

Milton Damerel Newsletter

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The parish council have met each month since the publication of the last newsletter. The majority of business has been to deal with all the planning applications that arrive. Training on the planning process has also been on the agenda. Grace attended a planning open day where she gained an understanding of 'Permitted development' (this is what you are allowed to build without obtaining planning permission). There appears to be a lot of confusion around this and the rules are often unclear. The message that she came away with was that if you are at all unsure contact the planning department and check as this can save a lot of inconvenience in the future. In September Councillor Hicks attended our meeting as we had invited him to explain some of the planning department processes at Torridge District Council. He was very knowledgeable and members gained a great deal from a question and answer session. He was also able to show us ways that the Area Local Plan can be used when dealing with planning matters.

Planning applications have been received for Town Farm (new houses and barn conversion), Kites Cottage, West Wonford Farm, Land at OS 3509 Holsworthy Beacon, Town Farm, Woodford Bridge, Town Farm (dwellings 2,3 &4), Cross Cottage and Worden Farm.

There was no response from the last newsletter to the suggestion of celebrating Trafalgar so it was agreed that there was no interest.

Fourteen questionnaires were received as a result of the play area survey. These represented fourteen children in the parish and were approximately 10% of residences of Milton Damerel. Twelve returned forms were in support of a play area and two were against the idea. If you have not completed a questionnaire it would still be useful to have your views. If you still have the last newsletter then please fill it in and pass it to a member or to myself. Following the survey it was agreed that the subject should be kept open for the time being so that the effects of the new developments can be monitored and assessed. I.E. how many more children move in to the parish?

The Annual Audit has been completed and the annual return, (accounts for 2004/2005) has been displayed on the parish notice board for the required period.

Time had come to discuss the Precept that will be requested next year. With this in mind we would like to remind organisations to send in their requests for grants for next year if they have not already done so as this will be soon on the agenda.

Regretfully, in October the chairman accepted the resignation of Janet Elliott who feels that it is time to step down following her move to Bradford. Janet has been involved with the Parish Council for 25+ years, first as Clerk and then as a Councillor. Her knowledge of the area and memory for past events will be a sad loss to us all. We have all appreciated her commitment and will miss her at monthly meetings. Thankfully she is willing to continue until she can be replaced.

If there is anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please can you let me or a member know? The vacancy will soon be advertised by way of a poster on both notice boards.

Anne Binns – Clerk

Stop Press

On the 17th November members were disappointed to receive David Dyer's resignation due to his imminent house move. We would all like to thank David for his commitment and knowledge that he has brought to the council. We hope the move goes well and he quickly settles in to his new home in Somerset. This means that there are now two vacancies on the parish council. Please watch the notice board for the positions being advertised.

Tribute to George Harris

It was with much regret that we heard we had lost one of our parish's "elder statesman", with the death on 19th August of George Harris of West Wonford. George's demise will be a most significant gap in our community for all the local history that he had accumulated and was so keen to share with any-one wanting to know more about our parish and rural life in Devon, through the centuries. He had contributed several articles for the newsletter, from the records and research he had collected and collated over many years. He was the author of a publication "A History of Milton Damerel" published in 1991, and was instrumental in encouraging the late Cyril Heard to write his story, which was published in 1994 "Memories and Reminiscences of an Octogenarian in Rural Devon", and greatly supported the initiatives to hold at least two exhibitions in the Parish Hall, firstly, in 1991, and secondly in 1994 to launch Cyril's book.

George was born at West Wonford in the early 1920s, attended the local school, and then Shebbear College. He was one of six children – four girls and two boys, of whom the eldest sister, Mary, and younger brother, Edgar, have lived with George at West Wonford all their lives. George has always had a great interest in farming, having come home on the farm after leaving school, which was before the commencement of the Second World War. He was a renown shepherd and judge of sheep at agricultural shows and fairs. His deep interest in farming extended to improving the farmers' lot by being instrumental in the development of farmers' co-operatives – West Devon and North Cornwall Farmers (now Countrywest Trading Ltd)- and North Devon Meat Ltd, holding chairmanship of both, and also the National Farmers' Union.

He was a prolific reader, particularly farming and local history, was the author of 2/3 books and had accumulated a substantial library of local historical records. George has been described as "a gentleman" and he will be sorely missed in this parish. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

CONGRATULATIONS!



