibrillator (AED):

The AED is 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, 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 always passes on the complaints to Devon Highways, copies are always sent to Councillor Morrish, who will substantiate our complaints.

The more people that go onto Devon County Council's website and reports potholes and poor road surfaces the better, the Parish Council encourages residents to do so as often as they can.

Parish Footpaths

The Parish Footpaths have been looked after by Michael Jackson for ten years, he will be retiring in the New Year and is looking for one or two persons to take over:

Volunteer(s) Required

The Parish Council would be pleased to hear from any person(s) who might be interested in helping them to undertake regular inspections and some light maintenance work to help to keep our network of Parish footpaths open. The Parish has 7 footpaths, plus "Butterfly Lane", which in total have a distance of approx. 3 miles.

If you feel that this might suit you, in the first instance would you please contact the Parish Clerk, Lorraine Buttery, whose details are on the Parish Council page at the beginning of this issue.

Finally, as 2021 draws to a close the Chairman, Councillors and Parish Clerk of Milton Damerel Parish Council wish all Parishioners a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

Freedom of information: Requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some information can be made available by email free of charge, paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side. Copies of the recent Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes are available on www.miltondamerel.com

Chapel News – Dec 2021

From our Minister

Dear Friends

The Christmas adverts seem to have started even earlier this year than usual. There seems to be a hope that we will all start our Christmas buying season earlier, with suggestions of shortages and difficulties in obtaining some items (whisper it quietly – some toys). Christmas 2021 will be different from Christmas 2020, which for many was a very difficult time, separated from loved ones, and not been able to celebrate the festive season as they wished. The view seems to be that this Christmas is a time to “let our hair” down after months of the pandemic. I trust that the Christmas season will be a joyous one for you and your loved ones.

One of my favourite Christmas stories is Dr Seuss’ “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. The Grinch was so fed up with the noisy and joyous celebration of the Whos down in Whoville that he decided to take their Christmas away. And so, he pinched all their presents, all their decorations and all their food; and took them back to his cave. The Grinch waited for the quietest and best Christmas ever. So, imagine his horror, when the great day arrived that the celebrations in the village continued; and in many ways, were even noisier and more raucous than normal. “How can this be?” thought the Grinch looking at all the Christmas goodies holed up in his cave. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t before! “Maybe Christmas,” he thought, “doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps... means a little bit more!”

Another story tells of vulnerable child, born to poor parents, forced to obey the army of occupation, in a place not really suitable for birth. It tells of strange visitors, first from the hills, men regarded as ruffians and scoundrels, not the sort to mix with. Then there were visitors from afar, strangers in so many ways. The very life of the child is threatened by a despotic leader and his parents are forced to flee again, refugees in a foreign land. Here is Immanuel, God with us. Here is Light, Hope and Love, in the only way it can be.

May Christmas 2021 be a joyful time; and may 2022 bring you hope and peace.

Rob Blackhall - Superintendent of the Torridge Methodist Circuit.

The Chapel & Covid-19 - It has been a great delight to re-open our premises from September this year, so the Toddler Group have been meeting regularly on Tuesday mornings, and, a service with All-age Worship, which includes Sunday School, has been occurring on 2nd Sunday of each month and will continue into the New Year.. The risk assessment remains in place and we will continue to follow and amend guidance as needed:

- a) providing adequate ventilation, thus, ensuring there is a supply of fresh air to indoor spaces where people are present,
- b) cleaning more often – surfaces that are touched often, hand sanitisation or hand washing on arrival and departure,
- c) asking people who have Covid-19 symptoms or are unwell to stay away,
- d) enabling people to check in at our venue – either using mobile phone with NHS QR or by signing in with names and contact numbers (in line with GDPR),
- e) encourage the wearing of face masks and social distancing

Whilst we are pleased to be returning to our “buildings”, our church community also continues through the blessings of technology. Our telephones being a first call to keep in contact, as many do, and please let any of us know if you would like to be contacted regularly.

Sunday worship is continuing electronically at 6.30pm each Sunday and anyone wishing to join in are welcome to join our **Zoom** services using digital equipment, including your telephones. 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.

Our monthly Torridge Methodist Circuit Newsletter includes outlines of weekly services for readers to use on its own or with the Zoom service. If you would like to receive this monthly Newsletter please let us know. The Newsletter is also available on line at www.torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk and there is also a Facebook page for the Circuit. There is also a private Facebook Group, where we share thoughts, prayers and other material – this is Torridge Methodist Circuit Group – if you wish to join please go to this

Facebook page and use the Join button. Details of other Circuit Zoom events are also shown on the Facebook page – bible studies, online coffee mornings, other celebration occasions– again please contact Sarah Richards for details for Zoom access.

Dates of services, for December through to February 2022. Services at the Chapel, with entry at the main doors (and not via the schoolroom):

Sunday, 12th December at 11am – preacher: Mr Frank Watson

Sunday, 19th December at 3pm – this will be our Carol (and Crib) service – more details to follow

Sunday, 16th January – at 11am – preacher: Revd Rob Blackhall

Sunday, 13th February – preacher: Mr David Watson

Zoom Services at 6.30pm each Sunday, EXCEPT Sunday 19th December (Carol Services at various chapels in the Circuit); at 7pm on Wednesday, 22nd December for Carols; at 10.30am on Sunday, 26th December for morning service.

Christmas Day services at 10am at Buckland Brewer, Northam, and Torrington, and at 10.30am at Shebbear (Lake).

Flower Plan:

Sundays 12th & 19th December Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Sunday, 16th January Mrs Valerie Harris

Sunday, 13th February Mrs Katie Allin



First Sunday back in Chapel – 12th September.

It was a lovely morning so the planned picnic lunch was able to go ahead. David Watson's theme for the service was Creation and the young people were 'charged' with finding a variety of materials from the graveyard, to be used for collages, etc., for the Harvest service in October.

