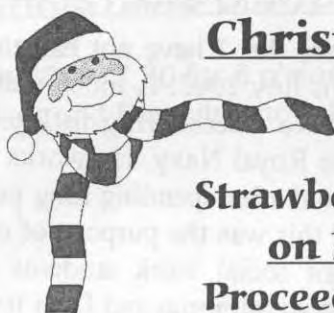
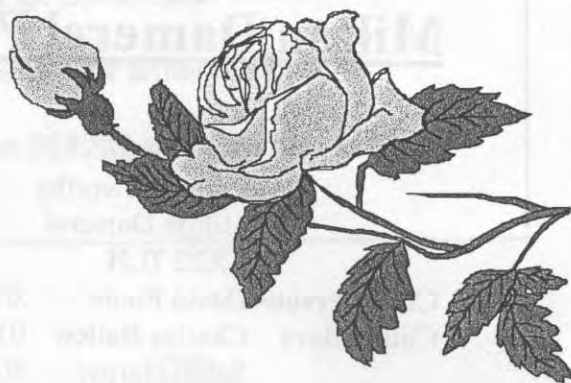


November 2003

*A Belated Happy Birthday
to
Mrs Piper
of
Kerry Heights Milton
Damerel
Enjoy your "Retirement!"*



Christmas Coffee Morning

**At The Crossways
Strawberry Bank Milton Damerel
on Monday 8th December
Proceeds in aid of the Newsletter**

Coffee Morning

Many thanks to Liz Kirby who kindly held a coffee morning to boost funds for this newsletter.

The morning was most enjoyable, we were treated to wedding cake and scones with cream and jam, followed by the chance to wander around the garden and admire the flowers, shrubs and trees in a peaceful, tranquil setting. Although the day we chose was not convenient for many who usually come along, the healthy sum of £35. was raised and a good time was had by all.



Thanks again Liz.

If you want your celebrations, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, births etc. printed please write details down and post through either Mount Pleasant's or The Crossways (Strawberry Bank) letterbox. You can phone and leave a message also on:- Sarah's 261473 or Ed's 261433.



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Firstly I need to introduce myself, as I am aware that I have not had the opportunity to meet many parish residents. I moved to Little Derworthy in July 2002. A much welcome return to Devon after ten years of living in Hampshire. Prior to this we were living in Plymouth where our only daughter Joanne was born. My husband John is in the Royal Navy. He works away during the week and now has both feet more or less permanently on land after spending long periods at sea. Joanne is attending the Dyslexia Unit at Grenville College and this was the purpose of our return to Devon. In Hampshire I worked as a social worker and taught social work students for the University of Portsmouth. I am currently keeping myself busy working at home and I am trying to distinguish any thoughts of returning to work. The time we get to spend together is very much valued, as separation has been a big part of our lives.

After making the comment that I did not feel like a Milton Damerel resident as I did not really know anyone in the village, it was suggested to me that the role of clerk would enable me to get to know people. So here I am having just attended my second Parish Council Meeting. I find myself getting to grips with planning and grant applications as well as updates to bank signatories and changes of correspondence address. Liz continues to offer her support, which I have had to call on from time to time. One call to Liz and all becomes clear. I only hope I can run things as smoothly and articulately!

New councillors have had to sign the declaration of interest form (part of the Parish Council Code of Conduct) as well as become signatories for the bank account. The bank required that proof of identification be given for all councillors even though they have been signatories for a long time. This is due to the heightened security checks they are carrying out following the terrorist attacks on September 11th.

Devon County Council have agreed to make a "Not Suitable for Long Vehicles" sign to be sighted a Whitebear Cross to deter long vehicles from going down to Crossways. The sign will take a few weeks to be made and positioned. Hopefully this will resolve the difficulties with lorries turning at Crossways.

Grant money for the Newsletter, Youth club, Parish Hall and the Sunday Club have been agreed and will soon be paid.

