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DONATIONS TOWARDS THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Part two of the essay on "matters arising" from the minutes of the parish council meeting held in January 1900 by George Harris

Of all the parish councilors attending the January 1900 annual general meeting **Dick (Richard) Gifford** is easily the most interesting to me partly because, like many who will read these notes, we knew him. He was a surprisingly young councilor of about twenty-five or six and lived for some sixty years into the twentieth century and therefore well within living memory. The other reason which makes him especially interesting to me is that as a youngster he was put out to work with my grand-father, another George Harris, on the basis of the old apprenticeship system by which a farmer was expected to provide all of his needs, food, lodging, clothes and pocket money until the apprentice was twenty five years old and on conclusion was provided with a new suit of clothes and I believe, an overcoat.

On several occasions Dick talked about life at Wonford in those days.

Apparently grandfather was a stickler for timeliness and if either of the men living in cottages was more than a few minutes late he would pull the watch out of his waistcoat pocket and enquire what had kept them. Should one of them be quarter of an hour late he probably would not turn up for work that morning. If the planned job was barn threshing, needing a full team grand father would send Dick down to the cottage to enquire whether or not it was possible for the workman to come up to help, which Dick said, he almost always did. He went on to say that grand-father was a fair boss, illustrating this by saying that in the summertime when hoeing roots was the job in hand "maister" would be out hoeing with the men and at leave work time he would shoulder his hoe spot on time even though the end of the row was only a few yards away.

While describing life with our family he said that many were the times he had carried my great grand-father, another George, from his seat in the chimney corner up the stairs to his bed when he had become old and frail. Many are the times I've wished that I had had the sense to ask more questions about my forebears and the times in which they lived.

However, on his own admission, Dick had a short fuse and when it blew he would say "I'm leaving maister" and move himself either to Down Farm, home to the Slee family or to Cross Farm with the Taylor family. A month or two

later he would be back at Wonford which must say something about the esteem in which he was held by all three families. In those days not all farmers were fair employers and not always was it really a home for apprentices. Those who had a good place were lucky.

I would expect to find that Dick was twenty-five when he married Grace Dunn. Grand-father provided him with his new outfit and asked him "Dick you haven't got much to get married on; how much?" Dick turned out his pockets – twelve shillings and six pence. "Not much" says grand-father "but you'll be alright, there's plenty of work to be done and you can work". How right he was, but hardly in the way he could have foreseen.

With only a minimum of schooling, some doubt as to how far he got with reading and writing, and with an economy in the use of words in conversation, it was not surprising that Dick sometimes gave the impression of being a somewhat dour character, but it was only an impression; he was a family man with a great heart. Dick and Grace brought up a family of one girl and three boys and their descendants are still established in the parish. For me his achievements included taking a horse and cart to Clovelly to collect herrings to sell locally; buying Reverend Holman's car, probably the first in the parish, to use as a hire car after the rector became terminally ill; establishing an early local bus service; and I clearly recall his first lorry when after the round the milk churns were off loaded so that it could get road chippings from Greystone quarry. Just passing down by Wonford it was necessary to change to a lowish gear and not surprising when it could be clearly seen that the tail end of the lorry was much nearer to the road than it was designed to be. Dick Gifford was a wonderful example of initiative and application to the job.

I like the true story of when Dick was driving his market bus home from Holsworthy on a Wednesday afternoon carrying several ladies of the parish with their shopping baskets laden with purchases of all sorts. As the bus turned off the main road, at Chapman's Green, Dick's steering was a bit at fault and the bus and all its contents bounced across the corner of the common throwing everything into chaos and turning over many shopping baskets. The disheveled and surprised passengers shouted,

"Oh mister Gifford!"

"Shan't charge any more for that my dears" came his immediate response.

He was the only Gifford identified in the parish between 1850 and 1900. If we look back 300 years and more there were Giffords in the parish

and one Anthony Gifford was officially described as a GENT – but that's another story.

John Richard Jollow, to give him his full title, had the distinction of being the chairman of the first Parish Council elected in Milton Damerel in 1894, a position he held for four years and continued to serve as a parish councillor until 1903-in all nine years

For many years I knew a John Jollow but not the parish councillor of 1900. It may be thought that because the Jollow and Harris families have been close neighbours since 1828 each family would know quite a bit about the other but I find that is not really so, and serves to emphasize how little we commit to memory or onto paper relating to our past generations.