- To **John Millman** of Youldon who celebrated his 80th birthday on 17th June - sorry to have missed this one for the last newsletter!
To **Joyce Jollow** of Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon, who celebrated her 60th birthday on 1st September
To **Geoff Overy** of Darland, Venn Green who celebrated his 80th birthday on 28th October
To **Jenna Dunmore** who celebrates her 18th birthday on 22nd December
To **John Eastcott** of Waldon Farm awarded the cup for most points in produce classes at Bradworthy & District Ploughing Match
To **Susi McGeorge** of Ley Farm on gaining 3rd place in the Senior Class of the Schools Competition for Eventing, Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country at Blundells School.
To **Michael Kirby** of Milton Mill on being awarded Supreme Champion at Liskeard Primestock Show with his Limousin X steer & Wadebridge Primestock show with his homebred Limousin Steer
To **Rose Haynes** of Higher Grawley on winning the Hampshire Down Sheep Breeders' Association small flock competition



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME



A warm welcome to:

...**Christine, Gareth & Heather Looie**, who have moved into The Willows at Venn Green
Steven & Jules Rothwell, who have moved into East View Cottage at Venn Green

And farewell to:

.....**Mr & Mrs Miller** who have moved from Eastview, Venn Green, but only a few miles away to live in Hedden Moor Cottages

Thank you to **Trudi and Dean** for hosting the Coffee Morning at their home, at Hedden Moor Cottages on 9th September. Although it was typical Devon weather – sunshine and showers – our regular supporters came along and thoroughly enjoyed coffee and a chat, and also previewing such an impressive range of Trudi's creative crafts. Dean kindly presided in the kitchen producing numerous cups of coffee. £43.60 was raised for newsletter funds. Our grateful thanks to our supporters and to Trudi and Dean for making us so welcome.

"Willow Crafts" Christmas Party

December 7th

Enchanted creations designed and made by
Trudi & Edna

You are invited to join us at our annual
"Good excuse to get away from the other half"

All Day Party

If you are looking for that special, unique gift and Christmas decoration, then why not join us over a glass of mulled wine and mince pie, and browse. No obligation to buy, just a good excuse to meet up for an early Christmas drink

For more information please call

Trudi: 01409 261624 2 Hedden Moor Cottages
Or Sutcombe
Edna: 01409 261433 Holsworthy EX22 7QQ
11.00am - 3.00pm (1 Minute off the AQ388
7.00pm-8.30pm Holsworthy to
 Milton Damarel Rd)

Do I need Planning Permission and/or Building Regs for this?.....

It's finally the right time to think about adding that extension or porch that you have been promising yourself or build some rooms in the roof. The next question is – do you need planning permission?

Torrige is committed to working with you and here is some basic guidance that may help you move forward.

1. Does your house have 'permitted development' rights?

There are a number of criteria that define whether or not a development can be carried out under permitted development. Permitted development is the amount of development that Householders are allowed to carry out without a formal planning application. There are limitations to this that relate, amongst other things, to volume and proximity to boundaries and permitted development can only be utilised once in the lifetime of a property. So if you have already carried out any earlier addition, it probably does not apply and a Planning Application will need to be submitted. We suggest that you write to the Planning Department with full details of past and planned development to be certain.

2. How do I go about making the Planning Application?

We recommend that you submit a Pre-Application Form which gives the Planning Officer the chance to review the development and discuss it with you before you finally submit. This means that you have the best chance of an approval in the fastest time.

3. Do I need Building Regulations?

Each case is looked at on its own merits so please contact Building Control (01237 428724) to see if you need Building Regulations for your project.

4. How can I track the progress of my Planning Application?

Once validated, your application will be acknowledged and an application number will be provided to you. From the end of this year, you will be able to access the Torrige planning system from your PC at home and check on the progress of your application online. Details will be made available through the press when this facility is available.

We are currently finalising production of a set of 'Householder Guides'. These are plain-speaking leaflets covering building a Porch, a Detached Garage/Outbuilding, an Extension/Conservatory, a Fence or Wall, a Room in the Roof and a Satellite Dish.

Finally – if you have any questions at all about planning, please feel free to contact me, the Customer Services Officer for Planning on 01237 428700 or the duty officer on 01237 428733.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

The Youth Club

The Youth Club are now taking a break whilst life gets more hectic with Christmas preparations. It will reconvene on Friday, 27th January 2006 to plan the New Year's Winter/Spring programme. Over the past months the club has visited Bude Harlequins for Ten Pin Bowling and met on one occasion at Newton St Petrock Schoolroom for skittles, whilst both Milton Schoolroom and Parish Hall were previously booked. Club members have enjoyed cooking, make-up, junk fashion, apple bobbing and pumpkin carving (pre-Hallowe'en). They also held a craft evening preparing for Christmas. Any-one wishing to know more about Youth Club, please contact Sheila Daniel or speak to a helper.

Prize winners were:

Pumpkins

- 1st Katie Jago
- 2nd Faye Sluggett
- 3rd Yvette Quance

Funkie Fashion

- 1st Amy Bellew
- 2nd Georgina Quance
(helped by Bryony)
- 3rd Daniel Dunmore
(dressed by Tina Dunmore & Vicky Pett)

Mask Competition

- 1st Katie Jago
- 2nd Lawrence Harper
- 3rd Faye Sluggett

Full-time Rural Youth Worker

About the time this Newsletter is read a full-time Youth Worker will be nearing appointment to this area. Interviews are being held at Shebbear on 1st December. We look forward to meeting with the successful applicant, and thank every-one for their support with fund-raising, etc.

