

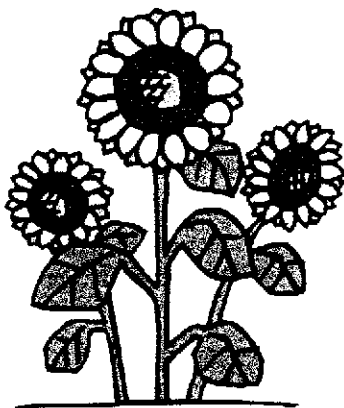
Milton Damerel Newsletter

June 2005 (16th Edition)

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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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The parish council met in February after a break over Christmas due to there being very little business. At this meeting David Dyer was elected as Chairman and Sarah Harper was elected as Vice Chair. The council have met each month since.

It was agreed that the environment agency should be notified about ongoing concerns with surface road water near Crossways. This has been followed up with a site visit and a letter informing the parish council that Devon County Highways need to be contacted. This has been done in the past and when they visited they were unable to see the problem as it was dry. Flooding seems to occur after heavy rainfall. It is believed that someone else from highways is now involved following contact from other sources. The council will see if a solution is found and if not will take up the issue again if it is not resolved.

The vacancy for a councillor was advertised and interested people were invited to make their interests known. As a result Michael Kirby was invited to join the council.

In April members welcomed Michael to his first meeting where the necessary paperwork had to be completed. Plans for the AGM were discussed and it was agreed that due to the past low attendance by parishioners we would not invite a guest speaker. However it was decided that representatives from the organisations that receive a grant should be invited as this would be an opportunity to hear about their news and any current issues.

Devon County Highways have been informed of pot holes around the parish and their vehicle has been sighted carrying out improvements. The broken direction sign at Crossways has been reported and I assume that it has been taken away as it seemed to disappear a couple of days after I reported it. We await a replacement and hope that this does not take too long.

Planning applications have been received for the following:-

Town Farm. (Old cart linney)	Buttermoor Farm
Woodford Bridge	Bridge Cottage
Town Farm (site 2, 3 and 4)	Granny's Cottage, North Town Farm
Strawberry Bank Beeches	

Recently I had reason to look back at the old minute books. They ended up being bed time reading for a few nights. I decided to share a few entries and observations with you. See article entitled Parish Councils Historical Minutes.

Anne Binns
Clerk



CONGRATULATIONS!



To Patricia Fanson and Colin Edwards

of Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon, on their marriage at Beacon Methodist Church on 14th May 2005.

To Donald Harris and Ron Jollow

both of Holsworthy Beacon who both celebrated their 70th birthdays in March – Donald's was on the 5th and Ron's on the 21st



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME



A warm welcome to

..... Terry & Marie Fairbrother. David & Bobby, who have moved into Rosemead, Milton Town

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

The Youth Club

Dates and Parents/Helpers

Friday May 27th
Friday June 24th
Friday July 22nd

Helen, Azan & Sally
Helen, Azan & Sally
Beach Party, All parents & family, details later.
Please meet at Schoolroom unless otherwise notified

Sheila & Diane
Catherine & Sue

Full-time Rural Youth Worker

Steps continue to bring this vision into being and by Jan 2006 we should have the Youth Worker in place. Grants are now being sought and the profile has been completed. If you would like to see a copy of this please contact me, I would be happy to pass it on to you.

The Antiques Road show held in Milton Schoolroom on Fri March 5th raised just over £60.00 towards the Youth Worker project. Thanks to those who supported this event, and to those who gave all the delicious puddings! Our neighbouring parish of Bradford are holding a Heritage weekend from 8-10th July, with something for all ages including a memorabilia photo display, project by the school. History of the two Churches plus songs of praise, Rock concert for the young people in the village hall amongst other things, proceeds will be for the Youth Worker fund, I'm sure they would welcome your support. It looks like being a fantastic weekend, look out for details!



Chaos to Creation

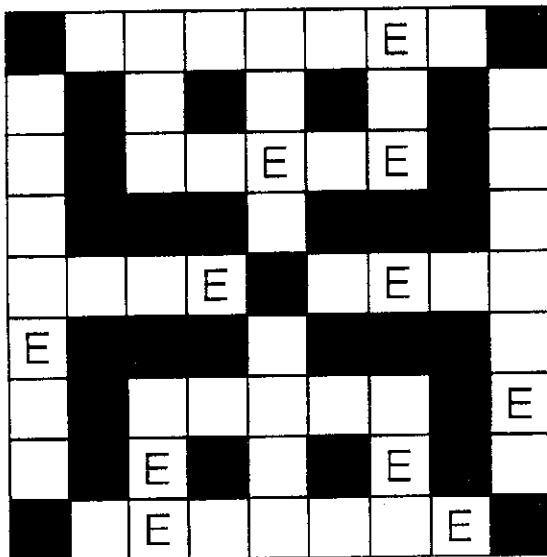
In Milton Schoolroom on Sat May 28th, 10.30 am until 4 pm approx.