October's meeting was also an opportunity to complete a questionnaire for the Rights Of Way Improvement Plan as well as agree amounts for the application of the annual parish precepts. The venue of future parish council meetings has also been under discussion. Councillors have decided to hold the next meeting at the Woodford Bridge Hotel as they have offered the use of a room free of charge. This will slightly reduce outgoings which has to be considered as the council has only a small income from precepts.

Next meeting will be at Woodford Bridge Hotel in The Long Room on 20th November at 7.30PM.

PARISH HALL NEWS

The parish hall committee are looking for some help.

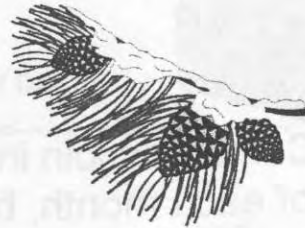
Firstly, a cleaner is required and also a carpenter for small repairs.

For further information please telephone Lesley on 261294 or Christine 261593



CHRISTMAS BINGO

On 1st November 2003. 7.30 for 8 o'clock. 50p entrance
Tea and Biscuits and a Raffle



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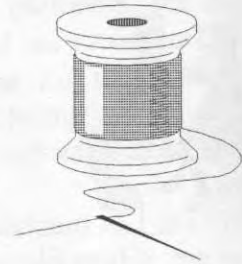
Sew'n sews

Come and join in with Lesley at Tor View the second Tuesday
of each month, bring your sewing or knitting and meet friends
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1.30 pm – 4pm

Tea and biscuits served - 50p is all that is asked
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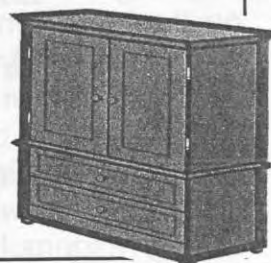
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 8th November

10.00am - 3.00pm

at

The Youth Centre

Sanders Lane, Holsworthy

***Textiles *Metalwork *Candle making *Pottery *Patchwork *Cottage Crafts *Glass Painting
*Leatherwork *Stained Glass *Silver Jewellery *Herbs, Jams & Chutneys *Silk Painting
*Driftwood mirrors *Reclaimed & Natural Materials *Willow *Felt making *Mosaics *Raku
Pottery**

LUNCHES AND REFRESHMENTS

IN AID OF HOLSWORTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP / RESOURCE CENTRE



**Ed & Sarah wish everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a**

Happy New Year

**Especially those faithfuls who regularly support the Newsletter
with donations, delivering, Coffee Mornings etc.**

Thank you all



Chapel News - October 2003

Newsletter Number Twenty-Eight

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The week-end was a great success, with the church being nearly full on Sunday morning for the service led by Rev Peter Bolt from Bideford. Peter preached on the importance of saying thank you – in our own lives, to those around us, and to God. A sung introit was given by the Sharp family, and Heather and Sabine Sharp presented a worship dance to praise music. It was a great joy to have so many of our parish families coming along to harvest festival. The church was delightfully decorated and a big thank you to every-one (young and not so young) who came along on the Friday with produce and flowers and for taking responsibility for arranging a display for a window or area. The buffet supper, thanksgiving service and auction on Monday evening were well supported and during the week-end £502 was raised for property funds. Thank you every-one for your support.

FAMILY SERVICES

These will continue on the last Sunday of each month. Please feel welcome – to be a part of God's family and the church's family, in addition to your own family. There is something for every-one and tea and coffee at the close.

Family Services are planned for:

Sunday, 26th October - led by Ted Lott
Sunday, 30th November - led by Andy Rich
Sunday, 21st December - led by Courtney Drew
Celebration of Christmas and collection for NCH Action for

Children

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This meets on the last Monday of each month in the Schoolroom from 2.30 to 3.30pm. The usual format is an interesting speaker and a chance to chat over a cup of tea. This is a small friendly group wishing to increase its numbers and we welcome any-one, male or female, whatever age, to join us.

Meeting dates are:

Monday, 27th October - Speaker: Mrs Sue Griffin
Monday, 24th November - Come along to catch-up with Robert and Gail Wall on "Life after moving from Milton to Barnstaple".

