

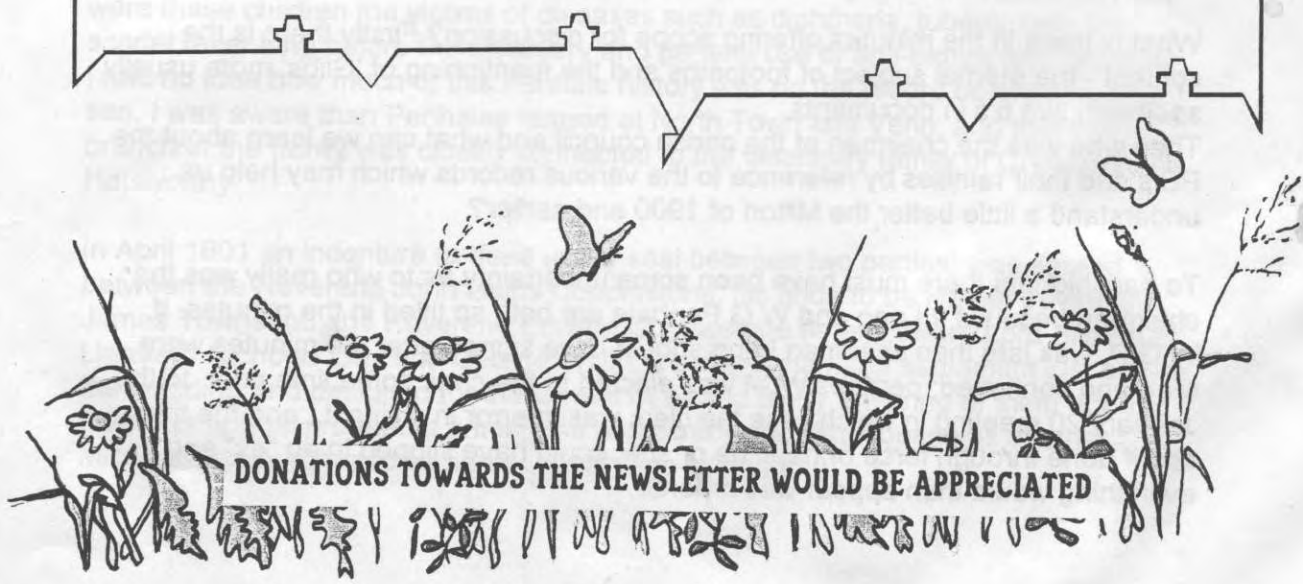
Starting with the Chairman's Message, we have a lot of news and information for you. We hope you will find it interesting and useful. We will be happy to hear from you if you have any comments or suggestions. We will be happy to help you if you need any information. We will be happy to help you if you need any information.

# MILTON DAMEREL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Parish Council News 2000

At a meeting held on 20 April 2000

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.R.Watkins and Mr.C.Bellew.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and the matters arising discussed.

The re-cycling pavilion is in use and well supported so far.

The Yew for the Millennium tree planting took place on 9 April 2000 with approximately 45 people present to witness the event. The Holsworthy Post took photographs.

Fund raising for the millennium celebrations have begun with a Wine and Wisdom quiz . A Sponsored Walk is planned for 10 June 2000.The money raised is being used to buy commemorative mugs for all children in the parish aged 15 and under and to provide entertainment and refreshments at the Parish Fun Day on August 19th 2000 in the parish hall.

The Parish Council A.G.M. will take place on 18 May 2000 at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Schoolrooms. All parishioners are welcome to come along and listen to the guest speaker who is Mr. George Harris who will give a historical talk.

### Parish Council Members

Your ParishCouncillors 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

Following the copy the minutes of the Parish Council meeting 100 years ago printed in the last newsletter Mr.George Harris has kindly written the next article.

Dear Editors,

I found the first item in the February Newsletter most interesting and considered an appropriate response would be to write a short essay on "Matters arising from the Minutes" even through the meeting was held one hundred years ago last January 20th.

What is there in the minutes offering scope for discussion? Firstly there is the content - the eternal subject of footpaths and the mentioning of 'Glibs' more usually spelt with two b's in documents.

Then who was the chairman of the parish council and what can we learn about the PC's and their families by reference to the various records which may help us understand a little better the Milton of 1900 and earlier?