From a brief look at the records, it is immediately apparent that the home ground of the Jollow family is in Thornbury parish and that the sons of the Jollow fathers were usually christened John or James; indeed the 1861 census records three Johns and two James living and working in this parish. The long tradition would appear to have been broken when John and Bertha Jollow christened their son Wentworth Austin, known as Wenty, in the early years of the last century.

The parish register, up to 1837, surprisingly shows only four entries which were:-

Marriages w.w. = witness

1794 March 24 Jollow, John of Thornbury husbandman and Susannah Collacott of this parish spinster w.w. Robert Collacott
William Thorne

1799 September 4 Jollow, James cordwainer and Elizabeth Gay spinster both of this parish.
w.w. Hugh Mill
William Thorne

1834 December 18 Jollow John of Black Torrington and Susan Collacott of this parish.
w.w. Richard Collacott
William Page

Baptism

1799 November 10 Jollow, Thomas son of James and Elizabeth

The 1851 census shows three families living in the parish. They were Thomas Jollow, aged 52 a cordwainer (as written), in our terms a shoemaker, and living at Pipers Gidcott with his wife Susanne, daughters Elizabeth 25 and Mary Ann 17, both glovers and grand-daughter Grace

aged 4. All the womenfolk were born in the Thornbury parish.

Another family was made up by James Jollow a widower of 82, described as an agricultural labourer, his daughter Elizabeth 35, and a niece, another Elizabeth aged 6. All three were born in Thornbury and Elizabeth, the daughter, was a glover of whom there were twenty-nine living in Milton at the time and which as a group would make up quite a cottage industry. Deliveries of various kinds of leather, cut to glove size and shape, would have been made to the glovers homes for stitching together, the finished work from previous deliveries being collected at the same time. By 1851 the cottage gloving industry was probably in decline.

The third family also lived at West Wonford. They were John, 46, born in Thornbury, now the farmer and with him Susanna, his wife born in Shebbear, daughter Susanne 15, and born in Black Torrington, Mary 12, Elizabeth 8, John R.6 and Thirza 2, all born in Milton. This information does not tally with the 1834 marriage of John and Susan but it does suggest that the family came to Milton between 1836 and 1839 from Black Torrington. Thornbury parish register would probably tell us the relationship between John the present farmer and James who at eighty-two must have been getting past much agricultural labouring.

Ten years on an update of the family at West Wonford heralds son James H aged nine. All the other members are ten years older otherwise the same except for an error by someone when completing the census return; in 1851 Susanna 15 was born in Black Torrington, but in Bradford it says in 1861. The second James aged 16 is a farm servant at Down Farm. This leaves two Johns; one a lad of 19 employed as a carter (horseman) at Venn and he was born in Thornbury, as was the 32 years old John Jollow employed at Derworthy as a 'confidential servant' This is the only time I've seen such an occupational description and on checking back found that John Jollow was Arthur Petherick's nephew, so it was not surprising that he should want to distinguish him from his other employees. The situation there is a bit unusual and is interesting. At that time Derworthy was farmed by Arthur Petherick, a widower of 50 with a niece as housekeeper and eight people 'living in'; the John Jollow already mentioned, John Jollow Manning from Thornbury learning to be a farmer, two carters aged 57 and 17, two servant boys aged 12 and 11 and two housemaids aged 23 and 15.

By 1871 John, our 'confidential servant' is now married and living at Woodford Bridge Public House. His wife formerly Mary Blight was listed as 'housemaid' and living there ten years earlier with Mr. & Mrs. Blake, the owners of the public house with some acres of land which John Jollow probably now managed. The family at West Wonford had reduced in number to four. John Jollow, his wife Susan, daughters Mary now listed as housemaid and Thirza, a milliner. Before 1881 the next generation had taken over the farm at West Wonford – John R.J. aged 35 and married to Annic from Newton St. Petrock with a family of three children Emily 10, Laura 6 and Beatrice 1, all of them born in Newton St. Petrock so the move to Wonford was recent. J.R.J.'s father and mother and his sister Mary, now a schoolmistress were still living at West Wonford.

Another Jollow family has become established in the parish at Holsworthy Beacon, James Jollow, 38, a carpenter born in Black Torrington parish and married to Mary J. a Milton girl and they have a family of three: Heber W. aged 4 born in Thornbury, Frederick 2, born in Milton and Francis only a month old. Many older residents of Milton will remember Fred who lived in the Holsworthy Beacon area for most of his later lifetime.

Thus we can say that John Richard Jollow, farmer at West Wonford and aged 54/55 was our parish councilor in 1900. An interesting aspect of this family study is the extent of movement from parish to parish of both farming and tradesmen's families.