Plant swap table planned for October and November meetings – why not bring along your spare or surplus plants and swap with others?

PRAYER, PRAISE, BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION IN DEPTH, SUPPORTIVE AND COMMUNITY- MINDED – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom; open to all Christians of any denomination. We are currently

reviewing the Alpha videos on a Wednesday evening – please contact Sheila for the latest programme.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 9th November** **The Remembrance Day Parade and Service for the Shebbear Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held at Milton Damerel Methodist Church and will commence at 10.45am. Please note the time.**
- 7th December** **Gospel Special at 7.30 pm with guests “Gospelship” from South Molton and Richard Heard in the Chair**
- 13th**
14th December **Christmas Tree Festival at Rowden Methodist Church Well worth a visit to see an amazing display of traditional and new ideas for the design and creation of Christmas trees.**
- 14th December** **Annual Parish Carol Service in the Parish Church at 3pm**
- 25th December** **Christmas Day Service at Lake at 10 am**

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of October to December					
OCT		NOV		DEC	
5 th	Mrs Ann Poole	2nd	Mrs Mary Carter	7th	Mrs Phyllis Piper
12 th	Harvest Festival	9 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	14 th	Mrs Grace Millman
19 th	Mrs Lillian Luxton	16 th	Rally at Lake	21 st	Miss Rosemary Daniel
26 th	Mrs Niggy Southey	23 rd	Mrs Gwenneth Johns	28 th	Christmas Flowers
		30th	Mrs Petula Sanders		

We extend a very warm welcome and invitation to any-one wishing to come along to our regular 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. If you find the times of our activities and services inconvenient then you will be given a warm welcome by other congregations within the Shebbear Circuit. For further information contact:
Marjorie Colwill (Tel: 281214); Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466); Lillian Luxton (Tel: 261355); David Poole (Tel: 261280)

Please do not let the tradition and what you think you know about the Church put you off developing a relationship with God. Christianity is not about Church but about God, the Father Son and Holy Spirit. Please contact our Minister or Stewards or Lay Workers if you have want to find out more.

Useful Contacts:

Our Minister is Rev David Wheeler and he can be contacted on Tel. No: 281262.
Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, supporting rural communities and individuals within this area, can be contacted on Tel. No: 281321.
Roger Daniel, our local visitor, will call on any-one who is lonely or ill, or would just appreciate a visit. Tel No: 261466
Ashley Vallance, Voluntary Circuit Lay Worker, with a healing ministry. Tel No: 261327

We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas!

English is widely used on signs at hotels and businesses around the world. Unfortunately, the intended meaning does not always survive the translation.

In a Tokyo hotel: Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such thing please not to read notis.

In a Romanian hotel: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a German elevator: Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

In a Yugoslavian elevator: To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving then going alphabeticly by national order.

In a French hotel lobby: Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a Hong Kong ad: Teeth extracted by the latest methodists.

In a Greek hotel: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

In a Yugoslavian hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

In a Japanese hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

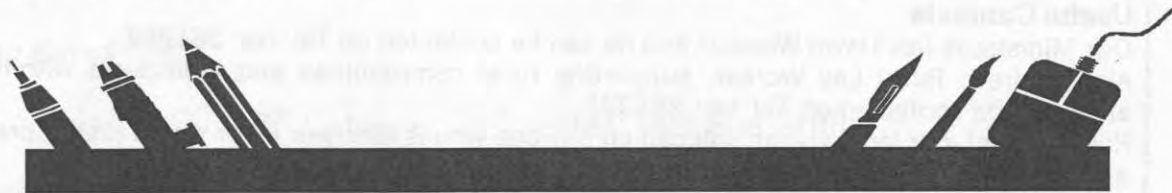
In a Moscow hotel: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

On a Swiss menu: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

In an Austrian ski lodge: Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

At a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

At a Bangkok dry cleaners: Drop your trousers here for best results.



