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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Since the last newsletter report was written there have been three regular monthly meetings, May, June and July. The Parish Council AGM and the Annual Parish Meetings were also both held on 17th May.

At the Parish Council AGM the 6 newly elected councillors signed their 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor' and elected Gareth Piper to serve as Chairman for the year and Grace Millman was elected Vice Chairman. The vacant seat was filled at the May Parish Council meeting by co-option and Mr John Webb attended his first Parish Council meeting in June.

There were various planning matters to be considered during this period including full planning applications from East Wonford Cottage, West Wonford Farm, Elmfield, Moor View Farm and an amended scheme at Town Farm. An application for Agricultural Determination was received for Withypool Farm and Certificate of Lawful Development was considered for Wonford Park Farm.

In May a new Code of Conduct for Parish Councils was published and this was formally adopted by Milton Damerel Parish Council on 19th July 2007.

At the Annual Parish Meeting Parish organisations reported on their activities over the last year and the guest speaker was Ricky McCormack, Head of Operational Services at Torridge District Council who spoke passionately about recycling and waste disposal. He spoke about the efforts being made in Torridge to increase the number of types of materials that can be recycled. He also explained how the savings from no longer providing black bags would be redirected to other aspects of rubbish disposal.

Every household in the parish is entitled to have a green box and green bag for their weekly recycling collection from the roadway. Anyone not having a box & bag can arrange to get them by contacting the Recycling Team at Westcombe Depot Tel; 01237 428734 or E-mail; recycling@torridge.gov.uk.

The recycling pavilions have recently been repaired and they are still in operation but we have been asked to remind users that they must NOT leave rubbish such as cardboard, plastic bags and plastic containers and packaging in the pavilions. Cardboard can be taken to the Recycling Centre at Anvil Corner.

The following items may be left in the pavilions or the green boxes & bags;

Plastic bottles, glass jars & bottles, food tins, drinks cans, aluminium foil and aerosol cans.

(Please remove all plastic tops first) Newspapers, magazines, catalogues and telephone books.

If you require any further information please contact the Recycling Team as above.

From the many items of correspondence received by the Parish Council readers may be interested in a letter from Holsworthy Motor Club Ltd advising that they will be holding their "Roger Pole Taw & Torridge" classic reliability trail on Sunday 23rd September 2007. There will be about 50 cars and 40 motorcycles taking part and they will be passing through the parish twice on that day. The first vehicles should come up the A388 from Holsworthy on their way to Stibb Cross about 10.30am. They will return from Torrington in the afternoon turning right at Shop Cross at about 2.45pm on their way to Abbots Bickington. The Clerk of the Course hopes that they will cause no nuisance to anyone.

Roberta Jackson
 Parish Clerk

Do you have questions on waste? Edgar Pett is our local parish Waste Champion 01409 261277

A Message from Torridge Community Transport Association

With the cessation of the Voluntary Hospital Car Service, the Association has published contact numbers for alternative travel arrangements:

For buses to NDDH Tel: 0870 200 2233 or www.traveline.org.uk

For Taxis – see Yellow Pages and Thompson Directory

North Tamar Community Transport Association -

voluntary drivers take people (with no access to own transport or find public transport difficult/impossible) to dental/doctor/hospital appointments, shopping or social calls. The charge is 40p per mile from drivers door back to drivers door; under certain circumstances hospitals might reimburse some of the costs. Tel: 01409 259001 or www.holsworthycommunitytransport.org.uk

Single Point of Contact for hospital transport Tel: 01271-314332

More info in next Newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Phoebe Overy of Darland, Venn Green, who celebrated her 80th birthday on 24th July 2007.

Lesley & Peter Self celebrate their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary on 14th October 2007

Lesley also has a birthday on 11th October.

Rose Haynes for her prize lambs winning the following...

Royal Show	5th Hampshire Down Ewe Lamb class, 1st Best lamb from a flock of less than 25 breeding ewes
Launceston	2 1sts & Reserve Female Champion.



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Farewell and best wishes to:

Graham & Jill Jury who have moved from The Cottage, Shop Hill

The Lewis Family who have moved from Five Acres, West Wonford

Dennis & Sue Busby who have moved from The Old Stables, Milton Town

John Anton who has moved from Shipshape, Strawberry Bank

A warm welcome to:

Paul & Jenny Casserly, Shannon, Lauren, Isabelle & Aiden who moved into The Heathers, Strawberry Bank, last November ... *sorry for delay in making you welcome!*

Stephen Winter & Anne Buck who have moved into Shipshape, Strawberry Bank

Geoff & Suzanne Smith, Poppy & Summer who have moved into Town Farm

Simon Daw & Angela Cornish & Nicola who has moved into Arden, Venn Green

Michael & Dorothy Stairs & Rachel who have moved into Five Acres

Gareth & Jan Smith who has moved into The Old Stables, Milton Town



CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to all who have been bereaved recently, including:

Mr R Strike & family of Albatross, Venn Green

John & Janet Elliott & family of Henscott Barton, Bradford

Brian & Petula & Marie Sanders of Chapel Cottage

Jenny & Hannah Moon of West Lodge

Monster Club

Monster Club will resume on Thursday, 6th September at 5pm. We will also be planning next term's sessions. Parents are welcome. Also we would like all seniors to attend, to decide on their outings until Christmas.