Back to School

"Good Luck" to all those in the parish starting Primary, Secondary & Higher Education this September. After a small hic-up with the buses on the first day, things now seem to be running smoothly.



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At least four organisations printed parish directories but not always annually and therefore not updated to include identical information Whites' Directory for 1878-9 lists Jollow John Yeoman, West Wonford. Harrods 1878 lists Jollow John twice, first in the tradesman's column Jollow John Butcher W. Wonford and again under 'farmers' as shown below.

MILTON DAMEREL is a parish and village 5 ½ miles from Holsworthy railway station, in the south division of the county hundred of Black Torrington, union and county court district of Holsworthy, diocese of Exeter, archdeaconry of Barnstaple, and rural deanery of Holsworthy. The church is dedicated to Holy Trinity. The living is a rectory, with Cookbury annexed, joint annual value £327. 15s., with residence in the gift and incumbency of the Rev. W.D. Anderson. The Wesleyans and Bible Christians have each a chapel. There is a Board school for boys and girls. The acreage is 4252, of which the chief owners are Earl Stanhope, Rev. Coplestone, and Mr. Tickle. The lord of the manor is R.L. Tapley, Esq. The population is about 619.

Postal Regulations – The nearest money-order, telegraph office, and post town is Holsworthy.

Anderson Ref. William Dyer, rector, Rectory	Barkwill William
Tapley R.L., Esq. (barrister) East Wonford	Beare John
Ayres William, tailor and draper	Brayley John
Backway William, "Courtney Arms"	Brown Charles, and landowner, Whitebear
Beare Francis, miller Milton Mill	Cole Samuel
Blake John "Woodford Bridge Hotel"	Fishleigh Francis
Braund Thomas boot and shoemaker	Fishleigh Francis, and landowner
Brayley Amos, board schoolmaster	Harris George, Wonford
Bromel Richard, grocer and blacksmith	Jenkin James
Glover John, blacksmith and post office	Jollow John Wonford
Glover Samuel, carpenter and wheelwright	Jordan James
Hancock John, grocer, draper and tailor	Lee William
Hooper Isaac, butcher Venn Green	Millman Mrs. Mary Ann
Jones Richard, boot and shoe maker	Palmer John and landowner
Jollow John, butcher West Wonford	Penhale John
Nichols George, mason	Penhale William
Nichols William, mason	Petherick John
Paige Caleb, carpenter, painter and plumber	Pound William
Paige John, mason, carpenter and painter	Prust John
Sanders Thomas, tailor and draper	Ridge Francis
Sanders William, carpenter	Slee Thomas, Down
Thorne James, mason	Smith John
Welshford William, grocer	Smith Richard
Wonacott George, boot and shoe maker	Squire Richard, and landowner
Yeo George, boot and shoemaker	Taylor John, and landowner
Yeo Thomas, blacksmith	Toms Thomas, Whitebear
	Vivian James
FARMERS	Watkins John
Ashton William	Watkins William, Wonford
Baker Richard	

Jollow John, Wonford

I can confirm that J.J. was a butcher by entries in an old Almanac (pocket diary) for 1873 which my grand father used to record various accounts, including several for livestock sold to Mr. Jollow and giving carcass weights over a period of some five or six years from 1875-6 to 1881 and they usually were for consignments of from 8-17 ewes, 12 to 15 wethers (present day hoggets), about 10 pigs in total, 1 or 2 at a time and one or two bullocks. On some pages on which stock weights were recorded was written the word Bideford, so it may be that the meat was sold there, or possibly delivered there for onward transport by train or boat.

