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Since the report was written for the last newsletter there have been three monthly meetings held on the third Thursdays of February, March and April and a short meeting on the 2nd March to deal with a planning matter.

Planning applications received during this period were for Woodland View and Blackberry Farm.

Two applications for Agricultural Determination were received for Chapel View and Higher Gidcott..

PCSO Raquel Rowe attended the April meeting and informed the meeting that there had been no reported community crime in Milton Damerel this year but sadly the very next day we were advised that the solar panel from the flashing warning sign at Waldon Hill had been stolen. Anyone with information about this should contact the Police central number: 08452 777444, quoting Log 620.

At the end of March the Council notified Highways of a number of pot holes in the Parish roads. We were advised that their annual survey of the roads had marked various points requiring repair and they would attend to them the following week. Regrettably at the time of writing, the yellow paint is wearing off the holes before they have been filled in. On another maintenance matter, the Lengthsmen, who's primary function is to keep the road network free of water by opening grips and easements and by carrying out minor cleaning on the Public Highway are scheduled to visit the Parish a number of times over the year. If there are any places that require the attention of the Lengthsmen please advise the Clerk or one of the Councillors so that it can be brought to the attention of the Highways Superintendent in time for their next visit.

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2007 closed with the Parish Council having funds of £272. As part of the Annual Audit process the Parish Council accounts will be available for electors to exercise their rights to inspect the accounts. The arrangements for this will be advertised on the Parish Council notice boards at the Garage and Parish Hall

Following the Local Election process in May the above six members were returned uncontested to the Parish Council for the new 4 year term, The remaining seat has to be filled by co-option Mr Charles Bellew decided not to stand for re-election and we must offer our most grateful thanks to him for 28 years of loyal service to Milton Damerel Parish Council, his long experience will be greatly missed.

Roberta Jackson

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Emma Stannard & Kieran Jaques** of Prospect Place, Venn Green on the birth of **Miley** on 22nd April; and a sister for Kian

To **James Stannard and Anthony Dunn**, two members of the band "**Mendez**" who were invited to play at the world famous Liverpool Cavern in the Spring. (*Sorry, we missed this from the last edition!!*)

To **Nigel Hutchings** of W Sanders & Sons on achieving Master Technician in Automotive Technician Accreditation (A.T.A), one of the first in the South West.

To **Jean Reed** of Gidcott, member of the North Cornwall Golf Club (and a past County player) who recently had her first "hole in one". (*Now, ain't that just very good – eat your heart out, guys!*)



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Farewell and best wishes to:

Edith & Ernie Scott who have moved from Gratton to Woolsery

Tony & Collette Rayment & family who have moved from Arden, Venn Green to Bradworthy

Mike & Lizzy Kirby & family who have moved from Milton Mill to Putford, hopefully temporarily, and hope to be back in Milton Damerel. They continue to operate the farm shop and farming at Blackberry Farm, Venn Green

The Laslett family who have moved from Milton Town

A warm welcome to:

David & Janet Fisher who have moved into Gratton

Ray & Bev & Darren Tree who have moved into Brook View, Strawberry Bank

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to those in our parish who have been bereaved during the last few months due to the loss of parents and family members. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time for each of you.

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Youth & Family News

Monster Club

During Easter, Monster Club held their own Easter egg hunt at the chapel, we had plenty of willing egg hunters!

The Monster Club garden is up and running, all the vegetables have been planted and on Thursday 10th May we meet to plant some flowers in the flowerbeds, which surround the vegetable garden.

If anybody would like to help with the cooking or gardening on a Thursday evening once a month that would be very much appreciated. What's involved with the cooking? Volunteer (or volunteers!) needed to help once a month (or less if more volunteers) for about 1½ hours; usually we provide for about 18 – 20 club members and helpers, simple uncomplicated food, bangers & mash etc., all paid for out of our small funds! We have a reasonably equipped kitchen with a brand new cooker. Contact Sheila 261466 or Tracy 261501.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Monster Club this season, we will be sending out a new programme to members soon.

Senior Youth Club

This season the Senior Youth Club went bowling at Harlequins in Bude and roller blading at Holsworthy. It was very amusing watching the less experienced skaters falling over! Also last week we played skittles at Milton Damerel Parish Hall, firstly we played the original game of skittles to warm up and then we played killer, having to watch out for stray skittle balls at times.