Christmas Tree Festival

Don't miss out!

Local young people, up to 15 years, are invited to be the first to see the spectacular Festival of Christmas trees at the Methodist Church. The Schoolroom will be open from 4pm on Friday, 9th December. There will be games and activities, buffet tea at approximately 4.45pm, followed by a "sneak preview" of the Christmas trees. Scott Davidson, of the Faith Mission, will be coming along to lead songs, stories and quizzes amongst the trees and, of course, there will be the opportunity to vote for your favourite tree!! There is no charge for this event, which promises to be a whole lot of fun! You are also welcome to bring along a friend or family member. How about entering your own special Christmas tree? Further details can be found in this newsletter.

Facts on Christmas Customs

Why was Christmas Pudding once known as Plum Pudding?

In days gone by Plum Pudding contained dried plums (prunes). Today currants, sultanas and raisins are used instead. Christmas cards have only been sent for about the last 100 years. Previously, New Year cards were more popular. One of the first known cards was printed in 1467 and showed a picture of Baby Jesus on a cloud. It can be seen at the British Museum.

For many hundreds of years evergreens have been used to decorate homes, only in the last hundred years, with more people living in towns, have coloured paper decorations become popular.

Boxing Day is really St. Stephen's Day. St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Churches kept money boxes for the poor; these would be opened by the priests on St. Stephens Day and the money distributed to the needy. Gradually the day became known as Boxing Day.

Jokes!

Q. What's the difference between snow and Sunday?

A. Snow can fall on any day of the week!

Q. Waiter, Waiter, there are no cherries in this cherry cake?

A. Well, Sir, would you expect to find dogs in a dog biscuit?

Q. What do you get if you cross a sheep dog with a jelly?

A. The collie wobbles

Q. Who has antlers and wears white gloves??

A. Micky Moose

Annual New Year Parish Party / Social

This will be held on Friday, 20th January 2006 from 7pm at the Parish Hall. Kelvin Issacs has already been booked to MC this event. This is always a great success and is open to all ages, not just juniors! Please bring a plate of food as usual. There will be a draw to help offset expenses, otherwise no charge. Please feel free to invite friends to join in and make it a success again!

Pantomime Season

Panto's have been popular and traditional for at least 200 years. It's beginnings come from French comic dancers, which entertained at French fairs. To give the dancers a chance to rest, stories were added, usually from fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Gradually these shows became more and more grand with scenery and costumes added. Unjumble the letters to find some well known pantomimes or panto characters:

- 1. The abbes ni the doow
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- 3. Sups ni sootb
- 4. Jjac nda the tebanalsk

- 5. Wons tihwe nda eth veens wradfs
- 6. The raify dog thomer
- 7. Tubotns
- 8. Teepr Nap

Answers on Page 13....

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CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH -

Hidden in the squares are the following christmas words:

SNOWFLAKE PUDDING
 ICE TINSEL
 FROST PARTIES
 ANGELS
 SNOWMAN
 KINGS ROBIN
 FUN HOLLY
 BELL CAROLS
 GIFTS CANDLES



Youth & Family Entertainment

AT THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE, TORRINGTON. BOX OFFICE: 01805 624624

Date & Time	What's On	Notes
Fri 2 nd Dec to Fri 30 th Dec	Original Gifts from around the world including Devon. Sneak preview on Fri 2 nd Dec at 7pm with mulled wine and music	Affordable works of art, rugs, toys, paintings, mosaics, feltwork, pottery, wood, etc. Delightful gifts for Christmas
Wed 7 th Dec at 7.30pm Thu 8 th Dec at 7.30pm & Fri 9 th Dec at 1pm and 7.30pm	The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe	North Devon College Performing Arts students present CS Lewis classic tale as their Christmas production
Tues 13 th Dec at 8pm Wed 14 th Dec at 8pm	Wolf and Water Arts Company, Silver Enterprise Theatre & Family Curioso present "Beau Gest"	
Sat 17 th Dec at 8pm	Independent Ballet Wales "A Midsummer Night's Dream"	Explosive dance, physical theatre, classical ballet to delight the family. Ballet workshop 5-6pm for over 9 year olds
ALSO AT THE QUEENS THEATRE BOX OFFICE: 01271 324242 :From Saturday, 17 th December with two performances most days	"ALADDIN"	

Always

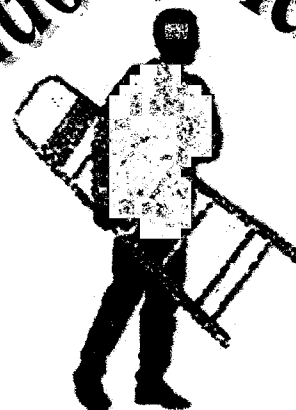
The day I strolled in to the garden
 when early Spring was in the air
 my life had changed that day in Springtime
 for you were there

The days of Autumn came and went
 with laughter, joy, some care
 I was happy with life's pattern
 for you were there.