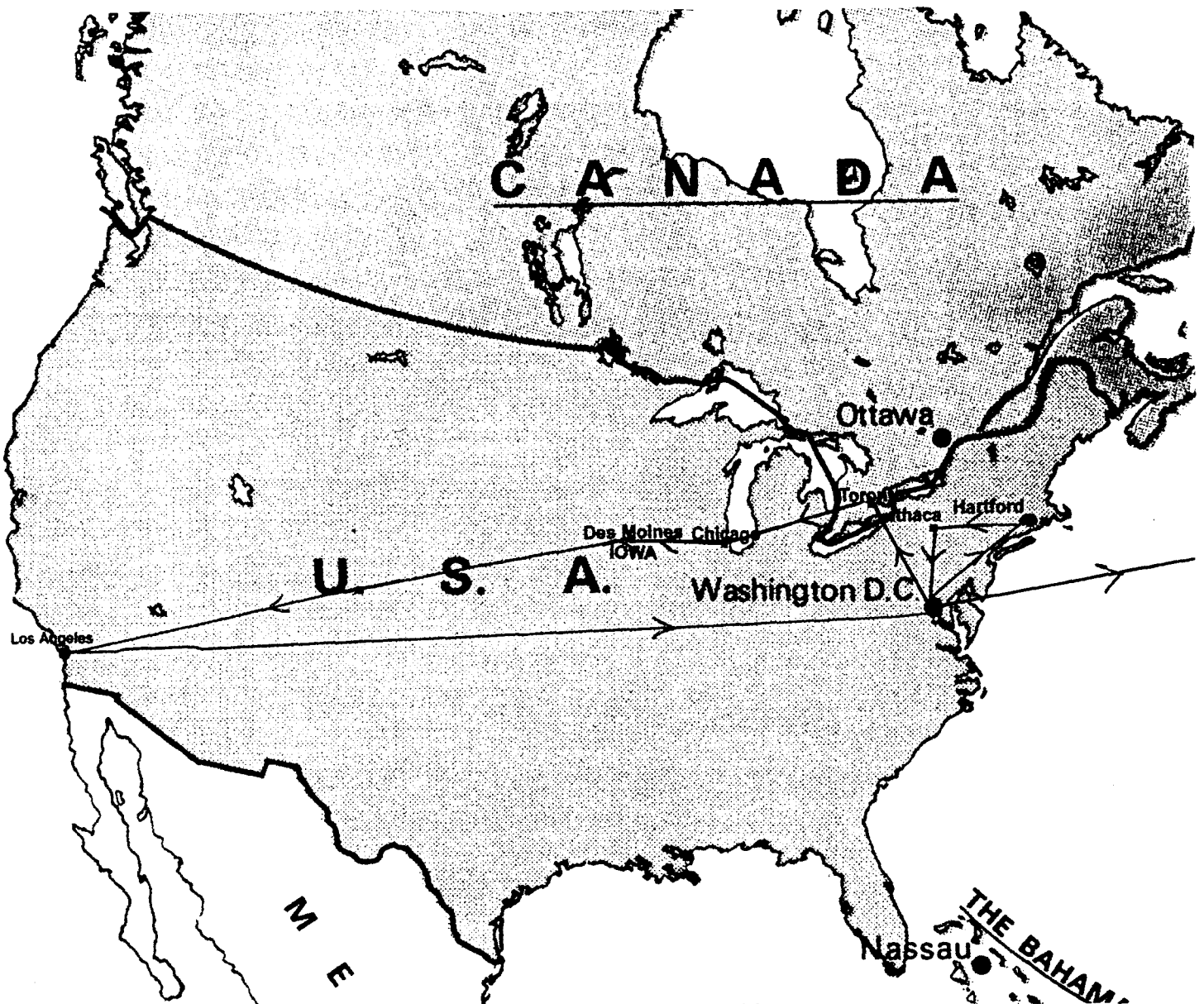
Rachel Watkins of Holsworthy Beacon wrote the following article, read on to hear about Rachel's "egg-citing time" in America!

VIEW OF NORTH AMERICA

I have recently returned from a 32-day trip to the USA and Ontario, Canada. During that time I went to 11 U.S. States plus Washington DC as well as a week in Ontario, Canada. My travel was due to a Nuffield Farming Travel Scholarship, which I was awarded last year to study 'the relationship between the farmer and consumer with special regard to shell eggs'. Not only have I travelled to North America but I have also been to Sweden and I am going to other European States in June.

I had a wonderful, fascinating journey. I was amazed at the space, diversity of vegetation, culture, 'fast food' or 'food to go' as they say and the cost of living - they were complaining that 'gas' (petrol) had reached \$1.80 or £1.15 per gallon!! (Coca Cola is more expensive per gallon than 'gas')

I have been investigating how the 'consumer' is influenced as to why, how and what eggs to buy.



I started in Washington DC where I visited the 'lobbyists' - the people who try to influence the Federal Government and Legislators. I managed to meet with representatives from the egg producers, annual welfare groups, food marketing organisations as well as an appointment at the United States Department of Agriculture.

The weather was hot in Washington so it was rather a shock when I flew to Toronto to find 6 inches of snow on the ground. It was also a surprise to find a group of happy farmers! In Canada instead of the free market economy of the United States (and indeed Europe - for eggs) there is supply management. Each producer has a quota for hens and a fixed price for eggs based on the cost of production. With hen quota running at about \$10 per hen, the average flock size 16,000 (mostly in cages), most Canadian egg producers are millionaires on their hen quota alone!!