Harvest – 10th October.

Our plans for the 2021 Harvest was to ask for donations of non-perishable goods to be given to the North Devon Foodbank, which operates from the Manor Suite in Holsworthy, and also has bases across North Devon in Bideford & Barnstaple. Tables at the front of the chapel and window sills were laden with tins, packets, and boxes containing a vast array of goods, and, still to be confirmed, the weight 'carried into the Manor Suite' was 64 kilograms. Some of the gifts were retained for the Holsworthy Foodbank, and others were passed on to the Bideford Foodbank



It was encouraging the service, which was led by David Ley, was well-attended. David's theme was

identifying all the people involved in the tasks/jobs of delivering milk from our farms to the bottle in the fridge, and our thankfulness for all those individuals throughout the 'chain'.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported with gifts for the Foodbank and joined the service.

Remembrance – 14th November. In these uncertain times we are often finding that proposed plans need to be tailored to changing situations, and our Remembrance service plan was one of these. The 'planned' preacher, Mr Roy Harris, had an accident on the farm requiring his admission to NDDH and surgery. However, many of you will know that Roy often has the support of Alan Randall to operate the 'IT' and present much of the service on screen, so we were so grateful when Alan stepped up, and with his wife, Jackie, and brought to us the planned service. Furthermore, due to the organist's unplanned absence, they also projected the hymns and music for the hymns. So an enormous thanks to Alan and Jackie for a wonderful service for Remembrance.

Christmas Celebrations: See above.

Toddler Group – The Toddler Group wish to thank those who make gifts of toys, most recently dolls, and gifts of craft and other materials for the toddlers. We are very pleased to be the beneficiaries of such surplus items. The Group meets on Tuesdays mornings from 10.30am in the Schoolroom and welcomes new babies, toddlers, their Mums, guardians, and minders! For more details, please contact Sheila, on 01409 261466.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS!



To: Edwina Hale of Distant Heights, who had her 80th Birthday in November.

John Buckpitt who was 60 in September.

WELCOME!



To: Welcome back to Phoebe Overy, who has moved back to Milton Damerel. Phoebe is living with her family, Julien, Katie, William and Harriet at Ruby View.



Geoff and Rosalind Hillman at White Owl Cottage.

OUR SYMPATHIES

To those who have been bereaved recently:

Valerie Carter & Family, Janet, Alison, David & Robert, on the passing of Bill.

*** We are sorry if we miss any occasions for this page – our coverage is only as up-to-date as YOU provide information to us – see page 30 for contact details. Thank you ***



Devon and Cornwall's Marine Wildlife as seen from a Kayak.

Rupert Kirkwood
Retired Vet

For the last fifteen years I have been watching and photographing the wildlife of Southwest England from my kayak. I enjoy it so much I have clocked up over 27,000 miles in the process, including every inch of the coastline from Poole Harbour to Minehead.

In the upper estuaries I regularly see Kingfishers and have had the pleasure of watching families of otters playing on several occasions, always very early in the morning. I had a bit of a surprise when one of these otters actually turned out to be a beaver!

The open coast is the haunt of the fastest creature on the planet, the Peregrine Falcon. Last year a small bird flew inches past my ear in an effort to shake off its pursuer, and a second later a Peregrine scorched over the top of my head at incredible speed as it stooped, unsuccessfully, at its intended victim.

I see seals almost every trip along the coast. When in the water they are extremely inquisitive and will approach to within a few feet. However when they are resting on a rock they feel very vulnerable and I steer well clear of them because they need their rest. Disturbance from kayakers and paddleboarders is an increasing problem for the local seals. When conditions out at sea are flat calm, which isn't very often, I head offshore to see what I can find.

Offshore paddling is tremendously exciting because I just don't know what will appear above the surface next. The small fin of a Sunfish or the massive fin of a huge Basking Shark, a Giant Bluefin Tuna bursting out of the water, the small black fin of a porpoise or a load of splashing as a pod of dolphins swims past.

Best of all. I have had the thrill of seeing over twenty whales. Mostly Minke Whales, which are a modest thirty foot long, but also the amazingly charismatic Humpback Whale. I watched one engulfing schools of fish with a gigantic splash very close to my kayak near Penzance. An encounter I will never forget, and find hard to beat!



Holy Trinity Church News

Rev Richard Freeman Tel 01409 241315

Church wardens Isabel and Roy Fairbrother tel 01409 261181



Hello Everyone

Winter is pressing down on us but we have enjoyed some lovely warm autumn days, it shows in the gardens as the summer flowers are still putting on a bright display but their time is now done and they have to be evicted to make room for the last of the bulbs to be planted.

As I write we are now into November and with the bite of frost in the evening air threatening more to come, it makes us shudder at the thought of the cold weather and extra bills to pay. However In our church year we look forward to the winter festivities as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with warmth, thanks and love .

It has been another difficult year with the fear of Covid19 still amongst us, and is still in all parts of the world, but we are learning to live with it whilst being careful and aware when we are out. Once again we have been able to open the doors of our ancient church to share in Sunday services twice a month.

There were times this last year we didn't know if we were open or shut, but we were, and are, always following the Government guide lines for churches. When we could hold a service again the rule was 'no singing' but as the year has progressed rules have changed, but the congregation at Holy Trinity chose to forego on hymn singing until this last month when we shared a rousing hymn at the end of service.

Holy Trinity has great acoustics and despite only being a few of us we can make a great sound.

Join us on December 19th at 4.30pm, for a traditional candle lit Christmas Carol Service.

We look forward to the Christmas festivities, much more so this year after the dismal 2020 Christmas was cancelled. Make it your promise to join us this year.

We will do our best to uphold our traditions,

We will share in our favourite carols.

We will enjoy a glass of mulled wine with a mince pie afterwards.

It will be such a pleasure to be together singing or just sitting listening.

'The Thursday Male Voice Choir' have been invited to join us, what a treat.