The day I stood before the alter
 Summer gone and trees stood bare
 I did not fear the days of Winter
 for you were there.

C Lovall.

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We extend a very warm welcome and invitation to any-one wishing to come along to our regular services/meetings/clubs. Just come along to any events/clubs you see advertised, or if you would want to know more or have an introduction, please contact any of the leaders.

Please see enclosed leaflet for all local churches Christmas events

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEK-END – The week-end was very successful with support and contributions from many families and friends. The chapel was decorated to the usual high standards with a great variety of flowers and produce, and a delightful range of displays and presentation ideas. Thank you to all who brought gifts and made all the arrangements and displays. The family service conducted by Mrs Rachel Parsons was an informal time of celebration, including traditional and some newer harvest hymns, and Bradley Howells and Heather Sharp helped with the bible readings. About 30 came along to the bring and share buffet supper on the Monday evening. Rev David Wheeler led the short but challenging thanksgiving service, and Keith Sanders of Kivells auctioned the flowers and produce. Keith has very kindly attended our harvest auction for about 25 years, but has now decided to finish and we presented him with a small token of thanks for all his support, for the efficient and jovial conduct of the sale, which has been thoroughly enjoyed by all who have attended. The evening concluded with a cup of tea and supper. The total proceeds, including generous donations, amounted to £531.55. Thank you to every-one.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE – This small group meets on the last Monday afternoon each month, 2.30pm till 3.30pm. During the year we try to make a little money to support the Children’s Hospice South West. In October we were pleased to welcome Sharon White of the Children’s Hospice, who showed slides and told of the work of the Hospice and of the progress of the new hospice at Charlton Farm, near Bristol. This new project will double the number of terminally ill children who are catered for at present. A budget of £15 million pounds has been set to run both Hospices over the next 2 years so continued fund-raising is essential. A few of us felt that we could perhaps hold a Saturday coffee morning every three months instead of holding the Monday afternoon session when working mums cannot come. We hope to hold the first one at the end of March. Please look out for details. We may also organise a trip to Charlton farm to see how work is progressing.

January meeting will probably be a visit to the Children’s Hospice, Date and arrangements to be confirmed.
February meeting – (Monday 27th) – Anita (Niggy) Southey has offered to talk to us, “Niggy’s adventure trip to Vietnam”. This will be open to any-one wishing to hear about this exciting visit.

SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES

Sunday Club meets on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month and Family Services are held on the 4th/last Sunday. Family services are planned for:

- Sunday, 18th December** **Mr Courtney Drew**, this is the Christmas Family Service
- Sunday, 29th January** **Mr Roy Harris** from Torrington
- Sunday, 26th February** **Mr Ted Lott** from Shebbear
- Sunday, 26th March** **Mrs Jan Wheeler** from Shebbear, this will be a special service for *Mothering Sunday*

CHURCH COUNCIL

At our recent meeting we were delighted to congratulate the menfolk on the completion of the new paths – for the entrance to the main chapel and for the entrance to the graveyard. The newly laid paths enable easier access for the disabled, and easier access for the gravediggers with the small digger, in addition to making the paths sound. The cost has been in the order of £1,500, which will be partially financed from donations received (as an alternative to floral tributes) in memory of the late John Carter and the late David Poole, both of whom had taken great interest in keeping our premises “shipshape” and had both expressed their wishes to see the paths replaced. The balance of the cost will be met from funds held for graveyard purposes. The lane by the chapel has also been tidied up and will improve parking.

We also discussed other work needed on the premises but await the quinquennial inspection report before agreeing the next programme of works.

Thanks were given to our Church Secretary, Ruth Sharp, for her efficient services, but regrettably she has tendered her resignation. We now looking for another volunteer to take on the duties, and if any-one would like to express an interest, please contact one of the stewards or our Minister, who will be delighted to talk about the tasks involved.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom; open to all Christians of any denomination.. We have just completed a 10 week series on “Women of the New Testament, and on 8th November will start a 10 week series of studies based on The Psalms.. Each session concludes with a time of prayers – of thanks and of concerns in this area. If any-one wishes for us to pray for them or about local concerns, please feel able to contact one of the Stewards...or even better, come along on a Monday evening.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months December to March							
DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR	
4 th	Mrs Gwynneth Johns	1 st	Mrs Petula Sanders	5 th	Mrs Valerie Harris	5 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy
11 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper	8 th	Mrs Valerie Carter	12 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	12 th	Mrs Mary Carter
18 th	Christmas Flowers	15 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer	19 th	Mrs Marjorie Colwill	19 th	Mrs Anne Poole
25 th	Christmas Flowers	22 nd	Mrs Eunice Hearn	26 th	Mrs Ruth Sharp	26 th	Mrs Lillian Luxton
			Mrs Tracey Dunmore				

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please also see the enclosed Christmas leaflet listing all the local churches events during the Christmas, which has been distributed on behalf of the local churches; you will be given a warm welcome on any occasion.