Whilst in Canada I just had to visit Niagara Falls - a fantastic sight especially the spectacular 'ice effects'.

I spent my birthday in Chicago - it was rather lonely without the family but I did have a companion for the next week - a bouquet of flowers! Which survived 3 flights until I met up with the family in California. Illinois, Indiana and Iowa allowed me to see some farming - huge expanses of land mainly cultivated but throughout my time in North America I hardly saw any animals outdoors at all.

California was another world again. Eggs are two and a half times more expensive with some 'to us' very strange 'speciality eggs'. Fertile eggs are very popular, Green eggs and even eggs flown in from New Zealand.

I flew back to the East Coast on a night flight from Los Angeles to Hartford Connecticut. The flight flew out of LA at 10.00pm and arrived at our destination at 5.00am. However I don't think I had truly appreciated the vast size of the US in that it covers 4 time zones and by travelling from west to east I 'lost' 3 hours. It was a very short night indeed.

New England was beautiful, I visited an organic farm in Massachusetts (here 'organic' can mean animals kept indoors and just fed on organic ration) and then drove down to Ithaca a New York State and on back to Washington DC to fly home over 1000 miles.

The US cars drive slower, the roads are wider and petrol is about £1 per gallon cheaper than a gallon of Coca Cola, no wonder most cars do less than 15 miles / gallon.

On arriving home to the UK I was immediately struck by the 'colour' of the English countryside, the grass was a bright green, the daffodils and how thorn blossom was out - and the sun was shining!! (I think it has rained ever since).

Farming is a global occupation and I was never more aware of it than an experience we had on my first weekend. I decided that we (my mum & dad) should spend the weekend in Pennsylvania. I hired a car and the gentleman hiring out the car asked why I was in the United States. I said 'farming' and he said, "you're not, I'm a farmers son" - "where are you going?" I replied "Lancaster in Pennsylvania (it is the centre of Amish country)". He said, "You're not!! That's where my families farm is!" There and then he rang up his dad and we met up the very next day and visited his dairy farm in countryside somewhat similar to our own here in Milton Damerei.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to families of three babies born recently, all little girls

Annabel Bellew

Georgia Maynard

Tyler Dalton-Ginn

**MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH
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Our Minister is Rev David Wheeler (Tel: 281262)

FAREWELL TO REV Pat Crow

Milton Damerel was very privileged to have Rev Pat Crow as our preacher for his last service in the Circuit on 6th August 2000. We planned with much sadness but also much gratitude for the fellowship and friendship offered to us by Pat & Gillie over the last eight years. We had a good number in the congregation for morning service from our own chapel and circuit, and also from surprise visits by Pat and Gillie's daughter and friends of Pat & Gillie from previous appointments. It was a real joy to welcome every-one!

The Sunday Club opened their presentation by giving Pat a packet of sweets – just a small return on the numerous packets that Pat has favoured them with over the years!! But the "lasting" gift was an impression of a stained glass window, created from card and coloured cellophane, which Pat advised will have an honoured place in the hall of their home at Winkleigh.

The service was followed by a "bring and share" lunch, served in buffet style. New friendships were made and old friendships renewed and a very enjoyable time had from the youngest to the oldest.

Thank you Pat & Gillie for being our guests on your last Sunday in the Circuit – we hope you have had a really restful holiday and are now invigorated to really enjoy your retirement – and most of all, we look forward to welcoming you back when you come to visit us.



.... & WELCOME To Our NEW MINISTER – Rev David Wheeler

On 31st August we welcome Rev David Wheeler, his wife, Jan, and their daughter, Rachel, to the Circuit, during a service of induction at Lake Chapel. In his introduction to the Circuit Newsletter David tells us that he has served several country Circuits since 1979 and that Jan shares his ministry. Rachel is doing an NVQ in Animal Care and will be looking for work in this area. David tells us that amongst his hobbies is hymn-writing, which he will "inflict" on us during his services (!) and that he supports churches/chapels serving their communities and working ecumenically. We give David and Jan a very welcome and very much look forward to working with them. David's first service, at Milton, will be the Harvest Festival services on 8th October.

OUR REGULAR & SPECIAL EVENTS – to which we extend a very warm welcome and invitation to every-one

Sunday Morning Worship held at 11am at Methodist Church. We have a variety of preachers who come along and lead our services. We also plan **regular family services**, which are advertised locally. We love to welcome more families and friends to our services. Contact one of our stewards for an introduction and welcome. Our stewards are Marjorie Colwill (Tel No: 281214), David Poole (Tel No: 261282) and Lillian Luxton (Tel No: 261355).



