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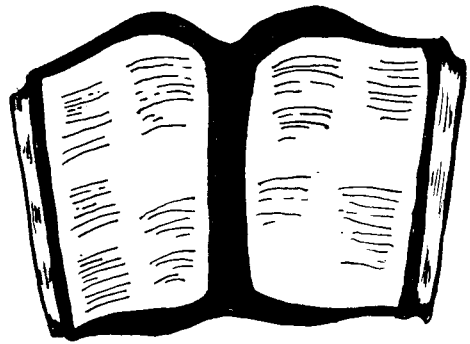
NEWSLETTER

FIRST EDITION

DECEMBER 1999

Welcome to this first and last edition for
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Parish Council News



A meeting was held on 2 December 1999.

Councillors present were Messrs. J. Prouse, D. Poole and Mrs. J. Elliott.

A proposal to erect a bus shelter at Crossway was once again discussed and the matter will be put on hold for the time being due to lack of finances.

It is expected a re-cycling pavilion will be made available at the parish hall car park in the new year.

Torrige District Council have acknowledged the parish council's letter regarding the new Local Plan.

The pre-cept budget was discussed and it was decided to apply for the minimum amount needed to run the council and any plans for millennium commemorations should be self-funding.

Fund raising for the millennium celebrations on 19 August 2000 are to begin and a meeting will be held in the parish hall on 14 January 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

There were no planning applications to be considered.

The date of next meeting is to be decided in the new year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Your Parish Councillors are as follows: Mrs. J. Elliott (Chairperson), Mrs. R. Watkins (Vice-Chairperson), Mrs. P. Palmer and Messrs. D. Poole, C. Bellew, J. Prouse & P. Reed. Parish Clerk is Mrs. E. Mortimer

CONGRATULATIONS !

To Francis and Eunice Hearn who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 27 th December 1999.

Very best wishes to you both.

Also best wishes to David Poole who celebrates his Birthday on this day.

Happy Birthday David, from your fellow councillors.

BONFIRE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

There will be a bonfire on
New Year's Eve in the Parish
Hall car park at approx. 8 p.m.

Please save your Christmas
wrappings, paper, cardboard,
wood and anything burnable
for the bonfire which will be
built between Christmas and
New Year, all contributions will
be appreciated.



The family party afterwards will be open to everyone, it
will be a bring and share supper and please bring whatever
you would like to drink, although tea and coffee will be
available.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS on 19 August 2000

A meeting will be held on 14 January 2000 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish
Hall to discuss fund raising for commemorations during the year.

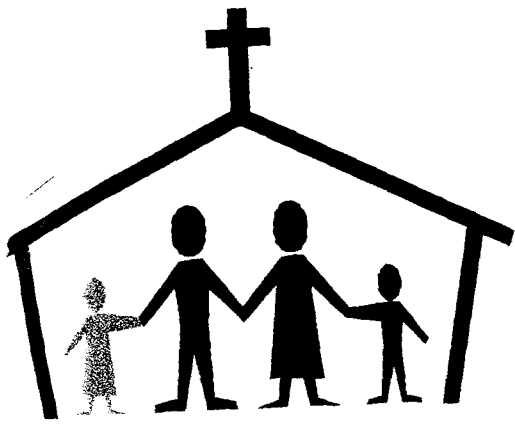
The following ideas have been offered: Skittles Tournament

Wine and Wisdom Coffee Evening Sponsored Walk

Treasure Hunt

Table Top Sale

if you have your own ideas or would like to help organise any of
these events, please come to the meeting.



MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH
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CHRISTMAS 1999 &
MILLENNIUM 2000

THE MILLENNIUM - OUR MINISTER'S LETTER

" My dear friends,

THE MILLENNIUM 2000 AD

A year to celebrate the 2000th Anniversary of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ - The Saviour of the World.

What a Momentous Occasion! A time to Celebrate - A time to Give Thanks
A time of Repentance and Spiritual renewal A time for making Commitment
You will never have a better time to put the past behind you and make a new start! Try to grasp the staggering fact, that whatever our past we all, by God's Grace, have a spotless future which we can use in God's service. God in Jesus Christ declared once and for all that this is His World and that God has accepted full responsibility for all its ills in Jesus Christ. For in Jesus Christ is the means of putting all our problems right. Here is the means of discovering Peace on Earth and Goodwill among men. Here is the means of discovering Purpose for our lives and a glorious sense of Fulfilment. You only have one life - Don't waste it! God won't ask you to do what you can't do. So make or renew your commitment to God - if possible at the Circuit Covenant Service.