We have been jabbed let's get back to reality wherever we can, especially at this very precious time of the year.. Life is for living -

With this in mind we have moved the traditional Carol Service to Sunday afternoon.

It will follow in the usual traditions of Holy Trinity.

Notices will be put around the village and outside the church.

We look forward to our community coming together for this once a year joyous occasion.

Churches without a regular congregation are closing the doors – more so since Covid19 struck as they have no income and no congregation.. Already a church in this area is earmarked for change. Holy Trinity is keeping its head above the parapet at the moment but without a congregation this situation could alter.



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Since 1957 when it was founded as the Huddersfield South Methodist Radio Club, G3LQK by the Revd Arthur W Shepherd it became an international organisation in 1958 called WAMRAC - the World Association of Methodist Radio Clubs. It then changed its name in 1978 to reflect the growing ecumenical nature of its membership and became WACRAL.

This year the Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club secretary Mr Don Roomes asked if we would consider allowing his local group to broadcast from inside Holy Trinity Church, we were pleased to say 'yes' as it gave us an opportunity for 'something different' in church and a fundraising opportunity for the roof too.



The group set up their equipment early Saturday morning and were ready to broadcast by 10.00am. The weather that morning was pretty awful with rain and heavy mist which made broadcasting a bit more difficult for the club but soon we could hear the call sign (GB0MDC) as contact was made with

enthusiasts broadcasting from other areas of the UK. Don and his group, very proudly, made it clear to all that they were broadcasting from inside Holy Trinity Church, Milton Damerel, Devon. Contact was made with another Holy Trinity Church at Manchester and the furthest calls – though it was a difficult connection – was with Christ Salvador in Prague and Holy Spirit, Stare Mesto, both in CZECH REPUBLIC

There were connection to churches and chapels throughout the UK but the weather condition did have an effect on the clarity of the airwaves.

We had plenty of tea and coffee with cake and scones and the 'much-missed' raffle with really fantastic prizes (lots of interesting 'bottles') to keep everyone happy. Visitors and club members trickled through in the morning but by afternoon we had a goodly number of interested people milling about or just watching and listening to the club at work as they sat with their tea and enjoyed social connection once more.

Thank you for generous donations. We were able to add a further £158 to the roof fund.

We are very pleased that HARC asked to transmit from Holy Trinity, the club said it was the first time they had transmitted from a church and they enjoyed it so much they have booked to repeat the experience September 10th 2022.

Thank you to the Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club for your generosity to our parish church. We look forward to your return in 2022 .

Harvest Festival is amongst the favourite church occasions and is in normal times well supported but attendance this year was greatly down - into single figures. After the service we enjoyed a cream tea together, there were plenty of scones to go round. Despite the small number we enjoyed a pleasant relaxed social afternoon.

It is not surprising that communal events are suffering but for many people it is a treat to get out of the house and do something traditional and in church we practise all we can to keep everyone safe.

The Christmas Tree Festival has been cancelled for another year as people have shown a reluctance to come to events in church despite all precautions being in place. From a roaring first event the number of people bringing in trees has diminished slightly so perhaps now that the event has been rested for two years you will all be full of ideas and raring to go again in 2022. Let's not lose another community event. As we look ahead to 2022 look forward to 'doing a tree' for the festival and be community spirited - then we can revive this bright fun event in a blaze of colour and lights. You now have a whole year to make your plans.

Winter Gardening now once a month from 1.00pm subject to the weather:

October – hooray at last we finally had a chance to have a 'proper' afternoons gardening and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat – an integral part of our afternoon.

A fine crisp day and out came the willing gardeners working in unison again, it has been such a long time. Steve was ploughing down the grass with his ride on – he's very skilful at manoeuvring between grave stones, Anne busy cleaning out the debris from gulleys at the base of the church walls, Keith was flying round with a hand mower with Mike

following up with a strimmer and Roberta was weeding graves, Roy and Graham were doing Autumn maintenance on trees and bushes, and Rob fixing the mower (again), I was chasing spiders in the church... what a tranquil scene – Holy Trinity are so lucky to have you – you are all amazing. Adrian we look forward to seeing you fit and raring to go again next year. Thank you all for keeping the churchyard a nice place to be, for everyone. Through the winter there is much to be done. perimeter hedges need trimming and hedge laying, that will keep you warm.

Dog owners please respect this churchyard and stay on the footpath. Dogs must always be on a lead when passing through the churchyard, do not use it as a public park it is disrespectful.

Gardening dates :- December 9th January no gardening February 10th March 10th
(tidying and xmas decorating)

Church Service dates for December: 2021- 2022

December 12th	Holy Communion	11.30am
December 19th	Carol Service	4.30pm
January 9th	Holy Communion	11.30am
January 23rd	Morning Service	10.00am
February 13th	Holy Communion	11.30am
February 27th	Morning Service	10.00am
March 13th	Holy Communion	11.30am



Everything moves on in one way or another and as we come to the end of 2021 we look forward to rebirth of life with the new year.

We wish our community a Joyful Christmas and a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Isabel and Roy
Church Wardens



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School news:

Bradford, along with Black Torrington & Bridgerule have been building a link with The Discovery School in Kent and then extend this to include Olmoti Primary School in Kenya. Together, we are creating opportunities for the children to get involved with environmental and conservation projects, both in the UK and in Kenya. The work planned involves joint online assemblies, school council projects, as well as curriculum projects across the four schools. The Born Free Foundation is helping with these projects. So far the schools have connected for a joint assembly – the Bradford Children were stunned at seeing a school hall filled with 630 children!

Class two had a trip out to Bridge Mill to learn about Romans - The children became archaeologists for the day digging through layers of earth and discovering different items. They got a chance to look at the items that had been found and labelled them. They also had a lesson on how they would dye wool and how wool and linen were woven.

After lunch, they got to meet Richard who talked about being a Roman soldier. The children asked lots of good questions and got some great answers. They got to see the armour that romans would wear, got into two groups and became Roman soldiers learning some commands.