Carol Service

**At Milton Damerel Parish Church
On Sunday December 14th at 3pm**

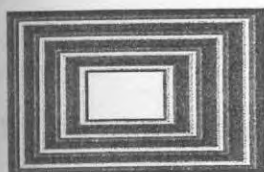
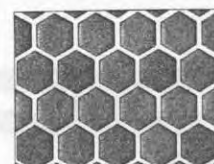
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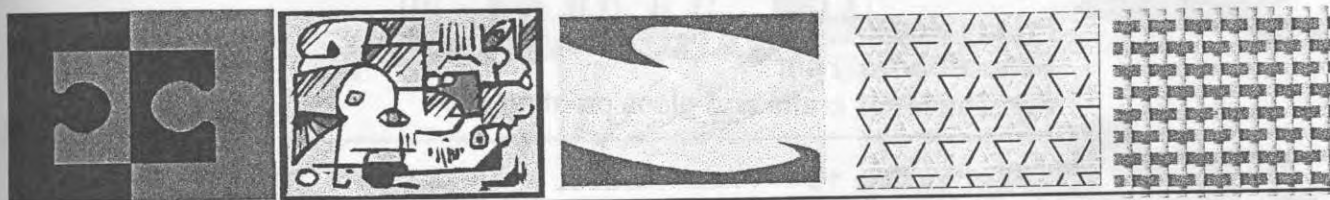
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Milton Damerel

Rector - Father Michael Reynolds 01409 253435

Services

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

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



Everyone is welcome.

MILTON DAMEREL YOUTH CLUB

PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2003



Friday Oct 31st

Schoolroom 7pm -9pm
Halloween cooking and
apple bobbing.

COME IN FANCY DRESS IF YOU WISH

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH FROM 7PM

Bonfire at Woodford Farm

Hot soup and other refreshments are available. Proceeds go to the club funds.

Friends and family are welcome!

Friday Nov 14th

Schoolroom from 7pm

Bring along your favourite games including gameboy games. Also best friend quiz. How well do you know your friend?

Friday Nov 28th

Schoolroom at 7pm

For Christmas crafts and glass painting.

Saturday Dec 13th

Outing to Plymouth Pavilions. Ice-skating, swimming and shopping for the family.

More details nearer the day

In January 2004 the Youth Club will be 12 years old!

2 Years ago I had hoped to give up as organiser but this coincided with a sudden influx of more members, plus no one came forward to replace me so it didn't seem a good time to leave. Now I feel the moment has arrived for me to officially 'retire'. My own family are fast moving on and Liz, the youngest, is not so interested in the Club anymore as she is 15 next spring. I also feel someone younger needs to put fresh ideas and new energy into the Club. Please consider, could this be you?

I have had a very happy time this last 12 years, especially as the young people have been so good and the parents so supportive. It is still the same today. There are about 15 - 20 regular members these days, they travel to the Club from Black Torrington, Sheepwash, Shebbear, Newton' and so on.

I'm sure there is a person or perhaps a couple who could take this on. The Club needs someone responsible for making bookings, phone calls and to sort out helpers, plus organise the programme. The rewards for outweigh the disappointments!! It would be a great pity for the Club to close after such a long time. I only heard yesterday of how children in one part of the country have taken to throwing eggs out of sheer boredom. Our young people do need somewhere to go and have fun together.

I am prepared to continue until April 2004 (Easter Hols) to give time for arrangements to be made. Hopefully the club won't need to close. If you are interested in this worthwhile job please speak to me or someone involved.

Thank you Sheila Daniel

Milton Damerel Youth club

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Following on from Sheila's remarks, I will also be stepping down as Treasurer of the Club as, similarly my children are now older.

I am also prepared to carry on until Sheila leaves but if anyone feels they could help to take money on some Club nights I would be extremely grateful.