Although this is an event for all ages there will be creative content to appeal to young people, including card making, banners, drama, dance etc. Come for all or part. Drinks provided, bring a picnic lunch, no charge for the event. A short time of review and informal worship to close the event.

Special guests John and Joanne O' Conner will also be helping on Sun May 29th with the family service which also celebrates the anniversary of the Sunday Club, at 11 am. I'm sure the Sunday Club would be delighted to have some support for this special day as they will be taking part in the service. As usual the collection will be donated to the club and is their only fund raiser for the year. Coffee and a chance to socialise after in the Schoolroom.

JUST FOR FUN

Use your powers of deduction to put the right words in the correct position in the grid
All the E's have already been filled in.



FIND THE WORDS
IN THE GRID

LOAF
TOAST
TEA
SNACK
JAM
HONEY
SUGAR
SCONES



- One of the two horizontal 7-letter words is a month of the year and the other is a planet
- One of the two vertical 7-letter words is a female lion and the other is a part of an hour.
- One of the 5-letter words is the opposite of north and the other is a portion.
- The 4-letter words are:
a number less than ten: a list of food served at a restaurant:
the opposite of closed: a female relative.
- The two 3-letter words on the left are something to drink from and the other is observe.
- The two 3-letter words on the right are the night before and a female chicken.

Y	E	N	O	H	S
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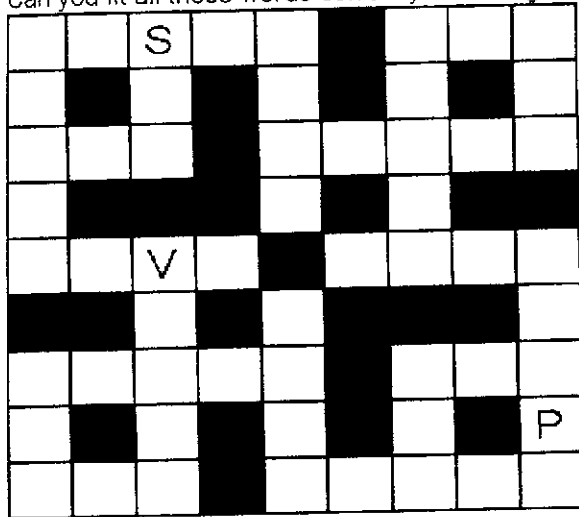
Fishy Facts

Tuna swim at a steady 9mph and never stop moving. It is estimated that a 15yr old must have travelled 1 million miles!

Fish can also be seasick. In a scientific study, artificial waves were created in a glass bowl which resulted in a very seasick goldfish!!

The blue whale can live for 6 months without food

Can you fit all these words correctly into the grid?



Three letters have already been entered.

3 Letter Words

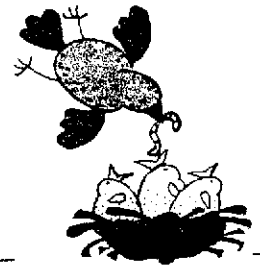
- BEE
- DOT
- ELM
- GEM
- SUM
- TAR
- TEA
- TEN

5 Letter Words

- BANJO
- DANCE
- DUSTY
- LASER
- MAGIC
- MUSIC
- SHAPOE
- VENOM

4 Letter Words

- CALM
- CAVE
- EYES
- LOUD



Did you know?

Many songbirds learn to sing by listening to the adults. This was proved when a male bullfinch was raised by a female canary and the bullfinch learned the canary's song to perfection. When it was put back with a female bullfinch the resulting children and grandchildren could also sing like a canary.

Youth & Family Entertainment

Date & Time	What's On	Venue	Cost	Notes
29 th May at 1.30 & 4.00pm	"Bananas in Pyjamas"	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Family Ticket - £28.00	
31 st May, 1 st & 2 nd June at 2pm 2 nd June at 5pm	Film: Robots PG	The Plough Torrington		Hilariously funny, imaginative detailed computer animation
8 th June at 7.45pm	"Dade Krama" African Dance	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Family ticket £40.00	
11 th June at 3pm & 6pm	"Captain North and his Amazing Floating Zoo"	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Free Admission	Singer wanted age 13 yrs and over to participate in this work. For info call Carol Turner 01271-869216
13 th June at 10.am..... followed at 2pm by.....	Children's Theatre: "Baby Lions Teeth" Russian folk tale for all ages 4-11 yrs "The Firebird" Ages 9 - Adult	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	All seats £2.00	
30 th June, 1 st & 2 nd July at 7.30pm	Plough Community Theatre and Youth Theatre presents: "Mother Courage" by Bertolt Brecht	Outdoor performances at Torrington 1646	Family ticket (2 adults + 3 children) £18.00	Classic Anti-war play BRING SEATING
1 st July at 7.45pm	Stars in the Eyes Live! Featuring winners from TV series	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Family tickets £48.00	
3 rd July at 7pm	BBC Shakespeare School Festivals	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	All seats £7.00	Local schools taking part
6 th July at 7.30pm	The Big Night Out Talent Competition	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Family ticket £20.00	
7 th July at 7.30pm	The Big Night Out with Soul Agency and other plus talent winner	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Tickets £10.00	In support of Children's Hospice & Amigos International
16 th July at 7.30pm	"Speed the Plough 5" Local folk music and singers.	Torrington 1646 (The Plough - if wet)	Tickets: £15.00 for family	Families welcome
16 th July at 7.30pm	That's Young Entertainment Song and Dance Journey through Time	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Tickets £7.00	
19 th & 20 th July at 7pm	Plough Youth Theatre presents: "King Matt"	The Plough Torrington		
23 rd July at 2pm & 7pm	Dance 2005	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Tickets £5.00 for 2pm Tickets £6.00 for 7pm	
23 rd July from 7.30pm to 11pm	Pogo for Poland local artists taking part	The Plough Torrington	Under 18 yrs - £2.00	Fund-raising gig for visit to Poland
27 th to 30 th July at 7.15pm	"Les Miserables" - School Education Performed by Students	Queens Theatre Barnstaple	Upper circle - £8.50 Circle - £6.00 Saturday evening -£8.50	

