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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Since the last newsletter report was written there have been three Parish Council meetings, November, January and February, there being no pressing business requiring decisions in December Councillors were updated by letter.

Planning matters considered during this period included alterations at Milton Mill, diversion of overhead power lines at Town Farm, construction of a conservatory at Gratton Farm, revised design to plot 2 west of Town Farm and conversion of redundant mill to ancillary residential accommodation at Milton Mill.

During this period the Parish Council have been consulted on the Local Development Framework being prepared by TDC and feedback from the Parish Plan questionnaire has been utilised

The Parish Council have been successful in their efforts to have the pavement on the outside of the Town Farm development retained. The Council have been informed that the developer will reinstate the tarmac surface as a condition of the planning approval for the site.

Operational Services at Torridge District Council have informed the Parish Council that there is now a 100% kerbside recycling service. Use of the recycling pavilions is therefore reduced and in some areas they are being misused. During 2007 TDC began removing pavilions and this year they are to remove the Venn Green pavilion. The Recycling pavilion at the Parish Hall will remain for the time being. If anyone needs a green box and bag they should ring the recycling team on **01237 428734** to obtain them.

The Parish map has been framed and is hung in the Parish Hall. The map is to a scale of 1:10000 (Approx. 6 inches to the mile) and highlights the parish boundaries. The large scale makes it possible to identify many properties some of which are named and the routes of the seven public footpaths in the parish can also be clearly seen.

Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The agenda for each meeting is displayed on the two parish notice boards three clear days before each meeting. Members of the public and press are always welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting this year will be held on 16th April commencing at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Cllr James Morrish, leader of Torridge District Council. Local organisations will be invited to present reports, of their activities to the community. The meeting will have a public comments session and your views are important so do use this opportunity to air your views, grievances or suggestions.

There will be a short refreshment break followed by the regular Parish Council monthly meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21st May when the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected by the members of the Council. This will be followed by a regular Parish Council monthly meeting.

Roberta Jackson
Parish Clerk



CONGRATULATIONS!

To

John Eastcott on celebrating his 70th Birthday in January – sorry we missed a mention in the last edition.

Caroline Brimacombe of Coppers on attaining Level 3 Diploma in Support Work in Schools;

Caroline works at Holsworthy Community College.

Phillip & Jean Reed of Gidcott who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 30th April 2008.



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Farewell and best wishes to:

Ken & Joan Hatchard, who have moved from Glencoe at Venn Green

Simon Daw & Angela Cornish & Nicola who have moved from Arden, Venn Green

A warm welcome to:

Carl Nilsson & Fay Pickhaver & Carwyn who have moved into 5 Downs View, Venn Green



CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to all who have been bereaved recently, including:

Charles, Tony & Caroline Brimacombe of Coppers on the loss of their Dad, Jack

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Youth & Family News

Children's New Year Party

This was a lively event, with plenty of food, games and dancing. We were very pleased with the turn out, between 20 and 30 children and a few adults braved the cold afternoon. Many thanks to all who helped make this a very successful event.

Monster Club

Monsters had their first meeting of the year in February. We made Valentines gifts, planted some beans, and Lizz Prangle organised some games and we all had a great, if messy, time making, flipping and eating pancakes.

Monster Club is now on the first Thursday of the month, from 4.45 to 6.15pm, £1 each.

.....and from Lizz Prangle, Youth Worker

As Spring approaches the project is warming up to a hectic time ahead and I'd like to share a little of this with you.

Firstly is the re-launch of our mobile youth centre. Last summer we took the mobile unit out to Shebbear, Sheepwash, Black Torrington and Bradford. This summer we are going to focus our energies else where and will be out in Stibb Cross, Langtree, Shebbear and Sheepwash. We will be starting this off with a week of Graffiti workshops held in Shebbear during May Half-term to decorate the outside of the mobile youth centre. These workshops will be open to all young people, aged 13-18, from the whole area and publicity will be out nearer the time.

A little further off in the future is our plans for a holiday club during October half term. This is still in the early planning stages and will be open to children aged 4 -11. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in helping plan or run this holiday club please do

contact me. (Tel: 0560 2521090 or shebbearyouth@btinternet.com) There are lots of ways in which you can get involved and with varying degrees of commitment, so any help would be welcome.