From Naomi Elkins

On Thursday, 8th March, me and my dog, Crystal, went to Crufts. It was very busy there with shops, photographers and everything. I got my photo taken by a photographer, it was great. Although I didn't win I had a fantastic time. I hope I get a chance to go there next year! **Well done on being selected for Crufts.**

The SUNDAY CLUB ANNIVERSARY

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Sunday, 27th May at 11am
In the Methodist Church

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Saturday, 26th May 3.00 – 5pm

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Worship can be fun for all ages !!
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In Milton Schoolroom

The Shebbear Ecumenical Youth Project

Doesn't time fly! Things with the project are going really well, so well I can't keep up with it!

Thanks to an anonymous donation, the project has now got the use of motor home. The project plans to use this vehicle to deliver detached work around the area. Detached work is a specific style of youth work where workers meet the young people where they're at, rather than expecting them to get to a meeting place. This style of youth work is perfect for an area such as ours where young people are isolated and struggled to get around. The motor home acts as a perfect vehicle for this by enabling us to take resources out to young people.

This is obviously an exciting time for the project and work from the motor home will be a major part of the projects work in the area. Our hope is that through extra contact with young people we can begin to develop more opportunities for young people, with young people. Over the past nine months the project has made plenty of contacts with others involved in youth work which has given us a really good understanding of the area and what is available for the young people living here. The use of the motor home will be another way to bring these opportunities out to the young people.

As I said this is a really exciting time for the project, and hopefully you share this excitement with us. However, the work is dependant on volunteers and can only develop as the number of volunteers increases. We would really like to encourage anyone who feels able to volunteer, to get in touch. As a volunteer you would join Lizz, the full time worker, on the motor home for a few hours a fortnight. The type of work you would do would be simply meeting with the young people and getting alongside them. There is no particular type of person or skills we are looking for, we are simply looking for people who are willing to get alongside young people. If you feel this could be you, please do contact Lizz with the details below.

Thanks again for all your support. Lizz Prangle shebbearyouth@btinternet.com 0560 2521090

MILTON DAMEREL SCHOOL 1939-1945: SOME MEMORIES

.....from Ken German, an “old boy” of the parish.....

.....I started at the school at the age of 5 in the summer of 1939. We lived about half a mile away at Milton Mill Cottage, the house where I was born.

I understand that my mother took me in the very early days but I don't remember. My earliest recollection is having a “lift” on Nancy Piper's pony, both of us in the saddle at the same time! I don't know where the pony went while we were in school, probably grazing in the school playing field behind the school, I expect. We had a couple of very cold winters at that time with a lot of snow and ice. The roads were so slippery that we could not stand up safely with the hob nail boots which all of us country boys wore at that time. My mother helped to solve the problem by putting a pair of my Dad's old woollen socks over the top of the whole boot giving a much better grip than the nails on ice.

.....When I started at school there must have been between 30 – 35 pupils I expect. Then the Second World War started and a large number of London evacuee children arrived in the parish staying with many families who had room in their houses. Around this time we were issued with our personal “gas masks” in their brown cardboard boxes. We all hated gas mask drill and to this day I don't really like the smell of new rubber! When the drill took place we all left the school buildings and went down the lane towards the woods below the school where we could hide under some large thick hawthorn bushes out of sight of enemy aircraft, if the school was attacked. Fortunately this, of course, never happened, but I remember being very worried because on the wireless there was constant talk of a German invasion. Due to the number of pupils now in the parish, another classroom was opened up with another teacher. This was in the room, which we used to call the Boardroom. This was where all the tables and benches were kept for the teas and other functions put on by the Chapel. Now I believe it is where the Youth Group meets.

.....During the War the whole country was urged to “Dig for Victory” and grow as much food for yourself as possible. The children did their bit by doing some gardening at the house of our teacher, a Mrs Arthur Hancock. She lived down just past “Crossways” or Strawberry Bank as some people used to call it. There was quite an area of “wet lawn” which we dug up and planted potatoes and green vegetables. These were used in the school canteen. All lunches were cooked on the school premises and very good they were, I remember. Mrs Larkworthy was the cook, I believe, with other helpers.