What's on over the Summer Holidays & Beyond

Workshops:

(tel: 01805 624568) (www.devonadoryu.co.uk)

Lots of Adult, Children & Whole Family Events.

Summer Anagrams

GAFELUDRI

Answers on Page 9

ALPHA is Coming!

See separate article Page 17

For any Young People wishing to take part the local Ecumenical Youth Worker, Lizz Prangle, will be along to help with the Alpha Course. [Suggest for 11 years and older.]

Milton Damerel.com

Just a reminder that there's a forum on the community website for people to air views, add information / events and sale / wanted and all sorts of other stuff.

Currently the Brock Family appear to be locating long lost family members. Maybe you could add your details and see if anyone distant gets in touch!!

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Bradworthy & District Ploughing Association will be holding their Annual Ploughing Match and Produce show on FRIDAY 21st SEPT 2007, at Soldon Farm, Sutcombe by kind permission of Mr Roger Vanstone.

Everyone is welcome to enter the ploughing and the produce classes. This year we have introduced some new classes in the produce section including, onions, carrots, runner beans, beetroot and eggs. We also have classes for apples, potatoes, silage and many more.

Please come along and support this local day out.

If you would like further information or an entry form please contact Liz on 01409 261312. Entries close SAT 15th SEPT 2007



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Chapel News – September 2007

Newsletter Number Forty-Two

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – With harvesting all around us, we are planning our Harvest Festival week-end for 14th & 15th October. The chapel will be open on Friday, 12th October for decorating and bringing in of flowers, produce, etc. The usual arrangements will apply – families or anyone able to take responsibility for a window or area are most welcome to call in at any time during the day, with their contributions and to share in the task of expressing our thankfulness for the harvest again. The Rev John Carne, the Chairman of the Plymouth & Exeter Methodist District is our guest preacher for the morning service on 14th October at 11am. Do come along and join us. You are also very welcome to join us for a “Bring & Share” Buffet Tea/Supper at 6.30pm on 15th October, which will be followed by a short service of thanksgiving with our Minister, Rev David Wheeler, and then the auction of produce, flowers, etc. – all held in the Schoolroom.

GOSPEL SPECIALS – On 29th July we were treated to another tremendous evening with a return visit of the Culm Valley Crusade Choir – from the Cullompton area. Members of the choir come from a wide area in East Devon and sing with tremendous enthusiasm about their faith and Christian life. Their choice of music and songs regularly changes and moves forward, some old favourites are retained, but also an interesting range of modern and new songwriters work is included. Our next Gospel Special is for Christmas on 2nd December with The Stowford Meadow Singers.

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. The collecting tin for Children's Hospice South West was recently emptied and together with the proceeds of the last Coffee Morning £91.09 was forwarded to the charity and a letter of grateful thanks received.

On Saturday, 29th September, we have the coffee morning from 10.30am in the Schoolroom and there will also be a ‘Bring and Buy’ stall. The proceeds will be donated to the Ecumenical Youth Worker Project towards the running costs of the Mobile Unit. We would really welcome your support – please pop in for a “cuppa” and chat.

Monday, 17th October - speaker still to be arranged or “Sharing Memories”

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, 26 th August	Mrs Sue Griffin from Whitstone
Sunday, 30 th September	Rev David Wheeler
Sunday, 28 th October	Mr Roy Sambles from Lapford
Sunday, 25 th November	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 study of the book of James, we have moved on to a series based on the very challenging Book of Revelations. Our final meeting for 2007 will be 5th November, as from 12th November until 4th February 2008, our Monday evenings will be devoted to the Alpha Course, (please see separate article for details.) 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE – At a recent meeting we reported on several matters concerning the graveyard. The garden area established in the spring has been producing a variety of vegetables and the floral displays. The Monster Club (and in particular, their parents) have a rota for weeding duties. A water-butt has been installed, which means visitors placing flowers on graves can find a water supply again – you may need to have a suitable container for carrying the water required. It is a health and safety requirement that we ensure all the grave stones are securely fixed and we try to check this once a year. We will contact families/relatives if we find a stone is insecure. We will also be planning the re-building of the wall by the copper beech tree later in the year – in the meantime, we ask every-one to take care as the wall is being damaged by the roots of the tree and stones are beginning to fall out of the wall. Warning signs are displayed. We are also concerned about the deteriorating condition of the décor in the Schoolroom, but will be asking for expert opinion on the condition of the roof before starting any redecorations.