Bouncy Babies continue to meet weekly on a Monday Morning, and the Pre-School is building pace to open in January. If you are interested in making use of the childcare please do fill in a note of interest form, by either contacting Jo on the details above or directly from the school website:

[https:// bradford.devon.sch.uk/admissions/](https://bradford.devon.sch.uk/admissions/)

Events & diary dates:

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Play – 6pm, Bradford & Cookbury Hall

Wednesday 15th December – Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Black Torrington 9.30am

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Thursday 16th December – Whole School Trip to Cinderella, Queens Hall, Barnstaple

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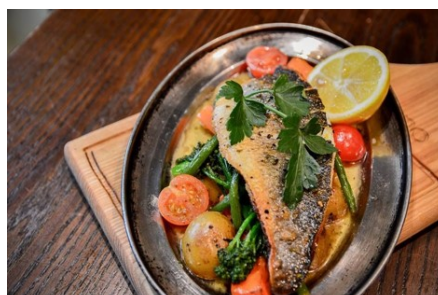
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Found by the Pannier Market in Bideford, Belluno Italian Restaurant serve quality, hand-made Italian dishes, 7 days a week, during the week they offer a 2 course set lunch menu as well as their extensive a la carte selection. They are open all day, every day, for lunch and dinner, and cater for all dietary requirements. Families are welcome, and they have a separate children's menu for little appetites.

The team have had over 20 years of experience in the restaurant industry to bring you a wide selection of food and drink to ensure that your visit is one that you will enjoy.



Holsworthy Walk and Talk

As a slight deviation from our usual Coles Mill route we parked by the Anvil Corner War Memorial, walked down the road then bearing left to Hollacombe. Many thanks go to Margaret, the Organist of the lovely Church of St Petroc in Hollacombe for showing us round. In the porch is a lintel dating from the 12th century and the church had various architectural additions in the 13th century followed by significant restoration in the 1880s. The tower is unusual having a saddle back roof, housing three bells which unfortunately have not been peeled since the 1930s due to safety reasons.



This time of year is often an opportunity for reflection on the past 12 months and we are feeling a little self-congratulatory! We have navigated the various Government Guidelines to provide our FREE weekly walks at Levels 1, 2 and 3, promoting physical and psychological health to our local community. We have risen to the challenge of becoming an independent walking group following Ramblers' announcement last

December to make significant changes to groups who wished to remain associated to them. We have also launched our own website, details below in the 'contact' section.

We would like to thank all those who have helped us during these challenges and also take this opportunity to say Thank You to the editors of the local Parish Newsletters. They do a wonderful job of keeping their parishes informed and entertained but sadly their efforts can sometimes be unappreciated. During the last few months we have lost several local publications due to the difficulties they encounter.

It just remains for us to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and good health for the coming year. Our new walk programme is available with a variety of walks on offer. Whether you are already a member, or want to walk off some of those seasonal calories, or make a New Year's resolution to get out and about and be a little more active and increase your social life then please do come along.

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Christmas Scams: With Christmas now fast approaching, many of us will be using internet shopping which brings the added risks of being targeted by scammers. Rural North Devon might be a low crime area as far as traditional crimes are concerned but internet and telephone fraud know no boundaries and the police tell us that these types of fraud continue to increase at alarming rates and large sums of money are being lost across the South West. **Courier fraud** which we have mentioned in the past, tends to increase at this time of year, so please be on your guard and be aware of the possibility of a scam. This also applies to emails and phone calls purporting to be from delivery companies, drivers, and even your bank or credit card company.

The lead up to Christmas also tends to offer rich pickings with thefts from motor vehicles increasing when shopping has been left on show in car parks etc. Our local car parks in Holsworthy, Bideford and Barnstaple are not immune from this type of theft so please don't offer thieves' temptations. **When leaving your vehicles please make sure that they are locked and that nothing is on show.**

Scrap metals of all types are also being targeted, not just in Devon & Cornwall but across the country. If you have any such material, please keep it under lock and key until you are ready to dispose of it.

Green Eco Phone Scam. A number of residents across the Parish have already received phone calls from this company. Whilst there are a number a legitimately registered companies using Green Eco as part of their title operating in the 'green energy' field there is also a rogue element trying to elicit personal details and information. They have already been reported to the police so if you receive any such approach, please end the call and hang up.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE: During the last financial year, 2020-2021, Devon & Cornwall Police received a total of 246,629 emergency 999 calls, of which 15,183 were abandoned. When an emergency call is abandoned without speaking to the caller, operators in the contact centre spend time researching the phone number to try to ensure there is no risk to the caller and will return the call several times to check on the caller. We understand that accidents happen, but if you do call 999 by mistake, please stay on the line to tell us that everything is okay – otherwise valuable resources are taken away from answering other calls. **The police want to know that you are safe and it saves valuable time. Every second counts.**



As this will be the last newsletter for this year our PCSO, Mark, also joins with us in wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas, Safe and Peaceful New Year.

Keep your dog on a lead and under control.

If you are walking your dog, keep it under control and on its lead. Even the quietest of dogs can suddenly turn into a stock worrier, and if it does the farmer is allowed to shoot and ask questions afterwards. You could also be landed with a hefty bill for any damage done; just being chased and terrified could cause a ewe to abort her lamb.

I know most of our readers are country-wise and responsible owner's but we do have new parishioners who might not understand the ways of the countryside and are unaware of the "wolf" on the rug, all dogs have the basic instinct of the wolf and pretty little woolly things will often awaken it, so please when walking your dog, keep it on a lead.



**DEVON & CORNWALL
CONSTABULARY**

Holsworthy Rural Policing Update 1/9/21 – 31/10/21:

The following crimes have been reported:

There were also 14 domestic related crimes reported during this period.