To parishioners there must have been some uncertainty as to who really was the chairman because J.Lang and W.G.Penhale are both so titled in the minutes. If W.G.P. was late then chairman Lang should have signed after the minutes were read and confirmed; perhaps WGP was elected to the chair some time prior to the January 20 meeting in which case the clerk was in error in giving J.Lang the title; and if done through force of habit he or she, could have slipped in an "ex" and everything would than appear well ordered.

Starting with the chairman W.G.Penhale, what of interest do the historical records show; and these include the parish register up to 1837 after which date it has been until recently, less easy to get the relevant information; the tithe schedule of 1840; the census returns for Milton Damerel for 1851 to 1891; the "deeds" of Venn kindly made available to me some years ago by Leslie and Lillian Luxton and whose consent to quote from them is much appreciated; as well as one story from my own family.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> 1828 William Penhale from Thornbury married Maria Lang, of this parish (Maria was the oldest of a long family living at Morcombe). The couple had two daughters Mary and Ann, and one son John born in 1837-38. In census returns after 1840 the parish of birth is given as Thornbury thereby showing that the early years of the marriage were spent in Thornbury.

The 1840 tithe schedule shows Wm. Penhale farming North Town, then a farm of nearly 58 acres and recorded as owned by Henry Hearn. (A name seen concerning other properties so I would expect to find that HH had lent money on North Town but without factual evidence cannot state it as such). The census of 1891 shows John Penhale, then 52 years old, farming Venn and his son William G. Penhale, aged 22, our chairman of 1900, a farm manager at North Town and with him there, his two sisters Fanny 24 and Susanna 20. The family at Venn had increased by three sons and a daughter.

John Penhale took the tenancy of Venn sometime between 1861 & 1871, and we need to look at the deeds of Venn to focus some light on events which may have determined their future in Milton.

After checking the census entries for 1861, 1871, 1881 & 1891 for North Town and Venn and after noting the inscriptions on the Penhale memorial headstones in the chapel burial ground it becomes clear that the family suffered more than their share of tragedy. William G. Penhale's grandfather, also named William and his grandmother Maria reared three children; they were Ann, John (W.G.'s father) and Richard S who was twenty years younger than John. Richard farmed at Thriverton in West Putford and had a son also named Richard Squire. The son could scarcely have know his father because Richard S. senior died in 1884 aged 26 years. His son died in 1907 when he was 25 years old.

John Penhale farmed at Venn with his wife Mary S.V. and where they raised a family of eight; namely Fanny, William G (own parish ch.) Susanna, Thomas, John, Reginald, Annie and Mary J. The grave stone inscriptions tell us that Annie died in 1879 at 5 1/2, Thomas in 1884 aged 13, John in 1887 when he was 15 and Reginald in 1892 who was then 16 years old.

Life expectancy more than a century ago was considerably less than it is today but were these children the victims of diseases such as diphtheria, tuberculosis and scarlet fever long before the discovery and general use of anti-biotics and vaccines. I had no idea how much of this Penhale history was on the record before looking to see. I was aware than Penhales farmed at North Town and Venn, and that this branch of the family was closely connected to the veterinary family of Cookbury and Holsworthy.

In April 1801 an indenture (a deed under seal between two parties) was agreed between the Reverend John Gains Copplestone, his bride to be Harriet Townsend, James Townsend, the Reverend Edward Copplestone (later Edward Lord Bishop of Llandaff) Nicholas Gay and George Smith, it being a marriage settlement just before the wedding and designed for the benefit of all and every offspring of them equally. (this was normal procedure among the aristocracy and Whitebear was another Milton estate purchased as part of a marriage settlement).

The Rev. J.G. made his last will in 1837 granting legacies of £3,000 each to his sons William and Edward and to his unmarried daughters Harriet, Laura, Ellen and Catherine and £2,000 + £500 to his married daughter Ann. Reverend J.G. died in 1841, his wife predeceased him, dying in 1835. The executors and trustees paid the beneficiaries in full but the estate left the executors short of some, or all, of this share.

Eventually a writ was issued seeking to wind up the assets of the late Rev.J.G.Copplestone and in 1880 an order was made that the hereditaments be sold.