For further information or help please contact: Rev David Wheeler, our Minister on Tel: 281262 (or via the stewards).

Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, Tel: 281321 Lizz Prangle, Ecumenical Youth Worker, Tel: 05602521090

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

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of September to November

SEP		OCT		NOV	
2 nd	Mrs Lilian Luxton	7 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	4 th	Mrs Grace Millman
9 th	Mrs Marjorie Colwill	14 th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	11 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper
16 th	Mrs Mary Carter	21 st	Harvest Flowers	18 th	Mrs Gwynneth Johns
23 rd	Mrs Anne Poole	28 th	Mrs Niggy Southey	25 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy
30 th	Mrs Valerie Harris				

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Milton Damerel

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

**HOLSWORTHY BEACON
METHODIST CHURCH**

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, 23rd September 2007
11am Mr C Down
6.30pm Mr B Bryne

Monday, 24th September 2007
7.30pm Rev Beth McDowell

125th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, 4th November 2007 @ 7.30pm

Tintagel Orpheus Male Voice Choir

Chair: Rev John Henry

**The Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday, 7th October at 3pm in the
Parish Church
All are welcome!**

**WOODACOTT
METHODIST CHURCH**

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, 16th September 2007
2.30pm Mr John Hill
6.30pm Rev Beth McDowell

**ABBOTS BICKINGTON
CHURCH**

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, 7th October @ 11.30am

ABBOTS BICKINGTON GARDEN PARTY

The Garden Party held on 4th August at Bluebell Cottage, the home of Charles & Elizabeth Bellew, was very successful, with a good attendance. On a dry blustery, but sunny afternoon, the Garden Party was opened by Mr David Millard, an auctioneer from Frome, whose family were regular visitors to Abbots Bickington. The profit for the afternoon was a grand £1,082, in aid of Cancer Research and Abbots Bickington Church. Thank you to every-one for supporting on the afternoon, and also for the many contributions made by so many, including local businesses for the prizes for the draw. Winners of competitions were:

Treasure Island - Marion Ley

Photographic Competition - Roger Pomeroy

Family Treasure Hunt - Michelle Phillips

Fairy Treasure Hunt - Lydia Wooldridge

Pirate Treasure Hunt - Hannah Poole

Name the Pig - Michelle Pomeroy

Great GY Beanie Baby Hunt – Bethany Bellew

(the name was Porridge)

Skittles: Men - Roger Pomeroy

Ladies - Lesley Taylor

MILTON DAMEREL 50 YEARS ON

We held another of the walks on 10th August taking the route from just beyond Great Derworthy to Venn Green and then to Milton Town, for a BBQ at the Methodist Schoolroom. The original text from "Milton Damerel in 1951, Prepared by Seymour Marks on behalf of Milton Damerel Parish Council" is reproduced below, with changes to the parish shown in bold italic print thereafter.

VENN GREEN TO GREAT DERWORTHY

The first house in Derworthy Lane is the post office, which was moved about 30 years ago from Milton Town. Since then it has become a whole-time business. It shares with the Beacon post office the delivery of letters once a day.

The first houses are now a bungalow and a house built in the garden and on the opposite of the road, a house built in the field at the rear of Tor View and two bungalows further along. There are now no Post Offices in the parish or at Holsworthy Beacon.

A few yards along is a small cottage, the pump for which is on the opposite side of the road, while some distance farther on is a railway bungalow.

The railway bungalow ceased to exist after a fire in the early 1960s – although some of us on the walk can recall the events of the night when the fire occurred.

Moor View has a commanding position on the hill overlooking a wide expanse of country. It stands in Victorian loneliness without one tree to keep it company. It is almost at the corner of the lane leading to Great Derworthy, which possesses a different sort of solitariness, as the lane beyond the farm wanders in a vague way to somewhere in the beyond.

A bungalow to serve the farm of Moor View was built in the 1990s.

Great Derworthy is somewhat of a disappointment at first glance, as it is a modern building of nineteenth-century uncompromising primness, shared by the two semi-detached workers' cottages beyond. Turning from the latter, however, the eye is caught by an open space with a tall tree near one side of it, which surely in days gone by must have been the evening gathering-place of the many retainers who staffed the former house in medieval days. Yes, it must have been an important centre at one time, as witness the farm buildings, especially the tithe barn, though tiles and much corrugation have now taken the place of thatched roofs. Alas, for the days of metal and cement!

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....At the corner of Derworthy Lane (with the main road) is a house once the Courtenay Arms the family name of the Earl of Devon, Lord of the Manor. It was a resting-place for the Plymouth-Bideford coaches, the stables, now storehouses, being opposite. There was a skittle alley in the narrow piece of land adjoining the house.

The house is now named Tor View.