.....Some of the evacuee children stayed in the area for the rest of their lives, others returned to London but kept in touch and visited the friends they had made here.

.....I mentioned Mrs Hancock, our teacher, who started me on a life time interest in “stamp collecting”. She gave me a few stamps to start my collection and I still have the same ones to this day over 60 years later! Arthur Hancock, her husband, had an excellent collection at that time and I was privileged to go to their house to see it. I did not know how good it was, of course, at that time, but realized in later years how well put together it was.

....Towards the end of my education at Milton, my mother had to go into hospital to rest. She was expecting my brother David and wasn't well. My sister Thelma and I went to stay with our grandparents on their farm, Southcoombe, near Holsworthy. We went into school by a “school bus”, quite an adventure. One of the things that stands out in my mind is that one day we were asked to take turns in reading aloud to the whole class. My turn came and I did my bit and when I was told to stop by the teacher, who I think was the headmaster, he said to the class “There children, that's the way to read, that's Milton Damerel school for you.” I remember being very proud of what our little village school had taught me.

....At this time we had a Head Mistress, called Mrs Thomas, who was teaching me. She was very firm but a good teacher. One day she informed us that we would be going into Holsworthy to “Big School” to take an exam to decide where our future education would take place. This was, of course, the Eleven Plus, as it was later known, but at that time I had no idea what the exam meant.

....We were collected by bus one day in the Spring of 1945 and went to Holsworthy and sat the exam. During the summer term of that year we were walking to school from Milton Mill and as we approached “Pentreve”, the house where Mrs Thomas lived, she opened a window and called out excitedly “Kenneth, you have won a scholarship to Queen Elizabeth's School, Crediton.” I don't remember how I reacted at that time because we didn't know of anyone else who had done this. A girl called Annie Prouse from Whitebeare Cross, also passed at the same time and went to Tiverton Grammar School, I believe.

.....As the years have passed I realized what a good basic education our village school at Milton Damerel had given me.

Ken German, Barnstaple. 12th March 2007.

...And those in the parish who attended the school in the late 50s/ early 60s remember Ken calling at school to replace the “wet batteries” for the school wireless, which was stored in the very large wooden cupboard, which has now been sold! GM.

SUMMER EVENING WALK & B-B-Q

Continuing our walks around the parish, join us for a walk from Great Derworthy, through Venn Green, to Milton Town, concluding with a BBQ at the Methodist Church

FRIDAY, 10th AUGUST 2007

Please meet at Methodist Church at 6.30pm if requiring transport to the start, or 7pm at Great Derworthy. *Proceeds for Newsletter*

Chapel News – June 2007**Newsletter Number Forty-One**

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.

GOSPEL SPECIALS – On Easter Sunday we were delighted to welcome again the Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir under the conductorship of David Ley, accompanied by Millicent Hill, who also sang a solo. Catherine Ley was another soloist and Margaret Quance, elocutionist. The choir and their guests brought us traditional and modern songs based around the Easter story and celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It was a most delightful conclusion to Easter Sunday.

On 29th July we are looking forward to another return visit – **the Culm Valley Crusade Choir** – from the Cullompton area and hope there will be a good crowd again to hear their wonderful singing and presentation of the gospel message.

COMMUNITY SURVEY: An Update

Our neighbours in Newton St Petrock and Putford have responded to our idea of an Alpha course involving the 3 parishes and please see a separate article for more details.

The garden area in the graveyard has been created and the Milton Monsters club have planted many seeds for transplanting at the right time. Nicola Poole has asked that the monies donated in Stephen's memory should be used to purchase the garden seat and dedicated to his memory.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE – This now meets on the 3rd Monday afternoon of the month and on the 3rd month a coffee morning held on the last Saturday, instead of the usual meeting.

Our last coffee morning was held in March; sadly, the turnout for this was very poor. We raised £29.50 from the sale of coffee and the stall raised more money for the collecting pot. Money raised is donated to the Children's Hospice South West, a most worthwhile cause. We hope for better support at the next coffee morning on Saturday, 30th June.

Our April meeting's guest speaker was Mrs Rose Peard, who shared her experiences of many country walks, including a large part of the coastal footpath plus preparation for the charity sponsored Night walk. This talk was wonderfully descriptive and most of us felt we had been taken out on a walk for the afternoon. By the time the newsletter is published we will have welcomed Lavinia Archer as our May speaker, sharing experiences of a week at the Taizé community plus a video of Taizé.