John Penhale, the tenant at Venn, bid £2,020 for it in September 1880, he was declared the purchaser and paid his 10% deposit. However he did not pay the balance of £1838.10 by the due date. It was paid by Richard Penhale, than a practising veterinary at Torrington and who was living at Upcott, Cookbury by 1891, who became the new owner. He left Venn to his son John Morley Liston Penhale, a senior research veterinary surgeon at Purbright in Surrey.

My understanding is that both Venn and North Town remained in Penhale ownership well into the twentieth century with tenants other than members of the family. My mother told us the story of a North Town tenant, I thought called Friendship, but my sister Mary says Squance; whichever, the lady of the house was justly proud of her dairy and on an occasion when the landlord Mr.Penhale visited, she showed him into her dairy where there was an impressive show of butter and other dairy produce. The result was an increase in the rent!

It may be of interest to list the land comprising the Copplestone Estate.

	Acres	Roods	Poles or Perches	Occupier
Oak Coppice (presumably Woodford)	31	3+	18p	himself
Rev.J.G.C.				
National School (Woodford Hill)			5	
West Bridge	88	1	14	John Blake
Coppice	2	3	6	Rev. JGC
Woodford	101	3	37	Francis Fishleigh
Kittaborough	40	2	34	John Fishleigh
Venn	108	2	27	John Newcombe
Venn Green	2	1	14	John Squire
Venn Green	1	3	25	James Fishleigh
Venn Green	4	0	11	Richard Squire & others
Merry Between	3	1	6	John Batten
Joneys	1	0	11	Thomas Mounce & others
Deep Lane		1	12	Richard Manning & others
Noplace		3	24	John Hutchings & others

This is the end of the first chapter, the next instalment can be read in Newsletter Number 4 out in the summer.



*Items of interest.....*

On the morning of Friday 3rd March three rainwater tanks in the yards at Wonford were seen to be full of very cloudy water where the water had been clear on the previous day. We wondered whether the overnight rain had been contaminated by volcanic dust from the recent Icelandic eruption.

We got the answer about four weeks later when a meteorologist, in a radio programme, described the unusual weather earlier in the month as the 'Spanish Plumbe'. Apparently very warm and moist air from the Canary Islands sweeps northwards over West Africa, Spain, France and on towards the United Kingdom. This storm dropped heavy rain in Spain, deep snow in the Alps and 'dirty' rain over many western regions. The 'dirt' was dust picked up from the Sahara desert. We should have remembered a similar event a decade or more ago because on the occasion it also brought with it a white stork which stayed a few days in the Waldon valley. At fairly close range this bird showed no signs of being much the worse for having been swept so far off course.

George Harris

Here is a story you may find worthy of the newsletter. I noted the planting of a Yew Tree and

what I am about to tell you was unknown to anybody except the Rector of that time, Mrs. Carrie Elliott and myself.

As you enter the church gate, on your right you will see a tall flowering Cherry Tree, this was bought and planted by myself to celebrate our Queen's Coronation. I did at the time put a notice on a branch but it is such a long time ago I doubt if it is now visible, would it not be right to put a new plaque next to the tree. I positioned the cherry dead in line to Carries kitchen window, the intention was for Carrie to see in her old age but man proposes and God disposes.

Jim Newman

### RUBY WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS !

To John and Mary Carter who celebrate 40 years of  
marriage on 11 May 2000  
Very best wishes to you both

### BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS !

To John Prouse who celebrates his  
75 th Birthday on June 5 th  
Happy Birthday John

## RING AND RIDE

Do you find it physically difficult to use conventional public transport?  
If so than this might be for you!

Most journeys will be into Holsworthy but if required a monthly journey into Safeways in Bude will be organised.

To book your journey or enquire about the service please phone Beth Dowdeswell

**on HOLSWORTHY 01409 254484**

between 10.30am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

After booking your journey you will need to be ready to be picked up by 10am from your home and will be picked up by 1pm at the Memorial Hall car park for the return journey.

Wheelchairs are accommodated for and the fares are £2 return, £1 single.

It is hoped to extend this service in the future so the co-ordinators would be interested in hearing from anyone in rural areas who feel that they would benefit

## TORRIDGE MOBILE RESOURCE UNIT

We have been asked to make our community aware of this free service offering specialist advice, information and equipment to people with hearing or sight loss.