Many thanks Bridget Millman





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For more information

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William Daniel died peacefully at home on 12th May 2003 at the age of 90 years. He had lived in Milton Damerel most of his life, his family having moved to Woodford when he was about 18 months old. He was born at Babbington Farm (in Chilsworthy parish) on 16th July 1912, the eldest of four children and the longest survivor of the four. He attended the village school and then Shebbear College, for some years riding a pony to the college every day. Woodford Farm was his home and farming business until 1981 when he and Emily moved to Rouse Villa, and in common with most farmers he remained involved in the farm for many years thereafter. He was associated with Milton chapel for most of his life, serving in many positions – Society steward, secretary to the trustees, property treasurer, secretary to the Guild, Sunday school teacher and then superintendent. Willie Daniel will be remembered for his insistence on punctuality, his love of telling stories whether about his visits to hospital, humour picked up from TV comedy, or amusing events, his love of singing as he had a lovely tenor voice, and his work for the chapel, most particularly the Sunday School.

He is succeeded by his wife, Emily, son Roger, and daughter Grace, and four grand children, in whom he took great delight.



A BIG THANK YOU

To all those courteous motorists who keep us riders safe your consideration is much appreciated

And for those who are not sure how to approach a horse/pony on the road please read on read on

As a motorist you should

- Look out for horses being led or ridden on the road.
- At left-hand bends and on narrow country roads - take extra care and keep your speed down.
- When you see a horse rider on the road **slow down**.
- When behind a horse rider - give them plenty of room and be ready to stop.
- Do not sound your horn or rev your engine - horses are powerful but vulnerable animals, easily scared by noise and may panic around fast moving vehicles.
- When overtaking - **pass wide and slow**.
- Horses and riders are often youngsters - so take extra care
- For increased safety, riders may ride in double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse or rider.
- Watch out for horse riders' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop.
- **Riders should signal their intentions but drivers should be aware that horses are unpredictable and a rider on a young or frightened horse may have their hands full.**
- Look out for horse riders turning right. Horse riders keep to the left of the road even when turning right - it is unsafe for them to position a horse between lines of traffic where they can panic, sandwiched with no escape route.
- Watch out for horse riders on roundabouts. When on a roundabout, horse riders will normally signal right only when approaching exits they DO NOT INTEND TO USE. Horse riders will keep to the left within the roundabout until reaching their exit, when they signal left.
- **Treat all horses as a potential hazard and expect the unexpected!**

Mutual courtesy and care between motorists and riders is important to prevent intolerance and improve safety. A horse rider should acknowledge a courtesy, however a wave or acknowledgement is not always possible as two hands are often needed to keep control of the horse, but a nod and a friendly smile are the least you should expect.

Motorists and horse riders both have the right to use the road. They also share a responsibility to consider each other's needs.

There are around 3,000 horse related accidents on the road per year, 8 every day.

The BHS Riding and Road Safety Test aims to give recognition to responsible, courteous and competent riders who understand their rights and responsibilities when riding on the road. More information about the riding test and a leaflet for riders, "Road Sense for Riders" is available from: The British Horse Society, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ.

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What is mediation?

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- Mediators don't find fault or blame people
- Mediation helps people reach an agreement that is satisfactory for them

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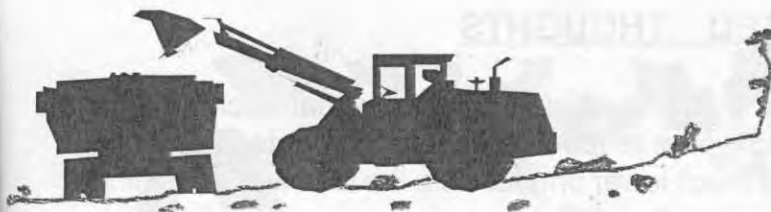
1. Contact us and we will send two mediators to visit you and listen to your problem.
2. If you agree, we will contact and visit the other party or parties and explain that there is a problem and how mediation works.
3. The mediators will listen to what you both have to say, help you look at different options and work out what happens next.
4. If you all agree the mediators will organise a joint meeting on neutral ground. They will be there as well. Alternatively, they can work with each party separately.
5. The mediators will try to help you to come to an agreement that you can all live with. It will be your agreement. They will never impose anything on you.
6. We will keep in touch with you to make sure that any agreement is holding. You can contact us at any time if you need further help.
7. Trying mediation won't stop you from taking other action if you want to. But it is worth trying first.