Mobile Library Stops Fortnightly from Tuesday 31st May

- Down Moor Newton St Petrock 13.50 - 14.00
- The Church at Newton St Petrock 14.05 - 14.15
- Venn Green 14.25 - 14.35
- Unofficial stop at Milton Town. 14.40
- Gratton Cross 14.45 - 15.00.



Are you a Harry Potter Fan?

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince is released on 16th July

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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE

The Friendship Club meets on the last Monday each month from 2.30 till approx. 3.30pm in the Schoolroom, and "friends" attend from Milton and other parishes. There is no charge. We have a cup of tea, chance to chat together and usually a speaker. Sometimes we have a stall for the benefit of Children's Hospice SW. Dates for the next meetings, to which everyone is welcome, are:

- Monday, 27th June -**
- Monday, 31st July -**
- August - no meeting**

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY - Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom; open to all Christians of any denomination. Over recent weeks we have joined with other groups in the Circuit and shared in teaching and ministry from Glo Bonetti during her month's visit and watched 4 videos covering the whole of the Gospel of St Matthew. A study of Ecclesiastes commenced on 16th May and will cover approximately ten weeks. 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.

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. David Ley led the service on 30th January, when new songbooks were used and the collection totalling £168.60 was donated to the Tsunami Appeal. Family services are planned for:

Sunday Club Anniversary, 29th May - John & Joanne O'Connor, Youth for Christ Workers.
Collection donated to the Sunday Club.

- Sunday, 26th June - Mrs Jan Wheeler**
- Sunday, 31st July - Mrs Rachel Parsons**
- Sunday, 28th August - Mr Peter Parsons**
- Sunday, 25th September - Mrs Jan Wheeler**

CHURCH COUNCIL

At the recent Church Council we received reports on various property matters and the latest financial position. All Churches are required to have and adopt a Safeguarding Policy, which provides a framework for all activities with children and young people. We will be consulting with all people, concerned in any way with working with young people, including parents involved with the Youth Club leadership and will publicise our agreed policy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sunday, 29th May** at 11am at Milton Damerel. Sunday Club Anniversary, with John & Joanne Connor
- Saturday, 28th May - 30th May** at Thornhillhead - 175th Anniversary Week-end, including a Flower Festival and refreshments.
- Saturday 4th & 5th June** at Rowden - Centenary Celebrations, including family flower display, photos and memorabilia from 2pm. Songs of Praise at 7.30pm on Saturday; Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir at 7.30pm on Sunday.
- Sunday, 5th June** at Putford - Anniversary followed by lunch
- Sunday, 31st July** at Milton Damerel. Gospel Special with the Culm Valley Crusade Choir
- Sunday, 4th December** t Milton Damerel. Gospel Special with the Stowford Meadow Singers chaired by Mr Eric Moore.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of July, August and September					
JUL		AUG		SEP	
3 rd	Mrs Sheila Daniel	7 th	Mrs Joanne Carter	4 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn
10 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy	14 th	Mrs Petula Sanders	11 th	Mrs Grace Millman
17 th	Mrs Gwenneth Johns	21 st	Mrs Valerie Carter	18 th	Mrs Ruth Sharp
24 th	Mrs Tracey Dunmore	28 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer	25 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh
	Mrs Phyllis Piper				

CIRCUIT NEWS - Did you know the Shebbear Methodist Circuit publishes a quarterly Magazine and Plan (MAP)? Included are many articles about what is happening around the Circuit, thought provoking and amusing contributions by the Minister, members of the circuit, and others. It also lists planned preachers for each Sunday and diary dates. Editorship has been taken on by Peter Ellis and Paul Warren and it is expanding with each edition!

VIDEO RESOURCES

Shebbear Methodist Circuit is gradually building a video library for persons' home use or small group use. We have many varied videos which can be borrowed for just a small donation. Teaching material, faith building stories of courage, miracles healing as well as light hearted humour from such well known personalities as Jimmy Cricket, Cannon and Ball, Fiona Castle etc.