The Mobile resource unit gives a confidential and impartial service.

A comprehensive range of equipment for demonstration, trial or loan is offered along with advice and training in using the equipment. The Unit also has a vast range of information and literature on this subject. They will also take care of any simple maintenance of NHS hearing aids, e.g. batteries and retubing.

For more information contact:

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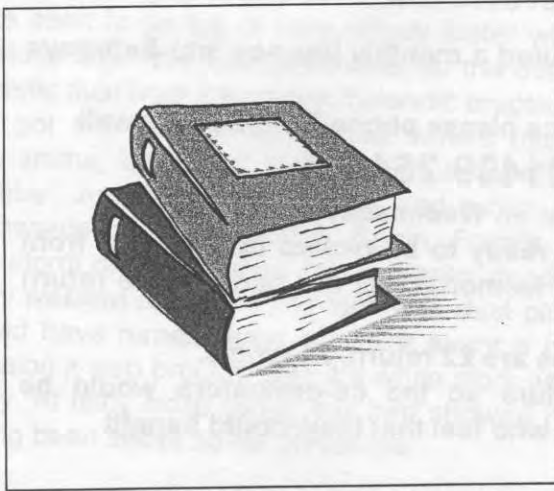
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## THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE



It has been brought to our attention that, as with other rural services, we are in danger of losing this valuable service. So if you are interested there is a good selection of books and you don't get a fine if you hand them back late! The Librarian will do his best to acquire requested books if there is something specific you would like. A full time table is available from Holsworthy library or the Mobile Library itself. A brief time table for our parish is as follows.

The Mobile library can be contacted on 0831 168397

Fortnightly	Abbots Bickington Cottages	11.55-12.05	9th May
Fortnightly	Milton Damerel Venn Green	14.05-14.25	23rd May 6th June
Fortnightly	Milton Damerel Church	14.30-14.40	
Monthly	Milton Damerel The Crossways	14.50-15.00	9th May 6th June 4th July

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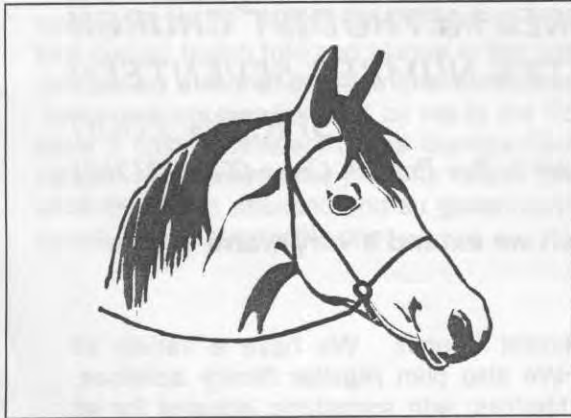
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## OUR YOUTH CLUB By Jasmin Harper



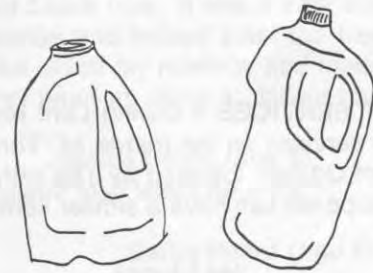
We have done lots of exciting things at Youth Club over the last few weeks. We have been to the Theatre, to see Cinderella's Millennium Ball, which was very funny. We also had a Skittles match one week. The owl man Mr Cartwright came back to see us. He brought two of his owls and lots of feathers so that we could make dream catchers. We are looking forward to going to Daphne Southgates to learn about ponies and to play some gymkana games also in the next few weeks we are having a makeover.

## OUR RECYCLING PAVILION

The recycling pavilion is a success! It has bulged with fullness and been emptied several times already which is brilliant. If you do not know, the pavilion (disguised as a garden shed!) is situated at the end of the Parish Hall car park . Use it and you can help the environment, reduce pollution and save resources.

You can recycle:

- \*GLASS JARS & BOTTLES
- \*FOOD TINS
- \*DRINKS CANS
- \*NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES
- \*TEXTILES/JUMBLE SALE LEFTOVERS
- \*ALUMINIUM FOIL
- \*SQUASHED PLASTIC BOTTLES
- \*PLEASE NOTE -NO FLAT GLASS, PYREX OR CERAMICS



Please wash all your cans, tins and bottles to prevent flies, wasps and smells! Then just deposit them in the appropriate, marked, slot in the side of the pavilion.