On Saturday, 30th June, we have the coffee morning from 10.30am in the Schoolroom and there will also be a 'Bring and Buy' stall. **We would really welcome your support – please pop in for a "cuppa" and chat.**

Monday, 16th July we look forward to hearing Rev Dinah Hargreaves, the local Baptist minister, who will be sharing how she became a Baptist minister, having passed her "milestone 50th Birthday."

Monday, 20th August - speaker still to be arranged.

The Club is open to any-one; please come along and join us for an hour of company and friendship.

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

Sunday, 27th May **Sunday Club Anniversary** – the annual occasion when we celebrate with the young people and show our support for their part in the life of the chapel. Please join us in this service for all the family.

Sunday, 24th June **Mr Roy Harris** from Torrington

Sunday, 29th July **Mr Chris Andrew** from Shebbear

Sunday, 26th August **Mrs Gill Daniel** from North Tamerton

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. We will be delighted to welcome along any-one interested in exploring the Bible. Following our Lent study we have moved on to a series of studies on the book of James. If anyone wishes for us to pray for them or about local concerns, please feel able to contact one of the Stewards...or even better, come along on a Monday evening.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE TO AUGUST

JUN		JUL		AUG	
3 rd	Mrs Niggy Southey	1 st	Mrs Petula Sanders	5 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer
10 th	Mrs Joanne Carter	8 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy	12 th	Circuit Rally
17 th	Mrs Gwynneth Johns	15 th	Mrs Tracy Dunmore	19 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn
24 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper	22 nd	Mrs Valerie Carter	26 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh
		29 th	Mrs Grace Millman		

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Milton Damerel

Rector: Father Michael Reynolds Tel: 01409 253435

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

Abbots Bickington

A GARDEN FETE

Saturday, 4th August 2007

to be held at Bluebell Cottage

(the home of Charles and Elizabeth Bellew)

Opening @ 2.00pm

Side Shows

Cream Teas

for Cancer Research and Abbots Bickington Church

Admission: £2.00 Adults £1.00 12 & under

St Peters Church, Thornbury & Woodacott Chapel

COFFEE MORNING & TABLE TOP SALE

Wednesday, 20th June 2007

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Fete 14th

Please come and join us for our first fete in 25 years.

We have been working tirelessly since October 2006 to organise a great day for our parish.

To be held on the field opposite the parish hall.

Side Shows

Tombola
Book stall
Treasure Hunt
Name the puppy
Horse and Trap rides
Bee keeping exhibit
Vintage Show
Tin Can Alley
Face Painting
Bouncy Castle
Old Car section
Coconut shy
Ferret Racing.
Bradworthy Young Farmers.

Competitions

Children's races
Children's Fancy Dress
Skittles
Garden on a plate**
Collage on a plate**.
Cake baking Victoria sandwich & Scones
Vegetable plate of 3 veg, Potatoes, Beetroot, Carrots.**
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****Some competitions require an entry form available from the garage or online at www.miltondamerel.com
Return the application forms to the garage before 13th July**

- Can you help on the day? We need around 25 helpers.
- Interested in a stall to sell your items?.
- Are you a local business?
 - ⇒ You can have a stall to sell your goods from,
 - ⇒ Or an area to display your goods / services,
 - ⇒ Or simply display banners around the grounds.

Contact Rose 261577 or Terry 261161 for more information

Note: Events, Stands and Displays are subject to change at short notice

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PARISH PLANNING – Update

The Steering Group launched the first community consultation with an open event in the Parish Hall on Friday, 20th and Saturday, 21st April. An invitation for everyone to come along at some time during the two days was delivered to most households in the Parish, so we do hope you took the opportunity to come along if you were able to.

Local businesses were invited to have displays at the event and we were delighted to have Flowerbed Ed, RAW Piper & Sons, and Woodford Bridge Hotel & Country Club, all with colourful and impressive information about their products and services, and employment opportunities. Parish organisations were also invited to take display space and the Milton & Damerel Over 60s Club and Methodist Church responded with much information about their activities. Thank you to all for your active support of the event.