Thursday, 1st December at 2.30pm – Milton Damerel – Circuit Women's Network Christmas Meeting with a Bring & Share Tea.

Sunday, 4th December at 7.30pm Milton Damerel. Gospel Special with the Stowford Meadow Singers chaired by Mr Eric Moore.

Saturday & Sunday, 10th & 11th December Milton Damerel. Christmas Tree Festival for the Shebbear Circuit

For further information contact:

Rev David Wheeler, our Minister on Tel: 281262 (or via the stewards). Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, on Tel: 281321.

Our Stewards: Marjorie Colwill (Tel: 281214); Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466); Lillian Luxton (Tel: 261355);



The Shebbear Circuit
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
9TH TO 11TH DECEMBER 2006



at

Milton Damerel Methodist Church

Thursday, 8th December, the chapel will be open to receive all trees.

Please join in and enter your tree, which could be artistic, amusing, ingenious, novel, or traditional with lights or without, however you wish to decorate it!

Friday, 9th December, from 4pm, kids sneak preview, etc (see Youth News)

Saturday, 10th December, open to view from 12noon – 7pm

Carol singing at 4pm with the Disabled Christians Fellowship

Coffee, tea and light refreshments

Sunday, 11th December, 11am worship with Mrs Jan Wheeler

Afternoon viewing from 12noon – 7.30pm

Closing with a short carol service at 7.30pm

Donations only

Please take the opportunity to come along;

this festival moves around to another church in the Shebbear area each year, and will not be held at Milton again for many years!!

Holy Trinity Parish Church

Milton Damerel

Father Michael Reynolds

Tel - 01409 253435

Services

Holy Communion taken by Father Reynolds on 4th Sunday every month at 11.30am

Everyone is welcome.

Harvest at the Parish Church

The harvest festival service at the Parish Church on 25th September had a good attendance from within the parish. The church had been tastefully decorated and produce was displayed in the entrance lobby, for purchase after the service. Father Michael Reynolds welcomed the congregation and Rev Harold Tucker, of Bridgerule, the preacher, who also played the keyboard for the hymns. The total proceeds of the collection and donations for the produce totalled £97 towards church funds.

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Season's greetings to all

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Terry Fairbrother of Remedy IT has submitted this article concerning a Milton Damerel web-site, which his company is designing....

www.MiltonDamerel.com A new community website

Milton Damerel is now on the Internet with a new and exciting community website. The backroom boys have been working hard to produce a website that we hope you feel proud of.

We have included lots of photographs and features plus archives of the newsletters in PDF format for you to read or download. Plus a 'Whats On' guide for local events, as well as useful contact telephone numbers as well as telephone numbers for the parish councillors. If you're a councillor and I have missed a number out, please let me know - contact details at the end of the letter.

There is a discussion forum that you are free to contribute to. You need to register in order to post a message, but anyone can read the topics. You can create sub topics if you have something on your mind. We have added a few subjects to give you ideas for example; livestock, home watch, for sale and wanted.

Looking for a local business? We are hoping to include many local businesses on the site with information about what they sell / do and contact numbers. We charge £25 per page for a business however all the money that is generated is for the Parish Hall.

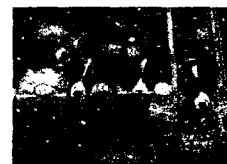
But we need your help!! We need more information to put on the site, so if you would like to contribute, have any comments good or bad, or maybe you know some local history or have old photographs please get in touch either via the website, or by calling Terry on 261775.

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Milton Damerel 50 years on

"At a Parish Meeting held on Friday 10th November 1950, Mr Thorne proposed, and Mr Cecil Slee seconded, a resolution, which was passed unanimously, that the Parish Council be authorized to make, as a contribution to the Festival of Britain celebrations, a survey of the Parish as it is in being in 1951, and that Mr Seymour Marks be asked to take the necessary steps to that end."

In 1951 Seymour Marks published his booklet on behalf of the Parish Council and the cost to purchase it was 2s. 6d.

The book began:

"The best way to start making our survey of the Parish of Milton Damerel seems to be to journey to every corner of it and to record all that can be seen and heard. This will give a broad picture of the roads and buildings within its boundaries that can be filled in at leisure."

The newsletter team thought it would be an opportune time, 50 years on, to resurvey Milton Damerel.

We are proposing to follow exactly in Seymour Marks footsteps, recording the sights and sounds just as he did and to publish the comparisons in forthcoming editions so that we can all see just how our village life has changed.

We would love you to join us in our many walks around the village as we mark this historic event.

Please contact Liz on 261440 for more information.