It helps if you bundle NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINES SEPARATELY, bag or box TEXTILES then place them on the shelves or floor inside the pavilion. There is a drum for aluminium foil inside also. PLASTIC BOTTLES ONLY should be flattened and placed in the net inside.

We have to recycle 25% of our house hold waste by the end of the decade so why not start now. Please help to make our pavilion work, and do a little something for our threatened planet.



**MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH  
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*Our Minister is Rev Patrick Crow (Tel: 281262)*

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

**Sunday Morning Worship** held at 11am at Methodist Church. We have a variety of preachers who come along and lead our services. We also plan **regular family services**, which are advertised locally. Specially tailored for families, with something included for all ages. Our last service was informal and very friendly with several families represented and we love to welcome more families.

Also on the first Sunday of each month some of our Anglican friends join us for worship. If you would like to join us, just come along any Sunday morning, or contact one of our stewards for an introduction and details of the next family services. Our stewards are Marjorie Colwill (Tel No: 281214), David Poole (Tel No: 261282) and Lilian Luxton (Tel No: 261355).



**LENT SERVICES** – During Lent one of our local preachers in the Circuit, Ted Lott, has led three services on the theme of “Three meals with Jesus”, commencing with Breakfast by the Sea of Galilee, followed by Tea with Zacchaeus, and concluded by Supper with the Disciples. We hope we can have a similar series based on a theme again in the near future.

**He Lives!**

**Hallelujah**



**Easter Sunday Morning** – at the special request of the young people themselves, another banner for the Church was presented during the Easter Morning Service, led by Mr Trevor Sillifant.

**Easter Gospel Special** – the Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir and the Misses Millman and Andrew from Woolserly provided an excellent, and full of variety, musical celebration for our most important Christian festival – Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Mrs Margaret Quance recited. Rev David Hart chaired the evening programme in addition to conducting the choir, and at the close the choir took the opportunity to make a presentation to him, as this was the last occasion for his conductorship – David and Anita, our Rural Worker, will be leaving the area in the summer. Supper was served at the close.

**Summer Gospel Special** – will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2000 – a date for your diary!

## MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

**Tree-planting and Gift Tree Afternoon** – A large number of members and friends braved the cold winds on 25<sup>th</sup> March, when Rev Pat Crow led a short Dedication Ceremony at the planting of a copper beech tree and plaque in the graveyard to celebrate the Millennium. The tree was donated by a church member and enthusiastically planted by the children of the Sunday Club. The ceremony was followed by tea in the Schoolroom, giving friends the chance to meet and have a chat. Members of the Sunday Club had decorated a Gift Tree and envelopes to receive gifts towards the property fund. The sum of £847 was received and a big thank you goes to all who attended and so generously gave their money and time to make the event a pleasant and memorable one.

Phoebe Overy



..... And from some of our young tree-planters....

The copper beech tree was planted at the end of the graveyard on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2000. The people that were at the church said a prayer and then Pat Crow said that the members of the Sunday Club could shovel soil around the tree roots first. Then everyone sang "All things bright and beautiful". Afterwards we all went inside for refreshments and everyone wrote their name in a special book.

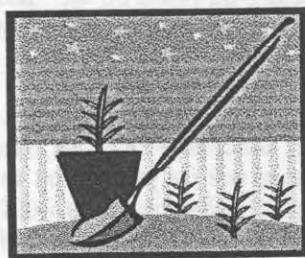
Heather & Sabine Sharp

To celebrate the year 2000, The Sunday Club planted a copper beech tree. It was a very cold and windy day. Rev Crow said a prayer, and we all had a spade and helped plant the tree. Afterwards we had tea in the schoolroom, we had a special cake which my mummy had made. It was a really good afternoon. I told 2000 (my Millennium teddy bear) all about it. When I am old the tree will still be there. I hope to visit it.

Jessica Heard (Age 8).

We planted a tree at Sunday Club for the year 2000. We had some food when we went indoors. We will see it growing when we are growing up.