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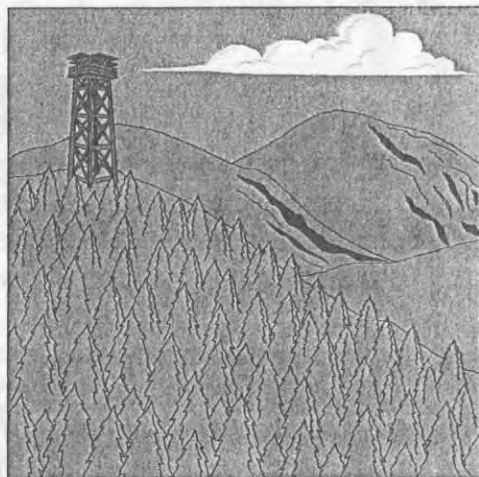
'I HAVE A LOVELY VIEW.....'

Q. I live in the Countryside, with a lovely view over the hills. I keep hearing about mobile phone companies putting masts up all over the place and I'm worried it may happen to me. I'm also concerned about potential health risks. What can I do?

A. Telecommunication masts are erected by mobile phone companies to carry mobile phone messages across and beyond England and Wales. Each mobile phone company operates a network of masts, many of which are located in the countryside. A mobile phone company can erect a mast of up to 15 metres. However, it must make a planning application,

and the local authority will then give members of the public 56 days in which to make a representation about the application. So, you will be able to put forward any objections you may have. The local authority must take into account health and environmental concerns. It must also consult with any nearby school or college. Also, local authorities must encourage the sharing of masts by multiple companies.

You should find out as much details about the proposal as possible. Any objections must be in writing to the planning officer. The planning officer cannot reject an application simply because a lot of people are against the proposals. All relevant comments will be taken into account when the decision is made. If you feel you have valid objections, you might want to contact other neighbours and set up a campaign group to publicise your opposition. In England the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) publishes guidance on the erection of masts, entitled 'Planning Policy Guidance Note 8: Telecommunications' and a 'Code of best practice on Mobile Phone Network Development'. Copies of both documents can be obtained from the ODPM, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1 5DU Tel: 020 7944 3000 or visit www.odpm.gov.uk



Also contact your local CAB for more help and information.
Bude CAB 01288 354531

Holsworthy CAB 01409 253372



VARIEGATED THOUGHTS

I have long thought that there must be a way for planning officials to ensure that each time an 'executive housing estate' is proposed there should be a requirement that a percentage of those dwellings, by their very design, would command a much lower price to help the less well off or 'first time' buyer.

In one southern county some years ago, particularly on the edge of towns, developers were required to build 'one-bed' houses or 'studio units' integrated into the design of the estate. Each had only a hard-standing for one car and a very small garden, if any. These were sold at a price affordable to the young first time buyer - one car, no children - and compared to larger housing the price, when it rose with inflation, would rise in accordance with its size and suitability. In this area it could be argued that they would be acquired for holiday homes and thereby force the price up. I would suggest that not many people who could afford a second home would appreciate a studio unit with a 'Murphy' bed folding down from the wall.

However, many years ago the States of the Bailiwick of Guernsey solved this problem by stipulating that only residents of seven years or more, or Guernsey-born people, could purchase a house in the lower rateable value bands. Only the top band is available to non-Guernsey folk, this means that the cheaper houses are available to local first time buyers. It should not be beyond the legislators to come up with a similar method on a county by county basis even to the extent of it being written into the deeds of originally cheaper house/studio units.

I have heard criticism of farmers/landowners of plots of land or barns insisting on the top market value for their property for building or conversion. Quite rightly they cannot be expected to 'gift' their property for a cheaper price in order that cheaper properties (and less profit for the developer) can be built, but if that is accepted then the local land/barn owners cannot have it both ways and complain that there is insufficient cheap housing for local people. Some avenue through sympathetic planning must be the answer.