As you can see we have received a report of deer poaching. I have attached a document with some advice and information and would ask that our communities help us tackle this issue by reporting all suspected poaching-related activity to us.

ASHWATER:

1 x Communications offence
1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour
1 x Trespass on land with a firearm
1 x Abstract electricity
1 x Drive a motor vehicle when alcohol above the legal limit

BLACK TORRINGTON:

1 x Assault by beating
1 x Dog not under proper control

BRADWORTHY:

1 x Communications offence

BRIDGERULE:

1 x Act of outraging public decency
1 x Burglary with intent to steal

CLAWTON:

1 x Deer poaching

HALWILL:

1 x Criminal damage to motor vehicle

HOLLACOMBE:

1 x Non-counting action fraud
1 x Burglary other than dwelling

HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:

1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour

MILTON DAMEREL:

1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour
1 x Communication offence
1 x Theft from shop

PANCRASWEEK:

1 x Drive a motor vehicle when alcohol above the legal limit

PYWORTHY:

1 x Criminal damage to picnic bench
1 x Criminal damage to wiring

SHEEPWASH:

1 x Harassment – put in fear of violence

THORNBURY:

2 x Burglary other than dwelling

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

Always call 999 if you see a crime taking place.

Crimes can also be reported via our website:

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and information can be passed using this link:

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or by calling Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111

PC Amanda Brown & PCSO Mark James

Holsworthy Police Station

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BRADWORTHY CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival was Awesome!

All of the adults loved it. It was REALLY loud and there was a brilliant mix of different instruments in our band and amazing songs!

We were all extremely nervous, looking out at all of the people waiting to hear us. When we started playing we got more confident with every passing note - it was brilliant!

The songs we played were Combine Harvester, Hears to the Farmer (which had an awesome solo played by Arthur) and Chicken Fried. It was the first time we've played for a really long time because of covid and we can't wait for our next performance.

Our Choir were also there and they sang some beautiful songs, including Plough to the End of the Row and everyone's favourite song Cauliflowers Fluffy, to a packed church. It was great to be back in church.

The people in our band are Arthur, Robin, Sophie and James on guitar. Will on bass. Sophie and Cerys play the piano. The singers are May, Lily, Ella, Macey, Rojan, Toby, Scarlett, Lily-Mae and Jake. All of them played really well for harvest! All of the hard work paid off at Harvest Festival!

We've just found out that we're going to be playing in our Christmas Play and the Band can't wait.

Will and Robin (Year Six)

Bradworthy Primary Academy Diary Dates

Wed 8 December	am KS1 Christmas Play – The Landlord's Cats
Thurs 9 December	Christmas Parties
Fri 10 December	Christmas Dinner
Tues 14 December	pm KS2 Play – The Strange Case of Miss Shirley Holmes and
Wed 15 December	eve KS2 Play
Thurs 16 December	eve KS2 Play
Fri 17 December	am Carol Service in the Village Church Break Up
Spring Term (1)	Mon 10 January – Fri 18 February
Half Term	Mon 21 February – Fri 25 February
Spring Term (2)	Mon 28 February – Fri 8 April
Easter Holiday	Mon 11 April – Fri 22 April
Summer Term (1)	Mon 25 April – Fri 27 May
Half Term	Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June
Summer Term (2)	Mon 6 June – Wed 27 July

A merry Christmas, Bob!" said Scrooge, with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas Bob, my good fellow, than I have given you, for many a year! I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family, and we will discuss your affairs this very afternoon, over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob! Make up the fires, and buy another coal-scuttle before you dot another i, Bob Cratchit!"

Smoking Bishop.

Smoking bishop can be made ahead of time, strained, and reheated with great success.

One 750 ml bottle of port

3 oranges (Seville, if possible)

8 cloves

250ml water

Dark brown sugar to taste

Place the oranges on a tray and bake at 200°C for around 25 minutes until they have started to blacken and give off their delicious burnt aroma. Remove from the oven and allow to cool a little before slicing them up.

Next, pour the full bottle of port into a saucepan (very satisfying to do) along with the oranges and any orange juicy bits, as well as the cloves and water.

Bring to a bare simmer – don't let it boil! – and let it gently tick away at a scalding temperature (around 80°C) for around 20 minutes.

Add sugar to taste – if the oranges are very bitter and black, you might need quite a bit. If you don't want bits of orange pulp and clove floating about in the drink, strain into a clean pan before adding the sugar.

If, in the unlikely event, you do not have a mitre-shaped punch bowl, you can simply ladle straight from the saucepan into punch glasses or small mugs.

We Will Remember Them

Remembrance Sunday has come and gone. I really applaud the efforts made in Bude by the Town Council staff in their preparations for it. Shalder Hill, on which stands the war memorial, was superbly prepared to be a fitting tribute to the fallen.

This annual occasion gives each of us the opportunity to reflect on the immense sacrifices made by so many to ensure that we can live in a free society, able (within limits) to do what we want to do. Had those sacrifices not been made, the world would be a much uglier and repressive place, where individual liberties would be curtailed and we would have imposed upon us an all-powerful dictatorship.

I am sure every family has its own stories to tell about the horrors of war and the incredible efforts and sacrifices made by serving men and women to fight for our freedom. Every town and village memorial bears the names of the fallen.

And of course, there were many survivors who, too, made every effort to preserve our way of life.

In my own family, my parents played their own part. My mother left the west of Ireland to go to London to nurse the sick and wounded. My father was in the Royal Air Force.

As a teenager, his plane was shot down in 1940 in northern France. His squadron had the task of halting as best it could the relentless march by the German military from occupied Belgium into France. The crew of his Fairey Battle plane was instructed to attack the Luftwaffe headquarters at Chateau de Roumont. After the attack, they were fired on by fighters and forced to land. My father was the observer. The pilot helped his wounded crew – my father and the air gunner – from the aircraft, then set it alight. The pilot managed to evade capture and returned to his unit. Ten days later and at the age of 24, he was killed in action and was posthumously awarded the DFC. My father and his mate were captured and made prisoners of war at Stalag Kopernikus (near Warsaw). They remained in captivity until the end of the fighting.