About 10% of the parish residents actually came along and contributed an interesting

variety of comments and ideas, which will now be used as the basis for the household questionnaire, and this will be issued in the Summer, either delivered personally to all households or be available by e-mail *** see below . We also anticipate there will be separate opportunities, in the form of a questionnaire or similar, for children and young people to respond.

The questionnaires will be your opportunity to let us know the things that are important to you and your families .. and more importantly, will inform later discussions on the action plan of what is needed to change/improve the parish and the lives of those who live here. **Your views are critical!!**



What did we cover at the consultation event?

The Parish Hall was filled with displays showing a wide range of information, which invited comments from those attending on the issues, asking what were favourable, what were unfavourable, and what should be changed. The topics were:

- Housing
- Recreation
- Health & Social Services
- Access to Services
- Traffic and Transport
- The Environment
- Youth & Young People

We also provided detailed information on the reasons for engaging in Parish Planning and the costs, timetable and step by step actions.

How we communicate in the parish e.g. notice boards, adverts, and newsletter, and who and what are involved with the Parish Council, plus Emergency Planning, Neighbourhood Watch and Crime & Safety were all allocated display space. We also collated some Census info about the parish and showed details of such items as age profile, size of households, car ownership, and employment.



For more information – see last Newsletter for details of aims for the Parish Plan.

Please contact
Anne Binns (261381) or
Grace Millman (261251)
with any comments or offers of
volunteering eg joining the Steering
Group, skills in data analysis,
delivering & collecting
questionnaires.



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Ingredients

225g/8oz Streaky Bacon, derinded and stretched
225g/8oz Lambs Liver, finely minced
450g/1lb minced Lamb, (preferably not too lean)
1 Onion, finely chopped
2 teasp Tomato Paste
½ teasp Dried Sage
½ teasp Dried Rosemary
Salt and Black Pepper
90ml/3fl.oz. Dry Cider
50g/2oz Melted Butter

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180C, 350F, Gas Mark 4 and line the base and sides of a terrine or small loaf tin with the bacon rashers. Set aside.
2. Place the remaining ingredients in a large mixing bowl and mix, using your hands, to combine thoroughly.
3. Transfer the mixture to the prepared terrine, pressing it down firmly to remove any air pockets.
4. Cover with aluminium foil and place in a roasting dish filled with about 5cm/2 inches of hot water. Bake in the oven for 1½ hours.
5. Once cooked, remove from the oven and place a weight on top of the foil. Allow to cool at room temperature.
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A. When debts start to mount up it's easy to be panicked into paying the creditors who shout the loudest first, but you must make mortgage payments your top priority – you could lose your home if you don't pay. You only need to miss two or three payments before your lender takes you to court and you are at risk of repossession.

Always let your mortgage lender know if you're having problems – don't just stop paying or miss payments. But if you do start to fall behind with mortgage payments, its time to get free, independent advice as soon as possible. Contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau (see www.adviceguide.org.uk or your local phone book for details) or phone National Debtline on 0808 808 4000.


Never ignore court papers and court hearings – do attend court, but get advice first.

If you're suddenly out of work or unable to work because of illness or injury, check for any payment protection insurance you may have.

Your local CAB can help you sort out your debt problems, negotiate with creditors, and check for any additional income you may be due such as tax rebates, benefits or tax credits. They can also help you get back on track by taking a long hard look at what you have coming in and going out, and helping you make sure that in future you take control of your finances rather than letting them take control of you.

SOME CURRENT ADVICE FROM OUR POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER.....I would like to advise everyone in the community to be aware and vigilant, especially since the last shed burglaries that had occurred recently in Putford and Thornbury areas. My advice for people, who have valuable things stored in their shed is to have a good padlock on their sheds, good lighting, store items in the area that cannot be seen by the window, and never leave valuable things around the vicinity.

PCSO 30099 Raquel Rowe.



Local Co-ordinators

Strawberry Bank: Roger Copp - Tel. 261681

Venn Green: Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196

Gratton: Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277

Watch schemes have now been established in the Strawberry Bank, Venn Green and Gratton areas. PCSO Rowe would also like to set up schemes to cover the Holsworthy Beacon and the Whitebear/Fore Street areas of the Parish. If anybody would be interested in taking on either of these positions they should contact PCSO Rowe on 08456 567842 or speak to one of the local co-ordinators for further information.