On another very different topic, I was recently in conversation with a prominent Muslim law abiding cleric who was delighted to have been born and living in such a tranquil country as ours, as opposed to the turmoil in what he regards as his own homeland. He raised a query which he thought was interesting - why did Christians who exported their religious beliefs with some violence and slaughter in the Crusades of long ago, and with missionaries more recently, be so upset and critical when Muslims, or adherents to any other religion, wanted to educate the world with their honestly held beliefs. Whilst violence in the name of religion is always abhorrent - and we have seen enough of that closer to home even between Christians - if you want you should be at liberty without castigation to air your beliefs peacefully in the hope of conversion. This holds good in whatever you believe, and as the comedian Dave Allen used to say 'and may your God go with you'.



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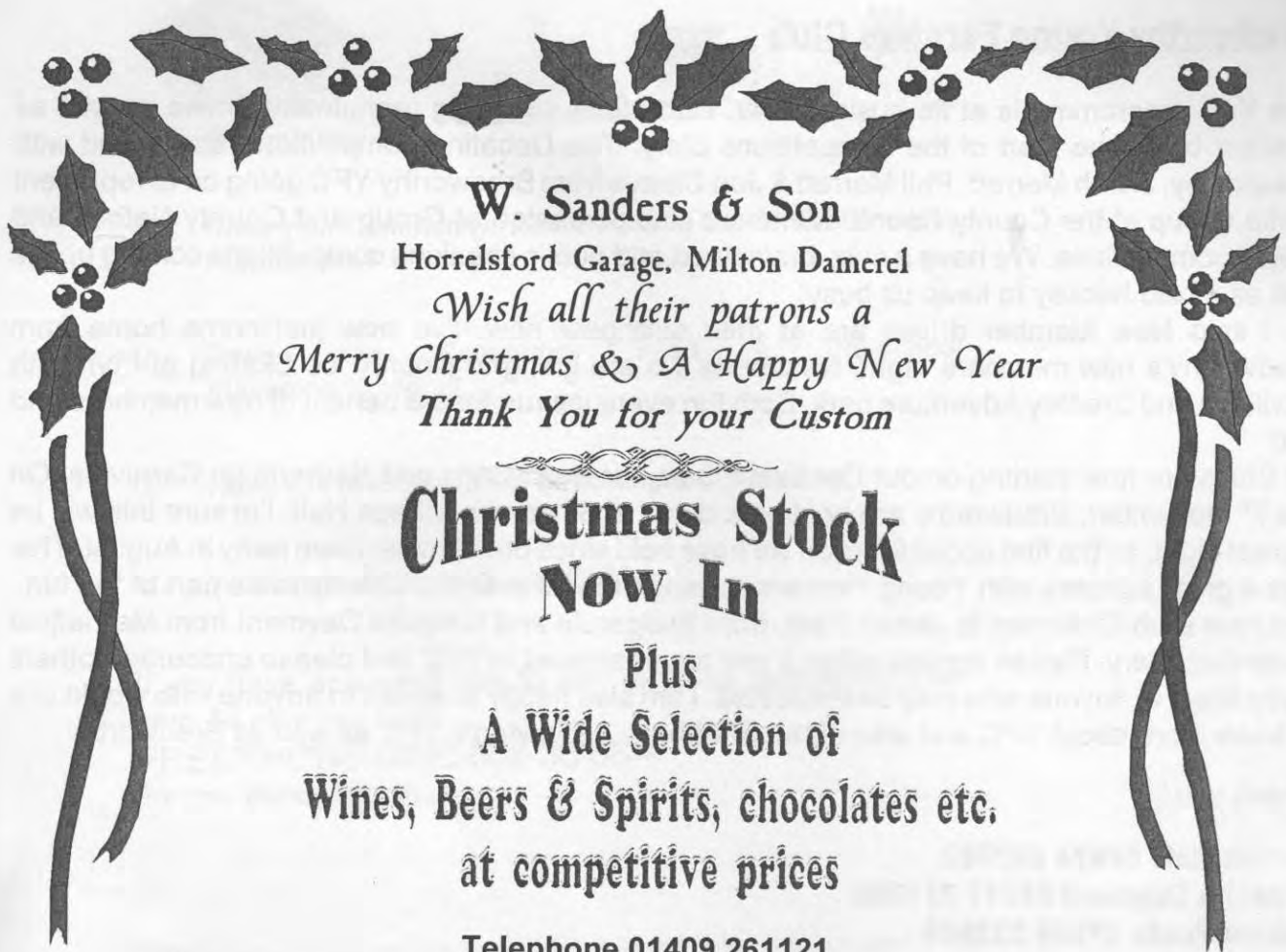
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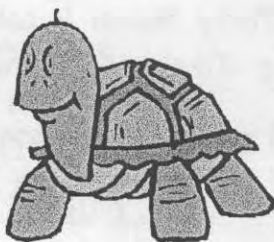
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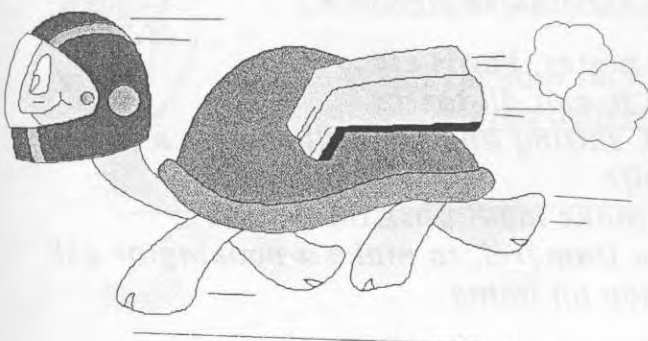
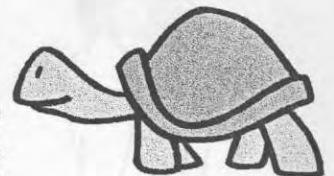
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Lost Tortoise