Summer Gospel Special – on 30th July 2000 was a return visit of the Culm Valley Gospel Choir. On a warm summer's evening we had a full programme of music by the choir and soloists, and an amusing, but pertinent, piece of drama. A member of the choir is an ex-"Miltonian" – Marguerite Hill (sorry, not to give her married name!) - and her parents and sister, Mr & Mrs Norman Hill and Jackie, were in the congregation. Marguerite has a lovely voice and took some of the solo parts. It was also very good to have the company of other ex-"Miltonians" who regularly support our Gospel Specials and other events.

Harvest Festival Week-end is on 8th and 9th October. The preacher for our Sunday Services will be our new Minister, Rev David Wheeler and will be an opportunity to meet him and welcome him to our village. The morning service will be at 11am and we are currently planning a Harvest Songs of Praise for the evening starting at 7pm.

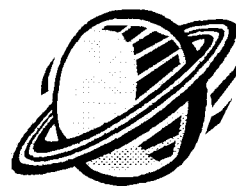
We are planning a change for the Thanksgiving on the Monday evening. A Family Harvest Supper – a meat-based meal for which tickets will be sold (Price £4; children under 12 years no charge), starting at 6.30pm, followed by the Thanksgiving Service at 8pm to be led by Mr Peter Webb from Okehampton, and to conclude with the Sale of Gifts and Produce. Please look out for further details nearer the date. We look forward to welcoming every-one.

Decoration of the Chapel for harvest will take place on Friday, 6th October from 7pm, when any-one wishing to assist will be most welcome!

Christmas Gospel Special will be held at 8pm on Sunday, 3rd December. Please look out for further details nearer the date.

SUNDAY CLUB is open to all local children from c. 2 years and upwards, and to any children visiting please come along as guests to our Club. We meet at 11 am on Sunday mornings for an hour to 12 noon.

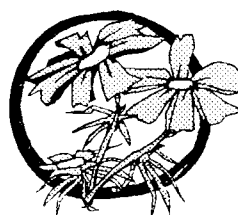
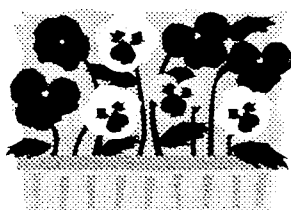
The Anniversary of our Sunday club took place on Sunday, 25th June when Rev Pat Crow will lead the service. Our Church was full for this event, which was really wonderful. Thomas, one of our young club members, had been admitted to hospital in Bristol two days before and Pat Crow led prayers for Thomas, his parents, Sally and Ashley Vallance and their family, expressing the concerns of all of us. They were very much missed having had parts to play in the service. This year's Anniversary was based on, and inspired by the Millennium musical "Hopes & Dreams and included the Creation Story with costumes of animals, birds and fish. The planets, masks and a large picture of Adam and Eve were all made by club members, adding a colourful touch to the worship. We were pleased to welcome friends from Bradford who had come along to help with the songs and drama. Those taking part were Heather, Sabine & Iain Sharp, Jessica and Sarah heard, Bradley Howells and Lizzie Daniel from Milton, and Natasha & Ross James, Eleanor & Josh Smale, and Stacey Thomas from Bradford. Mr David Broan, also from Bradford, stepped in at the last moment to take part in the sketch. Tea and coffee were served in the Schoolroom after the service.



The members and helpers of the Sunday Club wish to pass on thanks and gratitude to all who came along to support the Anniversary. Each year there is a great deal of hard work put into the Anniversary and all the Sunday Club activities. We also depend on the Anniversary collection, which totalled £172.05, for all our expenses throughout the year.

Chapel Flower Plan for the months of September through to December:

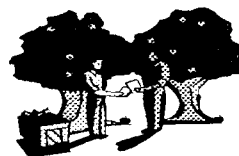
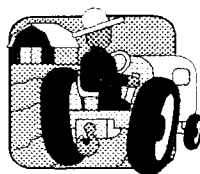
3 rd September	Mrs G Palmer	5 th November	Mrs O Turner
10 th September	Mrs F Hearn	12 th November	Mrs V Harris
17 th September	Mrs C Fishleigh	19 th November	Mrs C Fishleigh
24 th September	Mrs B Sanders	26 th November	Mrs G Overy
1 st October	Mrs D Wooldridge	3 rd December	Mrs D Colwill
8 th October	Harvest Festival	10 th December	Mrs J Carter
15 th October	Mrs D Heard	17 th December	Mrs D Poole
22 nd October	Mrs R Sharp	24 th December	Mrs L Luxton
29 th October	Mrs A Southey	31 st December	Christmas Flowers



THE YOUTH CLUB meets fortnightly on Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Schoolroom. Any young person aged 9 years and above is welcome to come along – why not come along? There is a small subs charge of 30p each evening that we meet in the Schoolroom. The programme for the autumn will be discussed at the next club night on 15th September, Come along with your ideas. Contact nos: Diane (01805-601435) or Sheila (261466).