....Venn Green, or Fenne Green (there is mention in a document of 1333 of John of Fenne), though it is not strictly speaking the centre of the parish, its position on the main road, with the surrounding buildings, leads passers-by to assume it is. On the left are two thatched cob cottages, adjoining the one-time red brick smithy, two cob cottages lying back from the road, now unoccupied, and two houses built in 1890, one originally the residence of the parish constable, who never failed to get a drink at closing time and leave the company with "I'm going now".

The cottages described here have now disappeared – they were along the A388 towards Holsworthy. Two bungalows now replace the cob cottages and smithy, although retains the name of The Forge. Beyond the two houses built in 1890, now one residence, there is an additional bungalow.

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VENN GREEN TO MILTON TOWN

....At Venn Green we turn left (from the main road) round a plot of land that was purchased for the site of a new school, but sold again when it was decided to use the old chapel.

A house has now been built on the land, and on the opposite side of the road a total of eight residences, mainly bungalows have been built in the intervening years.

..... Milton Town is half a mile ahead, but before reaching it we pass a footpath to North Town, then Merrybetween, where stood a cob cottage, now in ruins, then a cottage on the right, and on the left the remains of the old smithy, part of the building with the black and white striped door, now a garage, but once upon a time the workshop of Samuel Glover, the carpenter. A pleasant residence is on the left, and beyond it Rosemead, which some forty years ago was the post office. The garden in front adjoins the path to the Church.

A property now called The Old Rectory was built in the 1950s, as a replacement for the original Old Rectory (which was off the road between Shop Court and Five Lanes). Neither of the Old Rectory's are now the home of the Rector, as we no longer have a parish-based rector. The barns around the courtyard at Milton Town Farm have been converted and on the opposite side of the road the farmyard and buildings belonging to Milton Town Farm have been sold for development of c. 10 new residences, for which planning consent has been granted.

Extract about the Church and the Chapel were given in the leaflet for the walk from Chapman's Green

In just over 50 years, there has been significant increase in the residences, particularly in the Venn Green area. Also the junction at Venn Green has been re-designed – straightened and widened.

A small group of 10 joined the walk on a lovely summer's evening, and a few more came along to enjoy the barbecue. Approximately £30 profit from the BBQ was made for Newsletter funds. Thank you to those who supported us!

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For more information – see previous editions of the Newsletter for details of the aims for the Parish Plan project, and for the main issues arising from the Community Consultation Event in April. Previous newsletters may be viewed on www.miltondamerel.com

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.

PARISH PLANNING – Update

The Steering Group has compiled the Household Questionnaire and a separate Questionnaire for Young People. Volunteers are delivering these to each house in the parish during August, with a covering letter, explaining how the questionnaire should be completed by each member of the household. Volunteers will arrange a date and time to return and collect the completed questionnaire. On collection an envelope will be provided for the household and young people's questionnaires. Our target is to complete the collection of all completed questionnaires by 14th September.

Completed questionnaires will be "rewarded" with a ticket for entry to the Prize Draws. For the Household Draw the 1st prize will be Dinner for Two donated by Thatchers Restaurant, Woodford Bridge; 2nd and 3rd prizes will be hampers with a range of "goodies" from Horrellsford Garage and Lizzy's Larder. Local businesses have also contributed donations for the music/book tokens for the 3 Young People's prizes. **Thank you to WJ Watkins & Son Ltd, Noble Foods, R J Jones, RAW Piper & Sons, Horse Dentistry, Playground Solutions, Remedy IT Ltd and Bryan Mortimer.**

Your answers to the questions and comments on various issues 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!!** The Steering Group are therefore encouraging all households to take part – the greater the numbers of households returning their questionnaires, the more credibility will be afforded to the resulting action plan by the District Council and grant-making bodies.

During September and October we will be analysing the information in the completed questionnaires and then holding a second Community Consultation Event to explore the key areas for action, and from these to develop the Parish Action Plan.



??.....Do you have views about your parish? Use the questionnaires to let us know what you would like to see and happen - it is your views we want to collate and report back in the Action Plan !!



[Recipes ready for Christmas,](#)
[\(oh yes it's that time of year again.!!!!!!\)](#)

Mincemeat.


Ingredients:

250g/8oz Peeled and cored, hard, sour apples (good cookers).
 130g/4oz Shredded Suet (vegetarian or animal)
 130g/4oz Sultanas
 130g/4oz Raisins
 60g/2oz Cut mixed peel
 130g/4oz Dried Apricots
 130g/4oz Currants
 130g/4oz Brown sugar (Barbadoes or Demerara)
 Zest and juice of 1 lemon.
 70ml/2oz Brandy or Calvados or Rum or Cider.

½ Teaspoon Mixed Spice
 ½ Teaspoon Grated Nutmeg
 ½ Teaspoon Ground Ginger
 ½ Teaspoon Cinnamon.