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A SURVEY OF WILD FLOWERS

While walking along the lane most days, I always take great pleasure in the wonderful profusion of wild flowers which emerge one after the other from spring to autumn. This year I decided, out of interest, to carry out a survey to see how many flowers I could identify and try to learn all the names of those flowers which I did not recognise. By the time autumn arrived, I was truly amazed to find that in the 1 mile stretch of lane which I had chosen in the Gidcott Cross area, I had positively identified 82 blossoms, and also found another 6 which I could not find in my books.

I had decided to include all blossoms, so hawthorn, blackthorn and elderflower are on my list, for example. Non-flowering trees, ferns and the many grasses were not included. Goosegrass, knot-grass and field scorpion grass are counted though, as although they sound like ordinary grasses, in fact they do have tiny flowers. Although I found only one specimen of the common orchid, and just a few wood sorrels and wood anemones, most of the flowers were quite plentiful to abundant.

The flowers which seem to be the longest-lasting are both pink; the pink campion and herb robert. Both of them are seen quite early in spring, usually just before the bluebells, and continue to flower right through the summer to the end of October, (in this mild autumn anyway), when there is little else to be seen except a few dandelions and the occasional head of cow parsley or meadowsweet. The bindweed is also still flowering, and if this was not such a nuisance in our gardens, perhaps we might appreciate the delicately-tinted, large white flowers rather more!

I thoroughly enjoyed having a closer look at all the beautiful and interesting wild flowers and discovering many new ones. I look forward now to seeing them all again next year.

To the right are the common names of the flowers that I identified. If you would like more information or a more detailed list with references please contact me.

Ros Cameron

Tel - 281146

Arum (Cuckoo-Pint)	Knot-Grass (Pinkweed or Bird's Tongue)
Autumnal Hawk-Bit	Lady's Smock
Betony	Lamb's Tongue
Bindweed	Meadow Cranebill
Bird's-Foot Trefoil	Meadowsweet
Blackthorn (Sloe)	Meadow Vetchling
Bluebell (Wild Hyacinth)	Milk Thistle
Bramble (Blackberry)	Nettle (Stinging Nettle)
Broad-Leaved Plantain	Nipplewort
Bugle	Ox-Eyed Daisy
Buttercup (Bulbous Crowsfoot)	Pink Campion
Celandine	Primrose
Charlock	Ragwort
Cinquefoil	Red Bartsia
Comfrey	Red Meadow Clover (also White)
Common Pansies	Saw-Wort
Common Orchis	Scarlet Pimpernel
Common Vetch	Scentless Mayweed
Corn Sow Thistle	Self-Heal
Corn Crowfoot	Shepherd's Needle
Cow Parsley	Silverweed
Daffodil	Small Willow Herb
Dog Rose	Sorrel
Daisy	Sow Thistle
Dandelion	Stitchwort
Field Rose	Tansy
Field Scorpion Grass (Field Forget-Me-No)	Tormentil
Foxglove	Tuberous Pea
Forget-Me-Not	Tufted Vetch
Germander Speedwell (Bird's Eye)	Valerian
Goosegrass	Violet (Sweet Violet)
Gorse (Furze)	Wild Privet
Greater Willow Herb	Wild Strawberry
Ground Ivy	Wood Anemone
Groundsel	Wood Sage
Hawthorn	Wood Sorrel (Shamrock)
Hedge Stachys	Yarrow
Hemlock	Yellow Dead-Nettle
Hemp Nettle	Yellow Loosetrife
Herb Robert	
Honeysuckle	
Hop Trefoil	
Knapweed	

A Quick Curry

This is an easy recipe for a curry sauce which you can make into whatever sort of curry you like. It works well using chicken, beef, left over turkey as well or use a drained tin of chick peas to make it a veggie curry, it's up to you. The recipe makes enough sauce for 2 generous servings.

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion - finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic - finely chopped
- 6-10 dried Bird's Eye chillies - whole (I use 10 which makes a hot curry)
- 2 whole cardamon pods
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin seed
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander seed
- half teaspoon dry ginger powder
- half teaspoon turmeric
- half teaspoon concentrated tomato puree
- salt to taste
- 1 teaspoon dried fenugreek leaves washed in a sieve and left moist for 10 minutes (optional, but they do give the curry that elusive "restaurant" taste)



Method

1. Heat the oil over a highish heat and add the onions.
2. Stir fry for a few minutes then add the chillies and cardamons and fry for a few more minutes until the spices have increased in size.
3. Add the garlic, stir, turn the heat down to low and cook for 10 minutes (or longer if you've got the time).
4. Add the cumin, coriander, ginger and turmeric and leave to fry over a low heat for 2 or 3 minutes, stirring occasionally
5. Add about 10 fl.oz. hot water, the tomato puree and the salt and leave to simmer for 30 minutes. If you are using chicken then add it now, cut into bite size pieces. Stir the sauce from time to time and add a little hot water if necessary.
6. If you are using the fenugreek leaves add them 10 minutes before the end of the cooking. If you are making a chick pea curry add them now too. At the end of the cooking there should be hardly any liquid left just a thick, hot sauce.