Annual Beach Barbecue - Unfortunately several members of Youth and Sunday Clubs were unable to attend due to the date change. However Heather Sharp and her family did attend and wrote: " We had a good time; it didn't rain. The sunset was lovely. We played cricket and the younger ones played football. We ate hot-dogs."

Friday, 15th September – starting the Autumn session. If weather is OK, it is planned to have a games evening – rounders and cricket – and a Barbecue. Meet at the Schoolroom at 7pm.



We pray regularly for the concerns within our locality – for those who are unwell, sad or anxious – and thank God for good times and happy occasions.

"Praise God in all things" "Give your burdens to the Lord; He will carry them....."

Roger Daniel (Tel: 261466) is our visitor – and would be pleased to call on any-one who is lonely or ill, or would just appreciate a visit.

Also within the area we are fortunate to have a Rural Worker, Alan Andrew of Moortown, Shebbear (Tel: 281321), financed by the Methodist Church, and able to offer understanding, support and empathy to any-one in the North/West Devon area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY – Memories of the Past

Sunday School Anniversary used to be a two-day celebration. Services on Sunday morning and evening, and on Monday afternoon and evening. There would be a special preacher, full choir and special anniversary music. Each child had a poem to recite, sometimes 7 or 8 verses long.

On the Monday there would be a public tea, when selected ladies knew their job was "cutting up" and others poured tea at the end of the long tables. Out came the silver tea pots and kettles. The brown, white or currant bread and butter was cut so thin, and the room was filled with the aroma of fresh bread. After the Monday evening service the young people had games in nearby field. Before Milton School was closed it was the custom to have the Monday off for Anniversary and also Harvest Festival, but when the children started at Bradworthy School this changed and from 1983 there was no Monday service.

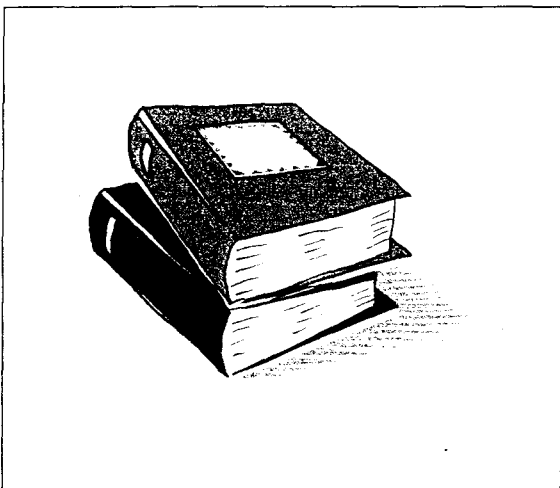
Things have changed a lot over the years. At one time we had 30 children; now we have less than a dozen. We would welcome new recruits. We look lovingly at the past, but with God's grace, face the future with hope.

Lillian Luxton

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

This was a recent innovation during the last 12 months as an opportunity for the whole parish community, from the youngest to the eldest to come together for a chat, coffee, and support for a local charity from the "bring and buy" stall. Over the last 12 months money raised has been sent to such local organisations as the Children's Hospice South West, the Welle Park Centre, Holsworthy, the Satellite Kidney Unit Appeal, South Molton Hospital league of Friends. To date the mornings have been kept going by a handful of dedicated, but very busy ladies. Unfortunately, although we have sought a volunteer(s) to take on the role of organiser(s) for the mornings, no-one has come forward prepared to make up the rota of helpers and circulate advertising throughout the parish. Therefore the coffee morning on 31st August will probably be the last for the time being. However, if on reading this you think this is something you could take on, please contact one of the following: Marjorie (Tel: 281214); Lillian (Tel: 261355); or Sheila (Tel: 261466). You do not need to be available to attend every coffee morning, but just ensure there are helpers for each session and notices are posted around the parish.