Method:

- Wash the apples and all the dried fruit separately in cold water and pat dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. The easy way to wash dried fruit is to place in a sieve and run under the cold tap.
- Peel and core the apples and then grate or chop in a food processor.
- Mix with the shredded suet.
- Chop very finely the sultanas, raisins, mixed peel, dried apricots and mix with the apples and suet.
- Add the brown sugar and currants to the mix.
- Take off the yellow zest of the lemon with a grater or zest scraper, do not use any of the white, pithy portion and add to the mix. Cut the zested lemon in half and squeeze out all the juice and add this to the mix. Add the chosen spirit, mixed spice, grated nutmeg and any additional spices or flavourings to the mix.
- Mix thoroughly to combine all the ingredients. Cover with cling film and leave to stand in a refrigerator or very cool place for at least 24 hours (48 would be even better) Mix well again after this period and then spoon into chosen containers, pressing the mincemeat well down to avoid any air gaps Cover with a piece of greaseproof or waxed paper cut to size and then fit airtight lid. It is a good idea to write the date on a label and if you intend to give it away as a present it might be a good idea to list the ingredients.
- The mincemeat must be stored in a cool dry place. If you have carried out all the instructions correctly it will keep for at least 1 year.



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Christmas Pudding,

Ingredients:

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



Method:

All the dried fruit should be washed and patted dry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To steam the puddings, stand them in a saucepan with enough water to come halfway up the basin. Place on the lid and bring to the boil, reduce to a slow simmer for at least 5 hours.

Check the water level regularly and top up with boiling water as needed taking great care to avoid any water getting into the puddings and to avoid personal accidents.

MICROWAVE:

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

STORAGE:

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

RE-HEATING:

Remove storage wrapping and re-cover with baking foil, re-steam for approx 1 ½ hours before serving.

Make It Snappy!

A Fundraising Event for the
Shebbear Ecumenical Youth Project
Photography Competition

Help us raise money for our mobile youth centre by either joining us on the day or by taking part in the photography competition.



November 10th 2007

Langtree Village Hall

2pm – 5pm

**Light Refreshments
& more competitions!**

Competition Guidelines

Entrants will compete in two age groups; Children (under 12's) and Adults (over 12's)

There will be three categories in each age range.

1. Where I live / My Village
2. The Natural World
3. Travel / My Holidays

Competitors may enter one photograph per category at a cost of 50p.

Photographs must be at least 6x4 size (standard) and may be in black and white or colour.

Photographs can be displayed anyway you like and must be brought to the venue between 10am – 1pm. Judging will take between 1pm – 2pm. The competition will then be open for viewing from 2pm – 5pm.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners of each category.

ECUMENICAL YOUTH WORKER PROJECT UPDATE

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by already! The work of the project is going really well and in just a year we've seen some really great developments. One of these major developments has been the set up of the detached youth provision. Since buying the mobile home we have been travelling out to a few villages, meeting young people and working with them to develop opportunities.

We're really keen to increase this provision over the summer holidays and hope that we'll see even more developments come from this work. Below is a brief timetable of for the mobile youth centre over August. Please spread news of the mobile youth centre and its whereabouts among young people you know. We're still looking for volunteers so if you can help with any of the dates, please get in touch.

With so much going on with the mobile youth centre, its been easy to forget about other aspects of the project but we are still keeping contact with both primary and secondary schools in the area, visiting some of the youth groups and generally looking for ways of developing youth work in this area. One way in which this maybe done, and a new idea I would like to share with you, is the idea of bringing together the teaching done in Sunday schools. Some of you may have heard of Christian magazines such as SALT or Roots which produce regular ideas for Sunday school groups. This material could be easily adapted for each chapel's unique situation produced quarterly for the chapels. Taking with some of you, I know you struggle coming up with ideas each session and believe this would ease that pressure. It would also give a greater sense of unison across the circuit. The idea is still in the forming process but would like to open it up for discussion with you. Please think about this idea and feedback to me any thoughts or opinions you may have.

Shebbear:	Monday Afternoons 6 th & 20 th August Wednesday Evenings 15 th & 29 th August
Sheepwash:	Monday Afternoons 13 th & 27 th August Wednesday Evenings 8 th & 22 nd August
Black Torrington:	Tuesday Afternoons 14 th & 28 th August Friday Evenings 10 th & 24 th August
Bradford:	Tuesday Afternoons 7 th & 21 st August Friday Evenings 17 th & 31 st August

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Milton Damerel Fete and BBQ

Even though we had to down size the Fete after losing the use of the field due to the rain, it actually turned out to be a great success. Luckily the weather smiled on us and after weeks of wet, dull weather, on the morning of July 14th the sun was shining and our hopes began to rise. Come 2 o'clock the fete was in full swing and everyone was enjoying themselves.

Black Thunder and Karen arrived to add to the fun and Karen judged the fancy dress competition, and photograph competition, I think she had a good time .

There were children's and adult races organised by Sheila Daniels, everyone seemed to have a good time.