Weather or not.....

Another weather saying from our local weather watcher...

**“A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon,
A swarm of bees in July – not worth a fly!”**

FRIENDSHIP

In you I've found a perfect friend,
A friend sincere and true,
Our glances met, a friendship found,
My thoughts I share with you.
True friendship is a treasured gift
for it is found by few,
But as the passing years go by
this gift I'll share with you.
I would like you now to know
The joy it's given me,
And trust as life goes fleeting by
The bond will stronger be.

Carrie Lovall

R U Speeding?

Sadly there are some members of the community that are currently driving faster than the road conditions allow. While the speed limit varies from 40 to 60 mph, often the conditions do not allow this.

As well as the noise that high speed makes there's a real danger to life, either human or animal, and its anti-social and dangerous.

The local PCSO is aware of the situation, if the speeding continues, registration numbers may be reported to her by members of the community .

Show some consideration for your neighbour's and please slow down, or expect a knock on the door.

Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir

The choir took part in a 'Three Choirs Festival in February at South Molton. They were joined by South Molton's Male Voices and Exeter Praise Male Voices. They are currently rehearsing for another 'Three Choirs Festival to take place in July, most probably at Black Torrington Parish Church; more details later. In July they are to sing at St Giles on the Heath Village Hall. They are also taking part in Shebbear & Buckland Filleigh Festival in September. The choir, which has been going for over 55 years, are pleased to welcome new members. Their conductor is mr David Ley, tel: 01805 601247.

Putford W.I.

On 18th April, in beautiful weather, about 80 women descended on Putford, it was the Woman's Institute Group meeting. We began the meeting with everyone singing Jerusalem, after which all secretaries gave their yearly reports. Mr Peardon then gave us a lively and interesting talk on his life as Metropolitan Policeman in London. This was followed by a cold meat and salad tea, with delicious sweets. While all this was taking place the judges were marking the competitions from each W.I., this was titled 'An Easter Tea'. All entries were good but Putford took top marks and the cup with a brilliant entry, which gained great admiration. The evening entertainment included songs for 'All', a poem so ably written and read by our youngest member, Rose, and a short comical 'Ditty'. As this is our 80th birthday year we all adjourned to the schoolroom for a piece of delicious celebration cake and a glass of wine, a suitable ending to a very busy and enjoyable day.

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Lisa 241359 or Putford School 241371

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Business and Farms will have already started to implement changes necessary under the new regulations.

PARISH HALL NEWS

The Parish Hall Committee met on 10th May, they hold about four meetings a year and are always looking for new committee members. If you are able to join them please contact one of the officers, see below.

Our Whist Drive on Saturday, 24th March 2007 raised £23.50. The Wine and Wisdom on Saturday, 28th April, raised a profit of £217.57, it was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We are holding a Sunday lunch event to be held on 12th August (no time as yet) we are hoping that it will be well supported. See flyers on notice boards nearer the time.

Those people who have visited or passed the Hall will have noticed that we now have new entrance doors. We would like to thank Nicola Poole for her kind donation. The money was gratefully received from part of the collection given at her late husband's funeral.

Chairperson: Mr Charles Bellew (261629)
 Mrs Christine Buckpitt (261593)
 Mrs Lesley Self (261294)
 Next meeting 5th July 8pm

LINE DANCING

Tuesdays 7 – 9pm

£1.50 per session

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MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT 'OVER 60' CLUB

At our March meeting we were taken on a scenic journey to the Outer Hebridean Islands, with an interesting commentary by our very welcome friend of the Club, Rev. P. Crow. These slide shows are always very much appreciated. Lists of outing venues for the summer months were given out by our Chairman, who organises them. Members are given first chance of seats and regular friends and supporters make up the numbers to usually fill the coach.

April meeting, names and bookings were taken for the first outing of the year. Bingo was played and tea was served by Mrs Yelland and Mrs Kinsman. The outing was to Babbacombe, stopping at the House of Marbles for refreshment, comfort and a good look around. Babbacombe was very interesting, with visits to the Model Village, the Beach, Gardens and shops. Afterwards going on to Torquay to enjoy more sunshine, ice cream and meals before the return journey.