Our latest video purchase is 'The Law of Love' a documentary of the amazing story of Jackie Pullinger's work amongst the drug-crazed vice and violence within the old walled city of Hong Kong. Many drug addicts have been cured through the power of prayer alone with out withdrawal. Running time 2X45 mins.

We also have available a true story account by Ian Mc Cormade entitled 'A Group of Eternity'. Ian speaks of how when diving, he was stung by sea wasps, deadly box jelly fish. Whilst receiving emergency treatment he died, he vividly recalls his after death experiences. He was allowed his life back in order to tell others of his experiences. Warning, this account is riveting, it could well change your life! Videos available contact Sheila Daniel 01409 261466

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);

Positive Thinking - Article submitted by Sally Klinkenborg, Counsellor.

"Looking on the bright side, "my cup is half full" and "it could have been worse" are all examples of positive thinking. It doesn't mean we should be unrealistic and not face the facts, rather that we are able to see the good or positive aspects of a situation or in other words, "every cloud has a silver lining".

If we get into the habit of thinking negatively, if we expect the worst to happen, then it often will. And we may never achieve our full potential, simply because we believe that we will never succeed.

This is where counselling can help. It is possible to begin thinking positively, whatever age we are. A skilled therapist can enable someone to change their life through the power positive thinking. Exercises or "homework" can be given to practice and new ways of thinking can be explored within a confidential and non-judgemental environment. With perseverance and determination, positive thinking can be achieved.

The benefits are many and include increased self-esteem and confidence, less depression and anxiety and more motivation. Those around us can also be lifted by our positive attitude to life. It is really worth thinking like this:

"Let go of small thoughts about yourself! See yourself succeeding" (Doreen Virtue).

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REBORN

Welcome to the morning -
a cool refreshing breeze
moves the trees and flowers
with a breath which nature breathes.

The gentle rain descending
gives drink to parched earth -
brings life to many a fading flower,
to some repeated birth,
they cast their fragrance in the air -
all is fresh and new -

Born - another summer day
To live, to love, our hopes pursue.

By C.Lovell

Holy Trinity Parish Church

Milton Damerel

Father Michael Reynolds

Tel - 01409 253435

Services

Mattins taken by the reader Mrs Mary Ihelor on 2nd
Sunday every month at 11.30am

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

Everyone is always welcome.

What's on in the Garden – Article submitted by Bill Wrighton

During the early spring the sunlight hours were as much as 25% down on the 30 year average monitored by the Ministry of Agriculture (ADAS) and even though temperatures were up the reduced light meant a slow start for young plants and seedlings but, as is nature's way, everything will be catching up now.



With the threat of frosts over, it should be safe to plant out bedding, runner beans, tomatoes etc. though it can be a good idea to keep some frost protection fleece around just in case. The fleece which was developed for covering carrots in fields will protect crops down to -2c whilst a few layers will give even more protection.

In the glasshouse

Tomatoes in the glasshouse should be well advanced now and removing the side shoots, tying up the leader and feeding with Tomorite or similar becomes a weekly ritual. There are many feeds available but I have always used one with added Magnesium probably because I lost a whole crop once due to a deficiency that left me with several hundred plants which had turned yellow overnight.

Tomatoes do require a cool growing environment and the glasshouse vents should be wide open most of the time only needing closing on cold nights. Around mid day a thorough shower over the foliage using a hose pipe or a can with a coarse rose will cool the plants and encourage cropping and do remember if the roots dry out when fruit is setting this can lead to splitting as they ripen. Sweet peppers are one of the easiest glasshouse crops needing little more than a water and feed to produce several peppers which in the case of varieties such as Redskin turn red, though they can be used green and peppers will



Cucumbers need a very hot and steamy atmosphere and I can remember growing them commercially in a shaded glasshouse whose vents were rarely opened and several times each day we would soak the slab paths which soon evaporated in the heat and made the place like a sauna. Needless to say we always picked the crop early in the morning before the sun got too hot.

Vegetable garden

Remember to keep a continuity of the fast maturing vegetables, lettuce, Summer cabbage etc. by sowing or planting just a few every 2 to 3 weeks and do keep up with the hoeing and weeding so the veg plants get the full benefit of all the available light, food and water.

Outdoor tomatoes may not ripen as early as indoor varieties but can bear heavy crops for very little effort and you can even get a variety called Tumbler which looks very attractive in hanging baskets or pots and produces ripe fruit over a long period.

There are several outdoor, bush, varieties the oldest one I can remember being Outdoor Girl. Lately my wife has fallen in love with Gardeners Delight which I train up as cordons in the glasshouse or pinch out the leader to encourage them to bush outdoors either planted in the ground or large pots, 10 ltr or more.

June should see you lifting early potatoes and picking broad beans a combination I love when served with Gammon. If you haven't already you should be planting runner beans now to produce the first crops in July but do bear in mind that they are greedy for both food and water, if your ground was not well prepared with manure you should feed every 6 to 8 weeks with Growmore or weekly with a liquid feed and never let the ground dry out, many people spray the foliage when they water to freshen the plants

Although celery is now mainly self blanching you can improve the results by placing loose straw between the plants to shade the stems, the conditions created do encourage slugs so put down a treatment first.