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RALEIGH

Girls 2nd bike, stabilisers, good usable cond £50no

APOLLO GIRLS MOUNTAIN BIKE

Suit age 6-9 years, shimano 5 gears,
metallic purple, new tyres, VGC £30

Older style OAK VENEER BUREAU

Two shelves under, pull down desk on top, basic £70no

GATELEG TABLE

Dark wood, old, turned legs not twists £200no

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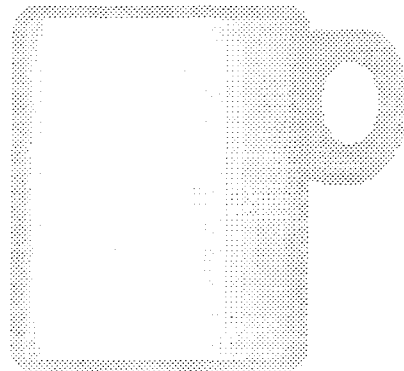
MILLENNIUM MUGS

Those who managed to come along and join in the fun enjoyed the Millennium Celebrations day on 19 August. The weather was extremely good considering the forecast. The dry weather and sunshine enabled the sports events to go ahead in the field with ice cream and cold drinks to sustain the children until teatime.

The mugs, which were presented to the children just before tea, were bought with money raised from three events, which took place during the spring and summer. The first was the Wine and Wisdom, this proved very popular and was able to take place thanks to the expertise of the question master and his assistant. Another was the Coffee Evening.

The Sponsored Walk was a great success with a good following of walkers raising over £200.00. Sallie Jago had the greatest sum of sponsor money amounting to £38.00, well done Sally! David Poole organized this event in addition to the sports afternoon on the fun day; he put in a lot of effort to make both activities "happen" as did the other members of the committee who's hard work and dedication has enabled each child in the parish aged 15 and under to receive a millennium mug. The millennium committee would like to thank those who kindly made donations and Sarah Harper who designed the mugs which symbolize a new beginning with the sun rising over the horizon. Sean Jack of Handprint in Holsworthy supplied the mugs, the quality is very good and he provides an excellent service.

Any mugs not yet distributed can be collected from Edna Mortimer at Mount Pleasant. Please telephone 261433 to make arrangements to pick up your mug as soon as possible as there is a list of people waiting to purchase mugs surplus to requirement.



Holsworthy Resource Centre

Will be holding their Annual Craft Fair on 4 November in the Youth Centre, Sanders Lane, Holsworthy.

If you would like any further information regarding the craft fair or if you would like to become a member, the contact number is 254272. The annual subscription is £7.50 per individual or £15.00 for group membership. Opening times will be advertised later.

TAMAR RIDING CLUB

The Tamar Riding Club is a small friendly local club which provides down to earth, good horse and pony fun. You don't have to own a pony or horse to join but it is handy to have one to borrow. Fun rides for all abilities, gymkanas and shows are organized as well as competition and horsy trips. If you are interested in joining Telephone Ellen Blight on 01409 281556 or Tracey Ohlsen on 01409 231417



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15th September 2000 Youth Club Autumn Sessions begins in the chapel schoolrooms.
- 23rd September 2000 Dance to Ray Hobbs in the parish hall. 8-12 Entrance £3.00
- 1ST October 2000 Harvest Festival in the Parish Church at 7.30 p.m.
There will be supper afterwards in the church.
- 2nd October 2000 Sale of Harvest Produce in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 8th October 2000 Harvest Festival Weekend at the Methodist Church
- 12th October 2000 Coffee Morning at Mount Pleasant 10.30 – 12 noon.
To fund the newsletter.
- 28th October 2000 Table Top Sale in aid of parish hall repairs.
- 10th December 2000 Enjoy a wonderful evening of music with The Lyric Singers
in the parish church.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Monday Short mat bowling starts at 7.30 pm Parish Hall.
The Bowling Club would welcome new members
Men's skittles (Bideford League)
- Tuesday Dog training. Parish Hall. Contact no. 01409 261404
Men's skittles (Holsworthy League)
- Wednesday Line Dancing from 7.30pm – 9.30pm Parish Hall
- Thursday Ladies skittles (September to April)
- Friday Short mat bowling. Parish Hall
- Friday Youth Club in the chapel schoolrooms fortnightly

MONTHLY EVENTS

- First Tuesday On the first Tuesday of each month the Milton Damerel & District
60's club meet up in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m.

The Parish Hall Committee are looking for new members to help
with organising parish events and fund raising etc.
If you can help, please ring one of the numbers below.

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