So to quote Hebrews Ch. 12 v.12 + 13 (Living Bible):

"Take a new grip with your tired hands. Stand firm on your shaky legs and mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who follow you, though weak and lame, will not fall and hurt themselves - but become STRONG."

May the excitement of THE MILLENNIUM and the GRACE of GOD rub off you on others - to God's Glory and Praise.

Every Blessing
Rev Pat Crow

OUR CHRISTMAS & MILLENNIUM EVENTS - to which we extend a very warm welcome and invitation to every-one

Parish Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 19th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. This will be a united Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and the collection is donated to a Children's Charity. Mince pies and tea will be served after the service.

Christmas Day - 25th December. There will be a warm welcome at the Christmas Day Family Service at Lake (Shebbear) at 10 am for families and visiting relatives and friends.

Christmas Sunday on 26th December. A Family Service at 11am, which will be held in the informality of the Methodist Schoolroom. Favourite carols and some surprises, including the unveiling of the Sunday Club Millennium Banner. Tea, coffee, etc. served following the service. A retiring collection for NCH Action for Children.

New Year's Eve - 31st December - our Church lights will be on to celebrate the Millennium.

New Year's Day - 1st JANUARY 2000. Our church will be open in the morning and there will be a Community Coffee Morning from 11.30am to 1 pm in the Schoolroom. An opportunity for the whole community to come together and support our own Devon Air Ambulance. Stalls - including cakes, bring and buy, etc. Come along on this momentous occasion and support a truly vital life saving service - you never know when you or your family may need it!

Millennium Sunday - 2nd January. A Millennium Circuit United Covenant Service at Lake (Shebbear) Methodist Church at 7.30pm. An opportunity to re-dedicate our lives to God at the start of a new year and century.

SUNDAY CLUB & YOUTH CLUB "MAMMOTH MILLENNIUM" FAMILY PARTY on Friday, 7th January from 7pm in the Schoolroom. An invitation to all - aged 0 to 110 - and especially all families in our community to come along and join in the fun! No charge, but please bring along a contribution of food for the Buffet Supper. [Please note the Sunday Club will meet at 5.30pm for their annual party tea).

Family Service - 16th January, with our Minister, Rev Pat Crow. Tea, coffee, etc., in the Schoolroom following the service.

Family Social Evening - Friday, 25th February at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. A short talk illustrated with slides of Fingles Cave and Puffins to be given by Rev Pat Crow. Fun and games. Bring and share supper.

Chapel Flower Plan for the next three months:

2 nd Jan	Mrs D Poole	6 th Feb	Mrs A Piper	5 th Mar	Mrs A Southey
9 th Jan	Mrs L Luxton	13 th Feb	Mrs D Wooldridge	12 th Mar	Mrs W Carter
16 th Jan	Mrs R Daniel	20 th Feb	Mrs B Sanders	19 th Mar	Mrs L Piper
23 rd Jan	Mrs C Clarke	27 th Feb	Mrs D Heard	26 th Mar	Mrs W Millman
30 th Jan	Mrs A Johns				

The Sunday Club is held on Sunday mornings at 11am at the Methodist Church. Children and young people join the first 20 mins of the service, then to their own activities in the Schoolroom, including art, crafts, cooking, Bible stories, drama and music. We cover from age 2 years to teens and have toys and books on hand for little ones. Contact Lilian (tel:261355) or Sheila (Tel:261466) for more details. We welcome any local young people.

The Youth Club is held fortnightly on Fridays in the Schoolroom, from 7pm to 9pm. It is mainly run by parents who take turns to help and is strongly supported by the Methodist Church, including free use of the rooms. Members are charged "subs" of 30p per meeting and refreshments are on sale at reasonable prices. Sessions include sports, crafts, special guests, cooking and some trips out. Any young person aged 9 years plus is welcome to join - contact Sheila(Tel:261466) or Diane (01805-601435) or just turn up at a club evening.

The Methodist Church Services are held on Sunday mornings at 11am. Family and congregational services are held 2-monthly; other services are led by our Minister and preachers from the local area. There are occasional Gospel Specials, offering a range of excellent music for all ages. We would be delighted to welcome any-one into our Church Family at any time! If you would like a visit for any reason please contact Roger (Tel:261466) or any church member and we will try to respond in friendship. Also within the area we are fortunate to have Deaconess Anita Hart (Tel: 281901) a Rural Worker able to offer understanding concern and supportive encouragement to any in the North/West Devon area who are suffering undue stress for whatever reason.

Community Coffee Mornings are held on the last Thursday of each month. It is an opportunity for all in our community to get together over a cup of coffee and meet with friends and neighbours. A bring and buy stall proceeds are donated to local charities - so far £30 to Holsworthy Well Park Centre and £30 to Children's Hospice South West. Also a donation of £10 to Indian Cyclone Disaster Appeal.