May meeting was the A.G.M. the club being formed in 1983 by Rev. Chippington and interested parishioners of Milton Damerel and Newton St. Petrock. Today, the Officers and Committee were unanimously re-elected 'en bloc' to serve another year, May 2007 – 2008. The business side of the meeting over, members played cards, had a general chat whilst members booked for the May outing to Looe. Tea was served by Mrs Bridgman, Mrs Hearn and Mrs Palmer and purchases made from the Bring & Buy stall run by Mrs Luxton to end the afternoon. Further details of club from Mrs P. Overy, tel: 261332

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An Invitation to Join an ALPHA course....

...There are currently 32,952 ALPHA courses running in 158 countries around the world; from Albania to Vietnam, people from all over the world are coming together to explore the Christian Faith through the use of ALPHA. Courses are being run in such diverse venues as prisons and universities, from large and grand venues to small country communities and home groups.

Adventurer, *Bear Grylls* recently helped launch a new series of ALPHA events. Bear is pictured on ALPHA promotional material standing at the top of Snowdonia, the caption reads "Is there more to life than this?" His TV series "Ultimate Survival" is due to be shown on Channel Four this year. Bear admits that his faith is a huge part of his life giving him confidence to do some of his dare-devil adventures, such as swimming in crocodile infested rivers!! Bear and his wife Shara went on an ALPHA course about two years ago.

Shane Lynch, former member of the boy band, *Boyzone*, also spoke recently at an ALPHA supper held in a hotel near Worcester. He told the audience of how after being so successful with the band his life fell apart. He found an emptiness in his life. This led him into witchcraft and séances, which made his life "hellish" and drove him into deep depression. Since then Shane's life has turned around as he has found faith and now encourages people to go along and experience ALPHA for themselves.

ALPHA gives the opportunity to come together, socialise and also discuss and ask questions. Its non-judgemental, open and informal. A meal is shared together, followed by a video or DVD, (these were re-made and updated in April this year) with Nicky Gumble explaining the Christian Faith in a down to earth style. This is followed by discussion where everyone is invited to put their own view.

We are now discussing the possibility of an ALPHA course starting locally, possibly in September, so please look out for more publicity and please consider taking the opportunity to join in. If you wish to be involved in the preparation and planning, contact: Sheila (Tel: 261466)

Lilian (Tel: 261355)

our Minister, Rev David Wheeler (281262)

STOP PRESS....A PLANNING MEETING,

for anyone wishing to be involved,

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in the Schoolroom.

over 60s - first Tuesday @ 2.30pm



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A verse from Lesley's niece in Australia, which she apparently learnt from a Cornishman

"Great big gobs of greasy, grimy gophers guts

Mutilated monkey meat

Dirty little birdie's feet

French fried eye balls served in a sauce of blood and I forgot my spoon"

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NEWSLETTER FINANCES!

The Group reports on the finances for the year 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2006.

	£
Receipts during 2006:	
Advertising	165.00
Personal donations.....	38.00
Grant – Parish Council.....	00.00 ⁽¹⁾
Fund-raising: Snowman Comp:	12.00
Cider & Pasty Walk	35.20
Walk & Barbecue	67.69
Scarecrow Comp:	35.10
Building Society & Bank Interest	0.26
	353.25
Payments during 2006:	
Photocopying.....	333.69 ⁽²⁾
Paper & new stapler	27.00
	360.69
Net loss for the year...	7.44
Funds in hand at 1st January 2006:	
HSBC Treasurer's Account.....	497.77
Cash held	81.86
Total	579.63
Less net loss	7.44
Funds in hand at 31st December 2006	572.19
HSBC Treasurer's Account	537.19
Cash & Cheques held.....	35.00

Notes: (1) Photocopying cost of £84.45 for December 2005 paid during the year, and outstanding bill at 31st December 2006 was £112.29
 (2) Parish Council Grant for 2006 of £80.00 not paid until January 2007.

Thank you to every-one who has supported the newsletter through advertising, coming along to our fund-raising events, and donations/ grants received. Through this tremendous support we are able to compile and deliver the Newsletter to 220 households throughout the parish and Abbots Bickington. We look forward to your continuing support for the events planned in 2007 – please come along and enjoy the “get-togethers” and let us know what other items you would like to see each quarter.

**Advertisements**

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To advertise in this newsletter contact Margaret on 01409 261486 for more details.

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 3rd August 2007