No rest for the gardener

Lawns are growing rapidly and should be mown regularly the quality of a lawn is dependent on the care it is given especially the frequency of the cutting but also on the programme of feeding and top dressing, if you have a problem with moss this is usually due to the conditions being too wet and or alkaline and the latter can easily be remedied by the annual application of lime which will create conditions grass likes but moss does not.

The common diseases of roses are airborne, mildew, black spot, rust and in the Spring the plants are disease free until reinfested from the atmosphere, black spot is formed from the raindrops which carry it out of the air. Treatments available generally cannot cure the diseases but give the plants some protection so it is important to start spraying regularly before the problems arise. Some early flowering herbaceous if cut back as soon as flowering is finished will produce a 2nd late flush of flower, not so spectacular but still rewarding, particularly Delphiniums and Geraniums.

The easy way to deal with many common weeds is by the application of a weedkiller with a sprayer and the most effective chemical available is Glyphosate often known as Round-Up, which is taken in by the foliage and passes into the roots, a translocated herbicide, which after 2 to 3 weeks die and then the weed withers. This chemical is very safe being harmless to birds, insects and humans and as soon as it touches the ground it biodegrades, do remember it should only be sprayed onto the foliage of plants you wish to kill.

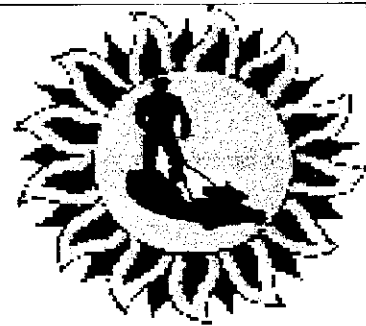
As long as the plants are established in pots it is not too late to plant new stock, in fact my company used to plant several thousand shrubs through the summer subject of course to sufficient water being available for a weekly soaking during dry spells

It is a good idea to select a few good looking plants every month so there is colour in the garden all year round not just in the Spring which is when most of us do our gardening





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**I don't feel old.
I don't feel anything until noon
& then it is time for my nap!
Bob Hope**

People say the
funniest things

**Only Irish coffee provides
in a single glass
all four essential food groups
alcohol, caffeine, sugar & fat!
Alex Levine**

Recipes – Submitted by Rose Haynes

It's almost that time of year again, hot summer days, warm barmy evenings, out with the barbi. Try this for a delicious starter.

Sardines with Coriander and Lime BBQ Time - 20mins plus Marination Serves 4

Ingredients:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 small Sardines, cleaned and gutted | 1 Lime, thinly sliced |
| Salt | 1 Green Chilli, thinly sliced |
| The grated Zest and Juice of 1 Lime | 100g 4oz Freshly chopped Coriander |
| Olive oil for brushing | |

Instructions

- Season the insides of the fish with salt then make 2-3 shallow diagonal cuts on both sides of each fish.
- In a small bowl, mix together the lime juice, zest and sliced chilli then rub this mixture into the fish, both inside and out.
- Place the fish in a shallow dish then scatter the coriander over the top and cover with the slices of lime. Refrigerate for one hour.
- Remove the fish from the dish and brush liberally with olive oil. Place oiled side down on an oiled hinged wire fish grill and cook over medium coals for 3-4 minutes.
- Brush the other side of the fish with olive oil, turn and continue to cook for a further 3-4 minutes. Serve immediately.

NB If you don't have a wire fish grill, use 2 long skewers to impale all the fish together, one skewer going through the fish just below the heads, the other going through the fish just above the tails.

You've tried Lemon Chicken, how about Duck!!!!

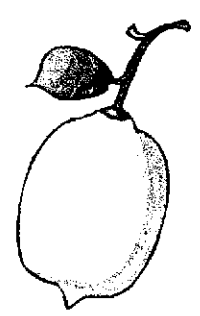
Lemon Duck BBQ Time -55mins plus marinating Serves 4

Ingredients:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 4 Duck quarters | 2 tbsp Dark Soy Sauce |
| 4 Spring Onions, finely chopped | 1 teasp Sugar |
| 1 teasp Freshly grated Ginger | 1/2 teasp Finely grated Lemon Rind |
| 2 teasp Ground Turmeric | Salt and Black Pepper |

Instructions

- In a large bowl, mix together all the ingredients apart from the duck until well blended.
- Add the duck pieces and leave to marinate for at least 4 hours.
- Cook the duck over hot coals for 25 minutes on each side or until completely time. Serve hot.



Parish Councils Historical Minutes – submitted by Anne Binns

Although the minutes are a public record I decided it would be respectful to omit names of individuals mentioned.