On his return, my father was then hospitalised in Cambridge. This is where he met my mother who by that time was nursing in the same hospital. She nursed him, and they got married in Ireland in 1946. We must never forget the sacrifices of those who have laid down their lives for their country, and the many millions who assisted the war effort. Those sacrifices have continued down the decades. We owe so much to those who have volunteered to protect us and our country and our way of life.

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We can now say that the Parish Hall is well and truly open with many of the regular events happening again. A number of people have offered to help by joining the committee or by just being available to help when required and that is very good news for all.

The Ladies' and Men's Skittle matches have resumed, albeit on a lesser scale than before but is hoped that this will improve in the New Year.

It is planned to start the Whist Drives again in January. As before they will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the first one being on the 15th of January.

Forthcoming Events:

Amateur Radio Club	1 st Wednesday of the month
Milton Damerel Photographic Society	2 nd Wednesday of the month
Flourish with Fitness – Jenny Spicer	Every Tuesday at 7 pm
Gardening Club	3 rd Monday of the month
Over 60s	Start again next year
Tai Chi with Richard Small	27 th November at 1.30 pm



[See Milton Damerel Community Facebook page for more details](#)

18th December A Festive Evening of Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine.
Starting at 7.30 pm
Come to the Parish Hall and join us for a fun evening of
Mulled Wine and Carol Singing.

We are keeping a close eye on developments regarding Covid 19 to ensure the Hall remains a safe space for everyone and will be updating the terms and conditions regularly to reflect the current recommended practices for Village Halls.

We are always looking for new people to join us on the committee, particularly younger people and men! If you think that you might have some good ideas for helping to keep the hall functioning or ideas for fund raising events we would love to hear from you. Chairman: Mel Richardson, Secretary: Kate Moyse, Treasurer: Tracey Toft, Publicity: Sara Lawes. Wendy and Rob Green, Julie Sage, Mary Carter, Margaret Fishleigh, Elizabeth Bellew, Christine Cook, Charlie Brimacombe, Kay Bellew and Bethany Bellew.

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Evelyn's Walk's

On Monday 11th October, we had the pleasure of repeating the route of the last walk that we enjoyed as an Inter Parish Walk in March 2020 before the first lockdown. I contacted Mike Stone who lives in Halwill & he very kindly agreed to lead the way. Until recently, he has been the P3 volunteer for the Parish of Halwill Junction & as such has ensured that the PROWs (Public Rights of Way) have been kept in good order. He introduced us to his replacement, Penny, who has very kindly agreed to step into his walking shoes.

We parked near the Church of St. Peter & St. James & walked down the lane to Horsebridge. There are in fact two old stone bridges which must need some careful negotiation by large modern vehicles. We turned left & walked up the hill & around a right hand bend before joining the footpath on the right hand side. This took us across a grassy field & we were watched with interest by a couple of ponies in an adjacent paddock. One of them was an Appaloosa. You don't see very many of those. At the bottom of the hill, we crossed the route of the old railway & the River Carey. I was surprised that it wasn't muddier as we have had quite a lot of rain recently. It was a bit of a clamber up the other side but we enjoyed a breather whilst soaking up the glorious view in the morning sunshine. At the end of the track we joined the lane & followed the signs for Langafor Farm. We admired the dairy herd enjoying their breakfast in their barn & once again were delighted to discover that it wasn't as wet underfoot as we had anticipated for this time of year. From there we enjoyed walking across grassy fields towards the beautiful Church tower. Interestingly, it wasn't as prominent as in previous walks. I wasn't sure whether this was due to the trees having grown taller or whether there were just more leaves on the trees at this time of year.

I believe everyone enjoyed the walk which took us a couple of hours at a steady pace. It was great to have the opportunity to chatter to familiar people & some new ones. If you would like to join me on the next walk which will be on Monday 8th November setting off from Tetcott Village Hall at 10am, you are very welcome to join me. I would just ask you to contact me in advance if you would like any information about the distance, terrain etc & also to ensure that there is sufficient parking.



On Monday 8th November, I led a walk from Tetcott Village Hall. This was never included on the programme of Inter Parish walks so I was very keen to introduce the route to anyone who wanted to join me. There were eleven of us in all which included four people that I hadn't walked with since before the start of the COVID pandemic. It was especially nice to see them after such a long time.

We set off along the lane towards Luffincott. The sign said it was a 12% hill & it had been a conscious decision to walk down it as Gill & I had walked this route in the opposite direction previously. I had tried to kid her into believing that I had stopped to admire the view when in fact I had needed to catch my breath!! One of our group pointed out that a new road bridge had been built in 1931 to replace the original track which was still very evident amongst the trees on the left. We took a turning on the right which took us to Luffincott Barton. Along the way, one of our group pointed out where the Rectory had once stood until it burnt to the ground in 1911. Apparently, the Rev. Thomas Ward Brown took up the appointment as Rector at the turn of the 20th century. A local Historian wrote in 2015 that he had only slept in the Rectory for a couple of nights before he had a fright one night & decided to take lodgings in Clawton, never returning to the house. News of a ghostly presence spread & apparently people used to stay the night in the old Rectory in the hope of coming face to face with the ghost. It was claimed to be the ghost of the previous Rector, Rev. Franke Parker who had died in 1883. It was said that he had been buried 17' deep in an attempt to prevent him from reappearing. I wonder whether it was he who had caused the Rev. Brown to take fright in the night.