Bible Study & Prayer Group - a few of us meet on alternate Tuesday evenings to share our thoughts on a selected section of the Bible, using a guide to keep us in line with the theme - last session we considered various aspects of Love, and recently we have been thinking about Work and Materialism from a Christian perspective. We also pray for any matters of concern in our daily news, for individuals in our community, and any other concerns we have. We would dearly love to be a larger group - so if this appeals to you, please come along at 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Contact Marjorie (Tel:281214).

OUR CHRISTMAS GOSPEL SPECIAL

This was held on the occasion of our Methodist Church Anniversary on Sunday, 5th December and was a really enjoyable experience. Some may just wonder what a Gospel Special is - I suppose to say it's a musical celebration of the gospel message is a fair explanation. Some may describe it as a Gospel concert but whatever the description it's true to say these events are always lively, entertaining and well worth hearing. Last Sunday's "Special" lived up to expectations.

There were two groups taking part, the Reflection Group from Copplestone and the Hooper family. The Reflections are a group of about 25, half of them are between 13 and 18 years; they sang some lively modern songs and accompanied on keyboard, drums, guitars, clarinet and flutes. A really toe-tapping sound which put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Their message, as always, full of joy and hope.

The Hooper Family are also great instrumentalists, playing electric, Hawian and acoustic guitars. It was lovely to hear such well known carols, such as Away in a Manager and Silent Night played with such melody.

Mr Courtney Drew, our Chairman for the evening, added some serious as well as some humorous comments between the musical items. The Reflection Group also presented a piece of drama about how "heaven is like a car factory"??, with youthful enthusiasm in acting out the various tasks in a car factory!

We were well supported by people who had travelled from around the area, but I'm sure if others knew just how good these evenings are, the whole church would have been filled.

Thanks are due to all who took part, the ladies for their tasteful Christmas decorations, all who contributed to the supper and helped serve it. To our Minister, Rev Pat Crow for his words of welcome and appreciation, and to Mrs Grace Millman for accompanying on the organ.

Our next Gospel Special is sure to be another great celebration of praise and thanksgiving as it is on Easter Sunday 2000 at 8pm. Every-one is always very welcome to come along and join in these momentous occasions.

Sheila Daniel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19 December 1999 Carols in the Church 7.30 p.m.
Mince Pies and Tea afterwards
- 31 December 1999 Bonfire followed by a parish party (don't forget burnables)
Parish Hall approx 8 p.m.
- 1st January 2000 Community Coffee Morning from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in
the Methodist Schoolroom
- 7 January 2000 "Mammoth Millenium" Family Party from 7pm in the
Methodist Schoolroom
- 14 January 2000 Meeting for Millenium Celebrations Fund Raising
7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- 7 February 2000 Next meeting of the Parish Hall committee 7.30 p.m.
- 16 February 2000 Annual Church Coffee morning in Holsworthy Memorial Hall
9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Offers of help are gratefully accepted.
- 11 March 2000 Dance to Simon Inch at the Parish Hall 8 till late.
- Look for a poster Wine and Wisdom in the hall late January/early February

In the Parish Hall

- Monday Short Mat Bowls
- Tuesday Milton Damerel 60's Club meet on the first Tuesday of the month
at 2.30 p.m.
- Tuesday Dog Training. If interested contact Debbie Merritt 01409 261404
- Wednesday Line Dancing 7.30 come along and see if you like it!
- Thursday Ladies Skittles

Enquiries about booking the hall can be made to the booking clerk
on 261433

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

A meeting was held in the Parish Hall with the Police to help the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to develop. Mr. A. Miller who is the co-ordinator in Milton Damerel opened the meeting and welcomed P.C. Benson and the 24 members of the public present. P.C. John Benson is responsible for running the Holsworthy Area Neighbourhood Watch and he explained how the system will work. A list is being made of all persons wishing to join the scheme, if you would like to add your name, please contact Mr. A. Miller on 01409 261465

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP !

Any businesses wishing to advertise or any individuals wishing to support this newsletter for future editions will be appreciated.

The newsletter which we hope to publish bi-monthly is the best way to reach all members of the community and needs your support. We also need offers of help with distribution as a wide and scattered area is covered.

Please forward any ideas or items of interest you may like to share with your neighbours, there will also be a classified section (there will be a small charge for this) also 'what's ons' will be included in the next edition of this newsletter.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Sarah Harper of The Crossways, Milton Damerel on 261473 and Edna Mortimer, Mount Pleasant, Milton Damerel on 261433 (also your contact number for entries into the Holsworthy Post).