The S L S All-stars Majorettes put on a grand display for us which was very much appreciated.

It was really nice to see the community coming together and enjoy themselves, both young and old.

We will do the same again next year, hopefully we will have more stalls and more competitions.

We would like to thank everyone who helped:-

Elizabeth Bellew and Mary Carter for running the tom bola

Bev and Ray Tree for the raffle and "Guess the weight of the cake."

Margaret Fishleigh for donating the cake,

Sara & Roger Lawes for the cream teas

Steven Moyes for the Ice Cream

Ann Binns for her Artificial Bee Hive and Bee's wax candle stall

Edgar and Carol Pett for Name the Puppy and their collection of soft animals

Sarah Harper for organising the skittles

Roberta and Mike Jackson for the Plant Stall

Leslie Self for the Book Stall

Peter Self for bringing along his old tool collection

Ros Cameron for the Treasure Island and her hand made cards

Kath Stevens for her Hand made cards

Sheila Daniel for organising the Races for every ones entertainment

Tracy Dunmore for doing the Face Painting

Terry, Marie, David & Robert Fairbrother for the BBQ and various stalls

Rose Haynes for running the bar.

SLS All Star Majorettes.

Also many thanks to Pipers, Somerfield, Remedy IT Ltd, Mole Valley, Sanders Garage and the Parish Plan Committee and to the many other people not mentioned for their support.

The fete raised a grand total of £446-34p, it has been divided 3 ways £140 to the Parish Hall, £140 to the Milton Damerel Newsletter and £164.34 towards next year's Village Fete.

If any one is interested in joining the committee for next year's fete please contact

Rose Haynes on 01409 261577.

Terry Fairbrother on 01409 261161.

Lesley Self on 01409 261294

Edgar Pett on 01409 261277.



7 and under.

1st Tim Woodhouse

2nd Daniel Dunmore

8 and over flat race.

1st Jamie Copp

2nd Thomas Vallance

3rd Robert Fairbrother

Men's flat race.

1st Terry Lightening Fairbrother

2nd Graham Walters

3rd Mr Webb

Egg & Spoon 7 and under

1st Daniel Dunmore

2nd Marie Poole

3rd Adam Poole

Egg & Spoon 8yrs plus

1st Lawrence Harper

2nd Jamie Copp

3rd Tim Woodhouse.

Female Adult Egg & Spoon

1st Shannon Casserly

2nd Chloe Woodkouse

3rd Tracy Woodhouse

Male Adult Egg & Spoon

1st Mr Casserly

2nd Mr Gailbraith

3rd Mr Webb

This was a very close competitive race. We think this is the correct result but it really needed a photo finish.

Milton Damerel & District 'Over 60' Club

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall, commencing at 2.30pm.

June – members had an invite to the Holsworthy Rotarians Strawberry Tea, which was much appreciated and enjoyed.

Outings – on the third Tuesday of the month were:-

June ... to Minehead, although weather not so good, never-the-less, enjoyed.

July ... the venue was Paignton, a favourite of members.

August – meeting – it was good to see members back from sickness and operations. We were pleased to welcome two new members, Mr & Mrs Underwood. Four members attended, as friends, the Funeral Service of Mrs C. Elliott, and also represented the club, and after the service they came to the club. Bookings were made for the next outing to Sidmouth on 21st August.

Secretary: P. Overy (261332)

Putford W.I.

After all the hard work for the group meeting in April, we decided to enjoy the next few months doing different things. We went to Clovelly Court in June. In July we visited the Garden House in Tavistock, we had lunch and later cream tea in the old vicarage. In August we are looking forward to a trip to the Lavender Farm at Hartland, then back to normal meetings in September.

We are always pleased to welcome new members – if anyone wishes to join us, please contact me on 241049. Mavis Lewis.

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The areas of Holsworthy Beacon and Whitebear/
Forestreet are still without co-ordinators. If anybody
would be interested in taking on either of these two
positions or would like any further information about

what is involved would they please contact PCSO Raquel Rowe:-

Mobile: 08456 567842

Email: Raquel.Rowe2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

RU still speeding through our village? speeding drivers beware—you'er being monitored

Shed and Garage Burglaries

Following a series of burglaries in several of our neighbouring villages thieves have now struck in Milton Damerel. Garden sheds, garages and outbuildings are being targeted with lawn mowers, generators, bikes, gardening tools and ornaments etc. being taken. The items taken are readily saleable through car boot sales and similar outlets. It is thought that the same thieves are involved in all these locations but unfortunately the police have no firm leads to work on. Please be vigilant, taking care to make sure that garages and outbuildings are securely locked and that any suspicious vehicles which are seen loitering, are reported to the police on 08452 777 444 or your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (above)

Milton School Memories of Thelma Crook nee German

My first memories of Milton Damerel Infant School are at age 5 years. My first day, sitting with George Jordon. Betty Harris was my teacher. We used to take raw apples for the lunch break which we put on, or near, the black fire burner so they were part cooked. People I remember being at school with: Raymond Wonnacott, John Carter, Bill Carter, Mary Watts, Ruby Ayre and Greta Sheeman. We used to play in the school lane in the winter. But in the summer we were allowed to go into the field at the back of the school. The other teacher was a Mrs Cole. One of her stories was of a gold fish called Tilly.