Next to Luffincott Barton is St. James' Church. It is a Grade I listed building & is maintained by The Churches Conservation Trust. It is well worth a visit in order to admire its simplicity but also a beautiful barrel vaulted roof, a 14th century font & beautiful stained glass windows. There is much to admire externally too. From here we followed the footpath which took us across the Tetcott Estate. We enjoyed a most glorious mixture of tranquil park land, woodland sporting autumnal colours & following the course of a stream. We even discovered a derelict cottage that used to be inhabited by a music teacher. We tried to imagine what it must have been like carrying shopping back home from Holsworthy. It would appear that it had a telephone line but I believe water would have come from a well & electricity from a generator. The footpath brought us to Tetcott Manor which we all admired. We enjoyed the walk past the Church, something to be visited another day, & across the park land to rejoin the road. It was only a short stroll back to our cars making a walk of approx. four miles. It took us two & a half hours but it definitely wasn't a walk to be hurried with so much of interest to take on board along the way.

The next walk will be on Monday 13th December. We will set off at 10am from Higher Larkworthy Farm with very kind permission from the Kirk family. I would be grateful if you could let me know in advance if you would like to join me so that I can tell you in advance about the route. Parking is also limited.

Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

Parish Footpaths

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

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

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

MILTON DAMEREL AND DISTRICT OVER 60 GROUP

The Committee are still not happy to start regular meetings. Hoping that the New Year will be more positive and this dreadful virus will be well behind us.

We would like to send our condolences to the family of Margaret Wooldridge who supported our coach trips, who has passed away recently. Also to members Joyce Daly on the passing of her husband Dan and Dora Reed on the passing of husband Derek.

We hope all our Members their Families, Friends and Neighbours have kept well and safe.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP

All meetings are normally on the **3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall** or stated venue. Membership is £5 and £2 per meeting, visitors welcome at £3. Tea and coffee and biscuits are provided.

Monday 18th October 2021 – The Garden at Andrew's Corner:

50 Years of Gardening on Dartmoor with Robin Hill

Andrew's Corner is situated on the northern edge of Dartmoor at approximately one thousand feet above sea level. The garden derives its unique character from the contrast between the rugged grandeur of the open moor and the verdant serenity of a cultivated garden.

Following on from our fascinating visit in the summer, plantsman Robin shared the challenges and delights of creating and maintaining this fascinating garden, through 4 generations of his family. He gave many suggestions for plants that will thrive in our area of Devon and some that members of the group hadn't tried before. Robin also graciously brought along some erythroniums for us to plant in our gardens.

Monday 15th November 2021 – The Coastline of Britain from a Kayak:

Talk & film show with Rupert Kirkwood

Rupert worked as a farm vet in West Devon for 33 years but had to take early retirement through injury. He spends as much time as possible paddling his kayak around the coast of Southwest England, observing and photographing the exceptional and underrated, wildlife. Many of our readers may have heard Rupert on Radio Devon. Rupert had some fantastic film footage and photographs of wildlife with some hair raising moments; very brave of him!

Monday 13th December 2021 – Quiz & Christmas Supper Special

Fun & games with Quizmaster Diana. Bring a savoury or sweet dish to share for supper and your own drinks.

Monday 21st February 2022 – Hostas and Ferns

Talk by Peter Savage of Bowden's Hostas.

Peter is an entertaining speaker and generates great enthusiasm about hostas, ferns and other plants – how to show them at their best and exactly what is involved in running a prestigious plant nursery including the design and build of gold medal winning displays and an always popular question and answer session. Includes an excellent slide show. May be some plants for sale, but it might be a bit early in the season.

Monday 21st March 2022 – A.G.M. and Seed Swap

Don't need a whole packet of peas or sunflowers? Got a better germination rate than you need? Bring your surplus seeds or seedlings (labelled please) and swap them for something else.

A.G.M. - Your chance to have a say in how the club is run, stand for committee and review our finances. The current committee members have completed their 2-year run and so the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will all need to be filled. We also need someone to take on organising the Flower & Veg show.

Monday 18th April 2022 – Penny's Primulas

Talk by Penny Jones of Staddon Farm Nurseries. Penny and Melvyn started the nursery in 1996, with a particular interest in alpine and Asiatic primulas. They now exhibit their *Primula sieboldii* collection at the RHS shows – Cardiff, Malvern Spring Festival and Chelsea as well as on our doorstep at Rosemoor. Penny will bring plants for sale.

New members are always welcome.

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HOLSWORTHY BEACON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services are held on first Sunday of each month.

Coffee Mornings have re-started and are held on Friday mornings in last week of the month.

**(But note, not in December)
A warm welcome to everyone.**

Poaching

Why is this important?

Poaching is the killing or taking of wild birds, mammals or fish without legal right or consent from the landowner. Poaching wild animals is a crime and can have a significant impact on protected species and conservation. It is often under reported and can be linked to organised crime.

What do you need to do?

Reduce poaching with simple crime prevention measures. Working together, land owners, rural businesses and members of the public should be vigilant reporting any suspicious activity to the police - noting vehicle details, descriptions and accurate location.

How can you prevent this?

- Landowners and managers, where possible, should secure gates and block unused entrances.
- Do not accept game from non-reputable sources, be aware of unhygienic and unsafe meat entering the food chain.
- Be visible - consider the use of electronic surveillance such as trail cams and the use of signs showing the area is privately patrolled or monitored
- If you see or are aware of poachers on any land, notify the police using 999.
- Anyone able to offer information relating to poaching is asked to email 101@dc.police.uk, call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 783 0137.
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Watch schemes and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area

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

Rubyview Flock update

I can't believe it's been nearly twelve months since I last wrote for the newsletter, it's been quite a year with Covid and completing my GCSE,s and also my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. We've also gone full circle with the Rubyview Flock, we had a good lambing although it was mainly ram lambs and in the sheep world you want ewe lambs, however four weathers (non breeding ram lambs) went as a new little flock to across the valley to Gratton Vineyards and we wish them luck on their new sheep owners experience and also hope they bring much joy and entertainment to the holiday makers that stay at the vineyards.