On September the 2nd a tortoise escaped from my garden at Little Derworthy. Despite my searching I have not found her. The night she disappeared it was very cold so she may have dug herself into the ground somewhere to hibernate. I hatched years ago. She was my very first Tortoises are an endangered importation of them was banned in anyone finds a tortoise please can through shell finger printing, sex, may be that if she survives the the spring. Please can you keep a



this tortoise out in an incubator some success so I am devastated by her loss. species and their trade is controlled and 1984. She is therefore irreplaceable. If you notify me as I can identify her size, species as well as sub species. It winter's hibernation she may surface in look out? They can travel for many miles when they are active! Anyone finding her or giving information leading to her return well be rewarded.



Thank you

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Bradworthy Young Farmers Club

The YFC programme is at its busiest now, with clubs doing big recruitment drives as well as October being the start of the competitions diary. The Debating competition has passed with Roland Ley, Sarah Merrett, Phil Merrett & Jon Cleave from Bradworthy YFC going on to represent Tarka Group at the County Round. Members also competed at Group and County Netball and Rugby competitions. We have a quiz, braintrust and public speaking competitions coming up, as well as mixed hockey to keep us busy!

As I said New Member drives are at their strongest now. I've now just come home from Bradworthy's new members night. Next week we are going to County Ice Skating at Plymouth Pavilions and Crealey Adventure park. Both fun evenings run for the benefit of new members and old!

All Clubs are now starting on our Carnival Floats, for Holsworthy and Hatherleigh Carnivals. On the 7th November, Bradworthy are holding a disco at Sutcombe Village Hall. I'm sure this will be a great night, as the first social function we have held since our summer foam party in August. This was a great success with Young Farmers coming from all over the County to be part of the fun. Our new Club Chairman is James Hale, from Bridgerule and Natasha Dayment from Merriefield is our Secretary. Please contact either if you are interested in YFC and please encourage others if you know of anyone who may be interested. I am also happy to speak to anyone who would like to know more about YFC and also about Shebbear & Clawton's YFC as well as Bradworthy.

Thank you

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