There was a pump house in the school lane. We used to dress up for a wedding with lace curtains for a veil and ivy leaves and berries for the head dress. I lived at Milton Mill cottage and used to walk to school. I remember the 'meadow sweet' flowers that grew in the hedge rows and still in the summer I will pick just one to smell and remember my child hood days. I keep it in the kitchen to have a 'sniff' each day of the lovely perfume.

While at the school we had the American Forces there to practise manoeuvres, prior to D Day. The soldiers used to give us little tins of chocolate powder: we used to dip our fingers in and lick it off. Also, milk powder solid in the size of cheese straws and orange thick syrup we had to water down to drink. Dad was in the Home Guard.

Other special memories of Milton are of the pantomime. I was in each one—Aladdin, Cinderella, Queen of Hearts.

I was 8 years old when we moved from Milton Mill to Little Johns Cottage; when Granfer died we went to look after Gran German.

When mum went into hospital to have baby David, I went to Holsworthy Primary School, I was always top of the class and found everything very easy which meant Milton School was of very high standard. At the time we stayed with Granparents at Southcombe Farm.

I was 11 years old when I went to Holsworthy Secondary Modern School; we used to go by bus.

My Sunday School and Primary School used to have a day each for a special outing to the seaside. We didn't have cars so this was very special, we went to bed just praying the Sun would shine the next day. The outings would be to Bude, Newquay, Westward Ho!, and Woolacombe.

Sunday school was very important. We sang special songs and learned to recite recitations. We used to stand on the platform with a new outfit—a bonnet and pretty dress. I remember my first grown up coat, much too long but I was assured that I would grow into it.

The teachers were Mr Cory, Mr Alfred Davey, Mrs Rosa Davey and Miss Ada Yeo. Mr Peter Carter played the organ. Mrs Gladys Watkins. The band of hope came on New Years Day, we sang special songs with actions. Wide wide is the Ocean. Zachaeus was a very little man. Climb Climb Sunshine Mountain. Jesus wants me for a sun beam, Jesus buds us shine. I am H A P P Y. I still remember them all. I wonder if the new tunes and songs will last as long.

I left school at age 15 and went to work at Woodford Bridge Hotel

Milton School Memories of Mary Robins nee Watts

My first memories of going to Milton School at the age of 5. About the Wednesday after starting on Monday, the dentist came with her white coat and put me off school for a very long time. The teacher I remember most was Mrs Hancock.

She was my class teacher in 1946. there was a school outing I wasn't well enough to go, she brought my home a brooch. It was a little dog kennel with 2 little dogs.

Mrs Larkworthy used to cook the school dinners, she used to make little square biscuits, she also used to open 7lb tin of orange jam which was delicious. We also used to bring apples to roast in a oven above the big coal stove.

Its always a pleasure to come home to Milton.

The Newsletter is changing since its first publication the quarterly editions have been photocopied, and we could only reproduce in black and white, and occasionally bring in colour by using different coloured paper. We have decided to update a little and to be able to include colour photographs, to offer colour printing to our advertisers, and to generally add some colour throughout. We hope you consider this to be a welcome improvement. In making this change we thank Fiona & Andrew Goode of Shebbear for their sterling service with the photocopying during the last 7+ years – they have regularly coped with our deadlines (and missed deadlines!) and produced over 200 copies for each edition. Moving to colour printing using a laser printer will be marginally more costly and there will be increases in the prices for advertising if the colour option is chosen, however, we will continue to deliver free copies to all households in the parish and continue to be very grateful for the grants and donations received and for the support for our fund-raising activities.

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PARISH HALL NEWS

The Parish Hall Committee will be holding it **A.G.M. on Monday, 17th September 2007 at 7.30pm**. We are always looking for new committee members. We hold about four meetings a year. We do need your support in keeping the Parish hall going. We hold several events though-out the year to raise income. It is available for hire at reasonable rates, (charges can be seen on notice-board).

Unfortunately the Luncheon, which was to be held on Sunday, 12th August 2007, had to be cancelled due to a lack of response. We felt that 80 or more would have made a pleasant get-together. This number was not reached. We are hoping that Spring may be a better time for such a social !!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th September 2007 **WHIST DRIVE** 7.30pm for 8.00. £1.50 per person.

27th October 2007 **WINE & WISDOM** 7.30pm for 8.00.
Please book with Lesley or Christine. £4.00 per person. Teams of 6.
Couples and singles welcomed; will make up teams on arrival.