4th Dec 1894

Chair taken at 6.40 PM by--- Chairman declares that the business of the meeting to be the election of parish councils and asks for nomination papers to be handed in. Ten nomination papers handed in and numbered accordingly. Opportunity allowed for putting questions to candidates. Withdrawal of candidates. Four withdrawals. Time allowed for further nomination papers to be handed in. One nomination paper handed in. Time allowed for questions to be put to candidate. The following candidates declared by chairman to be duly elected as parish councillors (*7 names listed*)

13th Dec 1894 (*First Parish Council Meeting*)

Mr..... is unanimously elected Chairman and takes the Chair accordingly.

Mr.... is unanimously elected Clerk and acts accordingly.

(*This is the total content of the minutes for this meeting*)

10th Jan 1895

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed. Resolved that a stout iron box be had to keep all books and documents in. (*Does anyone know what happened to said iron box?*)

1st April 1895

The first annual Parish Council Meeting.

11th May 1895

A complaint has been received from Mr.... of the inconveniency of crossing the stream on the path leading from Whitebear to Milton Town. The Council decided to have a new footbridge fixed across the stream and that should be let by tender. The Clerk was ordered to send notices to the carpenters of the Parish to that effect.

18th May 1895

Mr--- tender for the footbridge was accepted at a cost of 30/-

12th Oct 1895

Proposed by Mr and seconded by Mr that a precept be served on the overseers for £3 to be paid by 12 December 1895. A complaint has been received from of the bad repair of the footbridge leading from Worden Cross to Milton Town.. The Council has decided that the path shall be put in good repair.

2nd Mar 1896

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr asking him to put the road that leads from Grawley to Gidcott Cross in good repair or grant the tenant of Grawley a footpath to Gidcott Cross.

2nd Feb 1897

Proposed by Mr, seconded by Mr that members of the Parish Council collect subscriptions for the purpose of putting a bell to the school board in commemoration of the Queen's long reign.

1st May 1897

That the members of the Parish Council collect subscriptions for hospitals for the Jubilee celebration.

6th Mar 1899

Resolved that a cheque be drawn payable to to meet current expenses. Clerk = for audit and stamps 5 shillings. Allowed to Clerk for attending audit 5 shillings.

10th Jun 1899

Proposed by, seconded by that a precept be issued on the overseers for the sum of £4 to be paid by the Treasurer by 29 November 1899.

16th April 1900

Proposed that a cheque be drawn for 10 shillings payable to for a new table to be placed in the Council room.

3rd July 1900

Proposed that a cheque be drawn for 7 shillings payable to for a new box for the custody of the Parish map.

21st Mar 1902

Proposed by, seconded by that the Clerk write to respecting a public footpath at Wheadbear (?) down leading to Buttermoor, Grawley and Shebbear and that the hedge which has been made across the said path be removed not later than 15 April 1902.

29th Apr 1902

Proposed and carried that we celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King.

Proposed and carried that a meat tea be provided for the Parish.

Proposed and carried that the money be raised by subscriptions, any deficiency to be made good by the rates.

17th Jun 1907

With reference to your application of the 30th ultimo I am directed by the Postmaster General to state for the information of the Milton Parish Council that the question of erecting a letterbox at Venn Green has been considered but it is regretted that the circumstances do not warrant compliance with the request.

11th Jan 1908

The letter received from the District Council respecting a District Nurse was read and considered. The Clerk was directed to write to the Parish Councils of Bradford, Cookbury and Thornbury to know what steps they are taking respecting the engagement of a District Nurse. If the Parish Councils at either of these places think it is advisable to engage one, the Council here will further consider the matter and perhaps join them. The Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of Bradworthy Nursing Association to find out what the cost of the nurse would be yearly.

22 Mar 1909

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo I am directed by the Postmaster General to state for the information of Milton Damerel Parish Council that the question of establishing a letter box at Venn Green has been again considered but it is regretted that the number of letters likely to be posted is not sufficient to justify the provision of the desired box.

15th Apr 1909

Moved by, seconded by that a precept be served on the overseers for £6 to be paid to the Treasurer on the 16 June 1909.

18th May 1909

With reference to your letter of the 30 March I am directed by the Postmaster General to state for the information of Milton Damerel Parish Council that enquiry has again been made into the question of providing a letter box at Venn Green but it is found that the circumstances have not changed since the matter was last considered and it is regretted therefore that the request of the Council cannot be complied with

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Citizens advice bureau news

Q."I am due to have a baby in May, I already have a 4 year-old and a one year-old. I have recently seen a leaflet about the Child Trust Fund in the supermarket. How can I find out if my children are eligible?"

Child Trust Fund is a new savings and investment account for children, set up by the government to ensure that all children have some money behind them to start adult life.

A. Child Trust Fund is only available for children born on or after 1st September 2002 who are living in the UK and are not subject to immigration control. Children who are eligible will receive a £250 voucher to start their own Child Trust Fund account. Family and friends will also be able to contribute up to £1,200 a year to the child's account. The money will belong to the child and can't be touched until they turn 18.

When your baby is born, you must apply for and be awarded Child Benefit before you can open a Child Trust Fund account. You will then automatically receive an information pack and voucher for £250 for your child, which you can use only to open a Child Trust Fund account. If you already claim Child Benefit for your one year-old then you should receive an information pack and voucher between January and May 2005 without having to claim it. Your one year-old will receive a slightly higher payment to take account of the fact that an account could not be opened for her/him earlier.