Sarah Heard (Age 6)



**PA System** – one of our current projects is to improve our PA system in the chapel, with the addition of a roving microphone, which will ensure preachers and speakers are still heard when moving around the pulpit and chapel, or indeed, if desired during committals in the graveyard. There will be improved relay to the schoolroom and improvements to the controls and quality of the speakers.

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

The Anniversary of our SundaY club takes place on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am when Rev Pat Crow will lead the service. The Sunday Club and helpers will present songs, music, dance and drama based on and inspired by the "Hopes & Dreams" Millennium musical. Our Minister retires in August so this will be one of his final services with us, so come along and support him and the Sunday Club. The collection at the service is entirely for the Sunday Club and is the main income for the Club to cover the whole year's expenses for study books, materials, etc.

On Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July our Sunday Club Picnic will be held when again the Sunday Club will take part in a short family service – allowing us to take our Picnic Lunch to Bideford Park for the Annual Fun Afternoon for children. This is a free occasion for children with many events including parachute games, face painting and competitions.



**Chapel Flower Plan for the months of May & June:**

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs V Harris	4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Mrs J Carter
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs D Colwill	11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Mrs D Poole
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Mrs G Overy	18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Mrs L Luxton
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs O Turner	25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Mrs R Daniel

**THE YOUTH CLUB** meets fortnightly on Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Schoolroom. Any young person aged 9 years and above is welcome to come along – why not come along? There is a small subs charge of 30p each evening that we meet in the Schoolroom. The programme for the summer will be discussed at the next club night on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2000, when the main event will be "Make-Over", which was postponed last month. Come along with your ideas. Contact nos: Diane (01805-601435) or Sheila (261466).

**MILLENNIUM CIRCUIT SERVICE OF RENEWAL** – On Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May approximately 80 people from the Hartland, Holsworthy and Shebbear area will be presenting the *Millennium Musical "Hopes & Dreams"* at Lake Chapel at 7.30pm. The performance will be given again on the Sunday evening of the same week-end. We wish the organisers of this event a successful production in this celebration of Christianity. Tickets are available from our church stewards.

**GENETIC ENGINEERING** – Are you interested in this issue? Do you know enough about its implications or would you like to know more? The Circuit has invited Rev David Hardy to talk about this subject at an open meeting to be held at Milton on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm. Any-one is most welcome to come along for this discussion. NO charge. Tea and biscuits to follow.



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

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

Roger Daniel (Tel: 261466) is our visitor – and would be pleased to call on any-one who is lonely or ill, or would just appreciate a visit. Also within the area we are fortunate to have Deaconess Anita Hart (Tel: 281901) a Rural Worker, financed by the Methodist Church, able to offer understanding, support and empathy to any-one in the North/West Devon area.

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## **STRETCH AND TONE**

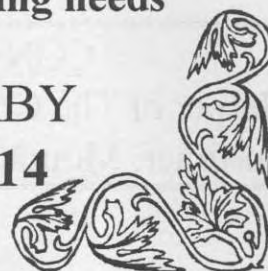
**Just to remind you that Stretch and Tone classes started on the 26th April with Janette Marshall. At the Parish Hall 6.30-7.30, £2.50 per class. Come on, join in and get ready for Summer!**

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## Dates for your Diary

- 18 May 2000 Parish Council AGM in the Chapel  
Schoolrooms at 7.30 pm  
Guest Speaker: Mr. George Harris
- 27 May 2000 Cream Tea from 3.30 pm  
Table Top Sale from 2.30 pm in the parish hall  
Entrance 50 p. including draw ticket.
- 10 June 2000 Sponsored Walk from the parish hall.  
Any money raised will go towards the  
Parish Fun Day in August.
- 19 August 2000 Millennium Celebrations in the parish hall.  
Parish Social in the evening

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- Mondays** Short Mat Bowling in hall  
Parish hall
- Tuesdays** Scallywags Dog Training  
Parish Hall Contact Debbie Merritt 261404  
First Tuesday in the month 60's club 2.30pm
- Wednesdays** STRETCH & Tone 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm  
Parish Hall Line Dancing 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm  
Just come along and join in
- Thursdays** Ladies Skittles September - April.
- Fridays** Youth Club in the Chapel Schoolrooms

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