30th November 2007 **WHIST DRIVE** 7.30pm for 8.00. £1.50 per person.

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Secretary:- Mrs Christine Buckpitt 261 593
Treasurer:- Mrs Lesley Self 261 294

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From the Citizens Advice Bureau

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A. The payment protection insurance (PPI) business is currently facing close scrutiny from regulators after concerns were raised by Citizens Advice and other about excessive profiteering and the high number of policies that fail to pay out. In recent months half a dozen companies have also been fined for mis-selling PPI.

Mis-selling occurs when a company gives false information about a policy, or recommends one that is unsuitable for you, and you are unable to make a claim – for example, if you are above or below the given age limit, are unemployed or work part-time.

If a company recommends a payment protection insurance policy, it must take reasonable steps to ensure it is suitable for you. If companies do not offer a choice of policy, they might be mis-selling if they fail to provide appropriate information about the policy in good time for you to make an informed decision about it and it turns out to be unsuitable.

If you think you have been mis-sold, you should write to the company concerned requesting a refund of the policy premiums (if the policy is completely unsuitable), or compensation if you were misled regarding what you could claim. If the complaint is not resolved within eight weeks, you can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) to intervene. For more information about PPI and making a complaint to the FOS consult your local Citizens Advice Bureau or go to www.adviceguide.org.uk

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ALPHA is coming !

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Alpha is an internationally known course. It gives an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith, is relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. It makes an excellent community event and is a great way of making new friends!!

Come and listen, learn, discuss and discover, ask your questions, no question is too simple or too hostile for Alpha.

Alpha is for everyone, especially for:

- those wishing to explore Christianity,
- those seeking answers to life's questions,
- those who are newcomers to the church and new Christians,
- those wishing to brush up on the basics.

There is NO charge and no need to register, just come along on **MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER at MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL Start time 7pm.**

The evening starts with a meal, this is followed by the DVD with Nicky Gumble as speaker, a discussion time follows, or you may prefer to listen! Finish time is 9pm prompt.

To make sure the Alpha course gets off to a good start there will be a n ALPHA LAUNCH GARDEN PARTY at Woodford Farm, Milton Damerel on SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER from 2.30pm. because there is sponsorship for this event there will be no admission charge and Cream Teas will be free. There will be stalls and sideshows for charities and good causes. If you wish to have a stall or sideshow for your particular cause please contact Roger & Sheila as soon as possible as we already have stalls booked. We will do our best to accommodate you.

This September is the 10th Anniversary of the Alpha Initiative, another good reason to celebrate and party. We look forward to meeting you at the Garden Party, Alpha leaflets with full details of the Alpha course will be available.

The Alpha Team.

THE COURSE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

All Mondays starting at 7pm	Locations
12 th November 2007	Milton Damerel Parish Hall
19 th November 2007	Newton St. Petrock Social Hall
26 th November 2007	Putford Methodist Hall
3 rd December 2007	Milton Damerel Parish Hall
10 th December 2007	Newton St. Petrock Social Hall
Christmas Break	
7 th January 2008	Putford Methodist Hall
14 th January 2008	Milton Damerel Parish Hall
21 st January 2008	Newton St. Petrock Social Hall
28 th January 2008	Putford Methodist Hall
4 th February 2008	Milton Damerel Parish Hall

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It is a fact that regardless of buying an expensive, cheap, branded or non-branded PC, Hard Drives will fail. Its just a case of when not if.

The most effective way to backup is to use a CDRW and copy your photos (and other personal data) to a CD. At as little as 15p for a blank CD there's no excuse—other than being lazy. An alternative to a CD are external hard drives, and while there's a risk that these may also fail, these can copy your entire system in one go.

The best way to protect your precious photos is to copy to CD / External Hard Drive and store them away from your home (in case of fire). You could store them in a dry shed, or at a friends / relations. An offsite backup is your only protection to a complete disaster.

Trust me, there is nothing worse than confirming to a parent that all their baby, birthday or xmas family photos are lost forever. Terry

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Whist Drive Parish Hall	28th September 7:30 for 8pm	16
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Friendship club - TBA	17th October Monday	6
Wine and Wisdom	27th October 7:30 for 8pm	16
Alpha Course	12th November 7pm Monday	17
Whist Drive Parish Hall	30th November 7:30 for 8pm	16

Harvest Festival

Woodacott Methodist Church	Sunday 16th September	7
Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church	Sunday 23rd September	7
Abbots Bickington Church	Sunday 7th October	7
Milton Damerel Parish Church	Sunday 7th October	7
Chapel	14th & 15th October	6

Regular Events

Friendship club	3rd Monday afternoon of the month	6
Line dancing	Tuesdays 7-9pm	16
Milton Damerel & District 'Over 60' Club	1st Tuesday of each month, Parish Hall,2.30pm	14

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