Some children will receive an extra £250 if they are part of a household receiving Child Tax Credit with a household income below a certain level. The Inland Revenue will make the payment automatically so there is no need to make a claim should this affect you. You will be able to choose where to open a Child trust Fund account for your child. When you receive your information pack you will get a list of account providers and the different types of accounts on offer. Log onto www.childtrustfund.gov.uk or www.adviceguide.org.uk for more information, or ring the Child Trust Fund help line on 0845 302 1470

Community Self Help Plan

For some time now the Devon County Council Emergency Planning Services have been encouraging the parish council to have a local action plan that could be used in the event of an emergency that affects part or all of the parish. For example in the event of severe flood or loss of mains services (electricity or water) or even a major air or road accident.

Though the parish council recognise that we do not require an elaborate major plan we do think that it should be able to fulfil our local responsibility in the parish. We think our response could be met by bringing together information that would enable us to have a self help plan.

In particular to be able to help people who would regard themselves as vulnerable or isolated should an event occur. Without intruding into personal circumstances if anyone feels that they would like to be included in a list of people who's well being could be checked in an emergency situation, please can you let us know.

The parish council through its councillors will be known as the local emergency management team and will need information on how people could help. E.G Do you have equipment that may be used in an emergency such as:- a generator, Water pump, water tanks.

For short term accommodation the chapel rooms and parish hall could be used and a list of key holders and their contact details for these will be required.

The plan will be held by the parish clerk and will be known to all the councillors.

If you have any views, ideas, contributions or offers of help it would be very much appreciated. Please can you let the clerk or any of the councillors know.

Anne Binns (clerk)

On behalf of Milton Damerel Parish Council



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The things people say to get a job :-

In one interview the applicant said that he was so well qualified that if he didn't get the job, it would prove that the company's management was incompetent.

Needless to say he didn't get the job! In another interview the applicant promised to demonstrate his loyalty by having a tattoo of the company logo!

I suppose "Andrex" could work in certain places

Chinese Meal

A couple decide to go for a meal on their anniversary and after some deliberation decide on their local Chinese restaurant. They peruse the menu and finally agree to share the chef's special chicken surprise. The waiter brings over the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to start in on the meal, the lid of the pot rises a tiny amount and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down. 'Jesus, did you see that?' she asks her husband. He hasn't so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and again he sees two beady little eyes looking around before it firmly slams back down. Rather perturbed he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening and demands an explanation.

'Well sir', says the waiter, 'What did you order?'

'We both chose the same', he replies, 'the chicken surprise'

Oh I do apologise, this is my fault' says the waiter.....

..... 'I brought you the Peking duck'



Can you identify these PUB NAMES from the clues below.
The definitive article 'the' in the answer is understood

1. Was not amused (8)
2. Fairy Godmother's pumpkin and mice (5 3 6)
3. Clanger (4)
4. Lloyds Bank has one (5 5)
5. Rule of waves (9)
6. Golf course employee (5 3)
7. Just arrived (3 3)
8. Porcine Referee (3 3 7)
9. Fruit of the harvest (10)
10. A grumpy lock needs these (5 4)
11. Summer sportsmen (10)
12. Worldly Theatre (5)
13. Nudists are this (4)
14. A quarter of a pound (5)
15. Ride thro the Glens of Nottingham (5 4)
16. A good place to keep the beer (6)
17. On chalk hills as well as the high street (5 5)
18. For the speakers of the commons, comes from more than one sheep (8)
19. Often has 5 bars (4)
20. Beautiful swine (6 4)

Quiz submitted by Rose Haynes - Answers on Page 14

HOW DO YOU DEFINE "PRICELESS"?

Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's Christmas Party. Jack is not normally a drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He didn't even remember how he got home from the party. As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he did something wrong. Jack had to force himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins next to a glass of water on the side table. And, next to them, a single red rose! Jack sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. He looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean. So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirins, cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror. Then he notices a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with little hearts on it and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick!: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go get groceries to make you your favourite dinner tonight. I love you, darling! Love, Jillian." He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper. His son is also at the table, eating. Jack asks, "Son... what happened last night?" "Well, you came home after 3am, drunk and out of your mind. You fell over the coffee table and broke it, and then you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door." Confused he asked his son, "So, why is everything in such perfect order, so clean, I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?" His son replies, "Oh THAT!... Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you screamed, "Leave me alone, lady, I'm married!"

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Coffee Morning



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Missing Cat

A Black cat with a white patch under it's chin is making appearances at Strawberry Bank. If you recognise this description please ring 01409 261660



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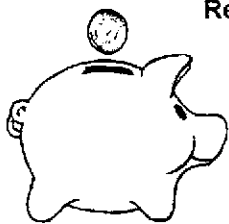
If you don't fancy cooking, then why not try our meals
traditionally cooked in our farmhouse kitchen -
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Our tea garden is now open and during fine weather you can
sit in the beautiful surroundings and enjoy a leisurely cream
tea, light lunch or just a cup of tea. It really is worth a visit.