Thank you



We would like to thank all our friends & neighbours

for their help on 24th Sept when our 9 mth old Doberman puppy went missing. When found after 2 hrs he was in a field nr Shebbear which is some distance from Milton Damerel. He was very muddy and terrified but very pleased to see us. Let's hope he has learnt his lesson.

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*** Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year ***

Milton Damerel & District "Over 60" Club

The summer outings were a success and popular, with the coach being fully booked most months. The final one for this year was in September, being "A Tour of Dartmoor".

October brought us a very welcome visitor - Rev. Pat Crow, who gave a wonderful slide show of his and Mrs Crow's holiday in Brazil, which gave us an insight into life and scenery of Brazil. Slides of Rio de Janeiro showed the skyscrapers and huge blocks of flats and the dense population. In contrast and overlooking the city is the huge statue of Christ. This was visited by Rev. & Mrs Crow by Swiss-type mountain railway track, and also flown over by them in a helicopter. As usual, the afternoon was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

On 1st November we had Mrs Janice Ruston to talk to us about "Ring and Ride" and Fare Car, two transport schemes available for the use of people with mobility difficulties or unable to access public transport easily. Mrs Ruston also spoke of other schemes and help, details of which can be had from her at 2, Manor Courtyard, Holsworthy. Two of our members already use the "Ring and Ride" service and find it a great help. Leaflets were given to all of us to read through at our leisure. Tea and biscuits followed the talk and the "Ring and Ride" driver brought the bus to show members. The talk was very informative and we hope the service will be useful to other local folk.

December - we are looking forward to our Annual Dinner at Westward Ho! Followed by a trip to Barnstaple to see the Christmas lights and maybe some last minute shopping!

The first meeting for 2006 will be Tuesday, 7th February.

ROSIE'S CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

Ingredients:

125g/5oz Sultanas
 125g/5oz Currants
 125g/5oz Raisins (seedless)
 125g/5oz Dried Plums
 125g/5oz Suet (shredded)
 3 Large eggs
 125g/5oz Bread crumbs
 100g/4oz Plain flour
 100g/4oz Cut mixed peel (optional)
 200g/8oz Soft brown sugar
 125g/5oz Milk
 ½ teaspoon ground ginger
 ½ teaspoon mixed spice
 ½ teaspoon grated nutmeg
 Pinch of salt.
 Zest and juice of 1 lemon
 Zest and juice of 1 orange



Wine glass of brandy (at least)
 4 tablespoons Stout (Guinness)

Note: Rum, Sherry or any other spirit of your choice can be used in place of or in addition to the Brandy. Loz of chopped almonds or walnuts can be added but be aware that some people may have a nut allergy.

Method:

All the dried fruit should be washed and patted dry.

Sift the flour, salt, spices, nutmeg and ginger into a mixing bowl

Add the sugar, breadcrumbs, suet, fruit, mixed peel and orange/lemon zest.

Beat the eggs together and add to the spirit, stout and orange/lemon juice.

Stir this into the dry ingredients adding the milk to make the mixture into a dropping consistency. Give the mixing a good stir and then cover with greaseproof or cling film and place in a cool place or refrigerator for at least 24 hours.

After this period of standing, give the ingredients another good mix/stir.

Have ready 2 well greased/buttered 1pint pudding basins.

Divide the mixture into 2 equal portions and placed firmly in the basins. The mixture should be ideally form a dome in the basin rather than level or sunken. Place a disc of buttered greaseproof paper on top of the mixing and then wrap in baking foil, ensuring that moisture will not be able to come in contact with the pudding during steaming.

To steam the puddings, stand them in a saucepan with enough water to come halfway up the basin. Place on the lid and bring to the boil, reduce to a slow simmer for at least 5 hours. Check the water level regularly and top up with boiling water as needed taking great care to avoid any water getting into the puddings and to avoid personal accidents.

MICROWAVE:

This pudding can be cooked in a microwave instead of steamed. To microwave ---this this will require the addition of 1 teaspoon of Cocoa powder and 1 tablespoon of black treacle in the mixing. Cover the basins with cling film NOT FOIL and make a slit to prevent ballooning up in the microwave. Cook each pudding separately on full power for 6 minutes or according to maker's instructions.

STORAGE:

Wrap in cling film or greaseproof paper, then over wrap in baking foil, then store in a cool dry place. Can be stored in the refrigerator.

RE-HEATING:

Remove storage wrapping and re-cover with baking foil, re-steam for approx 1 ½ hours before serving. Alternatively, cut the pudding into individual portions, place on a plate and re-heat in the microwave for 1-1 ½ mins, depending on the size of the portion.

A Thought for each day of the week!

1. Never test the depth of water with both feet
2. If at first you don't succeed – skydiving is not for you
3. Before your criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes, that way when your criticise them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
4. If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
5. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
6. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

And most importantly –

7. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.