Three of the Shetland ram lambs and their mums went to Okehampton show and did very well, being placed in all classes. I wasn't able to go myself as I was on my canoeing expedition, so Harriet called in help from her friends Megan and Erin and I think they now have the sheep showing bug. There were hardly any shows this year due to Covid but we hope this will change next year. All the ram lambs have now found new homes, except for Gilbert the Zwartble ram, who is unrelated to the rest of the flock, He's now our Tup for this coming years crop of lambs and we are looking forward to the scanner coming next month to see how well he's done his job and hopefully we get some more ewe lambs this time.

Will Allin



Rubyview Footcare in Milton Damerel

"With us wrapping up warm for winter we mustn't forget to look after our feet. After many years working in care I've seen lots of foot problems hidden under socks. Several are embarrassed to ask for help with their feet, however where the client may see problems, I see potential. I'm a professional Foot Health Practitioner, qualified and registered for all ages.

I can carry out all the essential foot health maintenance treatments including corns, callus, diabetic foot care, nail cutting, general foot care, verrucas, fungal infections and athletes foot . I'm triple Covid-19 vaccinated and comply with the new legislation for professionals working in health and care settings.

Due to our rural area with limited public transport I'm happy to come to your home, or if you prefer I also run clinics in and around our local parishes. As I live in Milton Damerel , I'm able to offer good prices and flexibility in appointment dates and times to those that also live in Milton Damerel.

With the NHS reducing podiatry services there is an ever increasing need for footcare, not just for the elderly, there is also footcare needed in younger people who spend a lot of time on their feet including , health professionals, shop workers, farmers , runners, golfers, dancers etc.

I'm happy to discuss your requirements and arrange bookings, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07570 329199, rubyviewfootcare@gmail.com or find and like my Rubyview Footcare Facebook Page.

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WHAT'S ON

HATS Theatre, Holsworthy www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk

'A Christmas Carol'..a radio version performed on stage.

9th to 11th December @ 7.30pm
Tickets £6 available from HATS stall at Late Night Shopping on 4th December in Holsworthy Square or on the door on performance nights. Doors open 7pm..

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

For prices, tickets and Covid-19 requirements

..a selection of events at The Plough, Torrington, unless indicated. For a full programme of all events in The Plough diary please go to the web-site. There are several events, workshops, etc., held at other venues in North Devon.

HIDDEN HISTORY TOURS

Torrington Town Hidden History Tour ... meet at The Plough	9 th December @ 7.30pm
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Bideford Town Haunted History Tour .. meet at The Library, New Road	17 th February @ 7.30pm
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THEATRE

Quirk Theatre present Rhia and the Tree of Lights	1 st – 3 rd December @ 10.30 am & 1pm 4 th December @ 1pm & 3.30pm
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Multi Story Theatre present Beauty & The Beast	18 th December @ 3pm & 6pm
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Voloz Collection present 'The Man Who Thought He Knew Too Much'	4 th February @ 1.30pm & 8pm
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'Choice Grenfell' A tribute to Joyce Grenfell	26 th February @ 8pm
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WORKSHOPS

Youth Genesis Torrington Sunday Skate Day	12 th December. Contact: paula@youthgenesis.org.uk
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An Escape Room Adventure for all the Family, with Double Barrel Productions and the Plough Arts Centre: Escape Kids: Pirate's Christmas	Hourly from 10am to 5pm on 22 nd , 23 rd , & 24 th December; from 1pm to 5pm on 29 th December
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Print Workshop with Faye Anderson-Retter 10 week course	13 th January from 10am
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FILMS

Spencer	8 th December @ 8pm & 9 th December @ 7.30pm
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No Time to Die	10 th , 11 th & 15 th December @ 8pm 14 th December @ 7.30pm 15 th , 29 th & 30 th December @ 5pm 19 th & 23 rd December @ 4pm
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Ghostbusters 'After Life'	15 th December @ 2pm
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Spiderman – No Way Home	17 th December @ 12pm 18 th December @ 10am 19 th & 21 st December @ 7pm 20 th December @ 2pm & 5pm 22 nd December @ 4pm 23 rd December @ 7.30pm 29 th & 30 th December @ 8pm
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Encanto	19 th , 21 st to 23 rd December @ 2pm
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Eternals	22 nd December @ 7pm, 29 th December @ 2pm
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LIVE COMEDY

The Comedy Store	22 nd January @ 8pm
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Regular Events

Holsworthy Amateur Radio Club - Parish Hall
 Photographic Society - Parish Hall
 Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall
 Chapel Sunday Worship - via Zoom
 Trinity Church Holy Communion
 Trinity Church Morning Service
 Fitness Classes - Parish Hall
 Holsworthy Walk & Talk
 New Baby & Toddler Group - Methodist schoolroom

1st Wednesday every month 7.30pm
 2nd Wednesday every month 7.30pm
 3rd Wednesday every month
 Every Sunday 6.30pm
 2nd Sunday every month 11.30am
 4th Sunday every month 10am
 Every Tuesday 7pm
 Every Friday 10am.
 Every Tuesday 10.30am till 12am

Seasonal Word Search.

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ABBOTS BICKINGTON AND CHURCH NEWS

Abbots Bickington Church is now opened and was pleased to hold its first service on 28th November.

The Church is also very pleased to announce a **Carol Service** will be held on **Tuesday 21st December 2021**. All welcome.

THE NEWSLETTER GROUP and GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

If there any concerns about the data we hold or publish please contact any member of the Group to request changes to the data. Group members and contact information is listed below.

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1 x 450g tub frozen raspberries, thawed.
150g white chocolate, broken into pieces
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90 ml (6 tbsp.) demerara sugar.

1. Drain raspberries and spoon into a 1.5 litre (2½pt) flameproof dish.
2. Place chocolate in a heatproof bowl and melt over a pan of simmering water. Allow chocolate to cool slightly. Whip cream, then beat together with custard and chocolate. Spoon over fruit and chill for several hours or overnight.
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