We also have bedding plants, beautiful containers and
hanging baskets to brighten up your gardens.

NEWSLETTER FINANCES!

The Group is pleased to report that we have received very generous support during the year to 31st December 2004 and the accounts are presented below.



Receipts during 2004:

	£	£
Advertising	122.00	
Personal donation.....	42.00	
Grant - Parish Council.....	60.00	
Donation - Methodist Chapel	50.00	
Coffee mornings.....	230.61	
Building Society interest....	0.98	
		505.59

Payments during 2004:

Draw prizes	10.00	
Photocopying.....	351.54	
		361.54

Net surplus for the year... .. 144.05

Funds in hand at 1st January 2004:

Building Society Account.....	220.86	
Cash held	50.89	
Cheque to be banked	5.00	
		276.75

Add net surplus

144.05

Funds in hand at 31st December 2004

420.80

Building Society Account....	270.81
Cash held.....	57.99
Cheques to be banked.....	92.00

A few quotes from a book called
"Disorder in American Courts"
These are things actually said word
for word in a court of law.

Q. What Gear were you in at the
moment of impact

A. Gucci Sweats & Reeboks

Q. Were you present when your
picture was taken?

(funnily enough there is no answer)

Q. Do you recall the time that you
examined the body?

A. The autopsy started around
8.30pm

Q. And Mr Dennington was dead
at the time?

A. No he was sitting on the table
wondering why I was doing an
autopsy on him!

(Do we detect a note of sarcasm?)

Q. So the date of conception of the
baby was August 8th.

A. Yes

Q. And what were you doing at
that time?

Do you attend a regular group club or society in the locality that might be of interest to residents? We are looking for things to do for all ages so if there is something you enjoy please let us know so that we can publish the details in our **What's on guide**.

Line Dancing

We are a small friendly group that meet at the Parish Hall every Tuesday evening.

Cost £1.50 each

New members are always welcome.

Contact Lesley on 261294

or Mary on 261248.



Parish Hall

Milton Damerel has a large well equipped Parish Hall with a stage and purpose built skittle alley that can be hired for all kinds of events and celebrations at very reasonable rates.

There are also tables and chairs which can be hired separately for functions offsite.

For more information or to book an event please contact Lesley on 261294.

'OVER 60' CLUB

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month – except January – in Milton Damerel Parish Hall. The meetings commence at 2.30pm. Time for a friendly chat, a game of cards, bingo, speakers or other entertainment. Tea and biscuits are served, no charge, but a bring and buy stall which helps towards refreshments and general funds. There is an annual subscription of £4 per person. During the summer months there are day outings once a month at reasonable charge. In December there is a Christmas lunch, which is usually well attended and enjoyed. If you are over 60 – male or female – why not come along – new members welcome!

Useful Contacts

Police	0845 2777444
Post Office Services	0845 7223344
Family Workshop and Resource centre	01409 254272
Holsworthy Library	01409 253514
Holsworthy Medical Centre	01409 253692
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Floodline	0845 988118
Torrige District Council	01237 428700
Devon County Council	01392 382000
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
National Rail enquiries	0845 748 4950
Exeter Airport	01392 367433
Public Transport traveline	0870 6082608
Carers Helpline	0808 808 7777
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	08457 909090
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
Age Concern	0800 00 99 66

Have you read a good book lately?

If so why not let us know. We would like to hear your book recommendations so that we can tell our readers. We would like to hear about books for all ages so come on tell us what you think.

Contact any of the newsletter team.

PUTFORD WI NEWS

The last 2 months our W.I has been very active. At the end of March, 10 members took part in a sponsored knit-in and raised £477 for North Devon Hospice. Then in April, at the group meeting in Bradworthy, we won the cup for the most points in the competitions. We are now looking forward to entering Holsworthy show in July (there's never a dull moment when you join the W.I). For the May meeting, the President, Mrs M Lewis, welcomed the speaker Mrs Sandra Huxtable, who spoke on flower arranging. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed we went on to discuss the business, which included arranging transport to go to the North Devon Hospice and see the new bedded unit. Sandra fascinated us all with 3 lovely and unusual flower arrangements, which she did with such skill and making it look so simple.

Winners of the competition - a small flower arrangement - were

1st Mrs M. Martin, 2nd Mrs A. Poole, 3rd Mrs G. Clark.

F.O.M winner - Mrs L. Self.

Hostesses for the evening Mrs M. Martin and Mrs H. Stevens.



Advertisements.

Conditions of acceptance. Orders for insertion of advertisements in this newsletter are subject to the approval of the members who may refuse or alter any copy. The newsletter and its members: - a) accept no liability for any loss or damage caused by an error or inaccuracy in the printing of any advertisement. b) Shall not be liable for any loss caused by the failure of the advertisement to appear on any particular day, in any specified position or page or by its failure to appear at all, and they reserve the right to refuse to continue its publication regardless of terms and conditions of any order or contract.

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is Friday 5th August 2005.