Answers to pub quiz
 On Page 14

1. Railway
2. Bricklayers Arms
3. Bird in Hand
4. Rising Sun
5. Pelican
6. Plough
7. Punch Bowl
8. Dog and Hedgehog
9. Oak
10. Nags Head
11. Cat and Fiddle
12. Swan
13. Fox and Hounds
14. George and Dragon
15. Duke Wellington
16. Stags Head
17. Star
18. Three Tuns
19. Duke York
20. White Hart

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PUTFORD W.I.

The October meeting of Putford W.I. was held in the chapel hall. The president, Mrs M Lewis, welcomed everyone and the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Members discussed the business, which included the group skittles tournament at Bradworthy and the Christmas dinner. We were all given three hyacinth bulbs to plant and bring to the January meeting to see whose had grown largest!

The speaker for the evening couldn't make it, so two members, Mary & Kath, gave a very interesting demonstration on card making, which was much enjoyed. The competition for a home-made calendar was won by Mrs M Martin and Mrs V Talbot. Flower of the month winner – Liz Darling. Tea hostesses were Gabby Clark and Viv Talbot.

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- A. No, you are not breaking the law. In the UK workers can agree to work longer than 48 hours. **The Working Time Regulations** (based on the European Working Time Directive) say that if you do not agree to the opt-out, your average working time, including overtime, must not exceed 48 hours a week. If you have agreed to opt out neither you nor your employer are breaking the law. However, a worker cannot be forced to opt out. Recently there have been some stories in the media about European Parliament plans to stop countries such as the UK from opting out of the Working Time Directives. European MPs voted to phase out the opt-out over the next three years, as they believe it would ensure that people have a better work-life balance (so do some unions; they see it as a health and safety issue). The British Government opposes these plans, as it believes that they would reduce the competitiveness of the UK's economy. To block the European Parliament's plans, the UK would need to recruit other countries' support to retain the clause under qualified majority voting in the EU council of ministers. So watch this space!

More information on workplace rights, as well as contact details for your local Citizens Advice Bureau, can be found on the Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk

Free Range Turkeys and Geese for Christmas

Little Derworthy have a few remaining oven ready birds.

Please contact Anne or John Binns on 01409 261381.

These are real comments made by primary school children when asked about The Sea.

"I don't like the sea it makes me sick on the ferry" – (Peter aged 6)

"I think sharks are ugly and mean and have big teeth just like Emily. She's not my friend anymore" – (Kylie aged 6)

"My Goldfish died, Why?" – (Katie aged 5)

"If you are surrounded by sea you are an island. If you don't have sea around you, you are in continent" – (Wayne aged 7)

Answers for Panto quiz on page 4:

1. The Babes in the Wood
2. Cinderella
3. Puss in Boots
4. Jack and the Beanstalk
5. Snow White and the seven dwarfs
6. The Fairy Godmother
7. Buttons
8. Peter Pan

Another first here in Milton Damerel A Snowman Festival

You have heard about the Christmas Tree Festival and our neighbours had a Scarecrow Festival in their gardens we are offering you the opportunity to join in the:

Milton Damerel Gardens' Snowman Festival

As a fund-raiser for the Newsletter

Design, make up, and display a Snowman in your garden for the week-end starting **Friday, 6th January 2006**

[We do not have a crystal ball – we are not predicting snow for the week-end – but want you to use any materials to hand to make a snowman –type image!]

Entries to be made to Grace Millman (tel: 261251) by 31st December

Judging will be arranged for Friday, 6th January
(entries to be erected by 12noon please)

Prizes will be awarded for:

Best of All Entries

The Most Comical Entry

The Most Creative Entry

The Most Artistic Entry

and presentations will be made at the New Year Social and Family Party on 20th January.

Entry Fee per snowman £1

If you have no garden or space suitable or you are located away from the roads in the parish, please still enter as we will arrange for display at an appropriate location for public viewing.

We really hope that all ages will enter, and children particularly will take part – another activity for the school holidays? – and that every-one will enjoy travelling around the parish to see the talents there are in our midst.

Can you work out the name of the Pub from the clues shown below? Answers on page 12

1. Usually found near a station (7)
2. A haven for the builders wife (11 4)
3. Worth more than those in the bush (4 2 4)
4. First light (6 3)
5. Are the bills enormous here (7)
6. Used on the land or in the sky at night (6)
7. Contains party drink (5 4)
8. Canine and prickly friend (3 3 8)
9. Grown from small beginnings (3)
10. First past the winning post (4 4)
11. Musical pet (3 3 6)
12. Final song (4)
13. One chased by others (3 3 6)
14. Our saint and his foe (6 3 6)
15. His boots weren't made for walking (4 2 10)
16. Front end of a male deer (5 4)
17. Sheriffs badge (4)
18. Barrel trio (5 4)
19. Marched up the colourful hill and down again (4 2 4)
20. Blanched core (5 4)

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