Please do keep an eye out for our mobile youth centre during the summer months and if don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about youth work in the area.

Lizz Prangle

Shebbear Ecumenical
Youth Project

[Shebbearyouth@btinternet.com](mailto:shebbearyouth@btinternet.com)

Tel. 0560 2521090

What's On At The Theatre

The Plough Arts Centre, Torrington www.plough-arts.org

Thursday, 20th March @ 8pm	PS I Love You (12A)	Ticket: £5
Friday, 28th March @ 10.30am & 1.15pm	The Crow Show brings you original theatre for children from 5 – 8years:	
Saturday, 29th March @ 11am	"The Jewel in the Lotus: Tales from Tibet"	
		Ticket: £5
Sunday, 30th March @ 3pm & 8pm	Arctic Tale (U)	Ticket: £5
Thursday, 10th April @ 2.30pm & 7.30pm	The People's Theatre Company presents: "The Witch's Bogey"	
	Tickets: £9; Family: £35 Suitable for all ages but particularly older children	
Sunday, 20th April @ 3pm & 7pm	Potted Potter	For age 6+
	Tickets: £9, Family: £35	
Thursday, 8th May @ 4pm	Big Top mania present: "PeteZa's Crazy Circus Show with 2008 Big Toppings"	
	Ticket: £3	

Queens Theatre, Barnstaple www.northdevontheatres.org.uk

Tuesday, 11th - Saturday, 15th March @ 7pm (Sat @ 2pm also)	Barnstaple Amateur Operatic Society present "Oliver"	
	Ticket: £12 (£8 Sat matinee) Family: £40	
Saturday, 29th March @ 2pm & 5pm	The Chuckle Brothers	
	Ticket: £12, Family: £44	
Saturday, 26th & Sunday, 27th April @ 1pm & 3.30pm	Barney – Live Fun for the Children	
	Tickets: Adult: £12, Child: £10, Family: £40	
Saturday, 17th May @ 2.30pm & 7pm	Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl	
Sunday, 18th May @ 1.30pm & 4.30pm	Tickets: Adult: £12, YP: £9.50, Family: 38	
Friday, 30th May @ 7pm	English National Ballet perform:	
Saturday, 31st May @ 1.30pm & 4.30pm	"Angelina's Star Performance"	
	Tickets: £15, YP: £9.50, Family: £45	

Snowman Competition – It really was a massive disappointment to the Newsletter Group to have to cancel the Snowman Competition due to the lack of entries. We received feedback that the way we advertised it gave the impression that the competition was for children only, a criticism we accept. We will be more vigilant on our advertising in the future ... and will still want to run Snowman and Scarecrow Competitions, for entries by all ages!

Our "Christmas" Competition Winners:

We invited young people under 11 years old to enter the competition ... counting how many times the word Christmas appeared in the last edition. The correct number was 34 times.

First Prize Winner: Beverley Sharp - £15 Book Token

Consolation Prize: Ali Southey - £5 Book Token

Thanks for taking part.

To Milton Damerel Newsletter Committee

Thank you very much for the £15 book tokens you gave me for coming first in the Christmas competition. I am looking forward to choosing some new books, from Beverley Sharp, Lower Grawley Farm, Gidcott.

It was delightful to receive Beverley's thank you letter – much appreciated.

TARKA COUNTRY CRAFT & PRODUCE FAYRE - Easter Monday, 24th March 2008, Bradford Village Hall, 10 am til 3 pm. Lots of excellent craft and food stalls, Refreshments available throughout the day, and Tombola. For more details call Denise on 01409 261637 or Liz on 01409 261312. Proceeds in aid of St Peters Church, Thornbury.

Advance Notice - FLOWER FESTIVAL - St Peters Church, Thornbury will be holding a flower festival on 27th to 29th June 2008. All offers of help very welcome.

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Advance Notice

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Sunday, 23rd March 2008

At

7.30pm

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Chapel News – March 2008**Newsletter Number Forty-Four**

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.

REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS - It was a delight to welcome so many to the United Parish Carol Service on 16th December. An opportunity to choose favourite carols and listen to a selection of the prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus Christ, led by Mr David Ley. The collection for NCH Action for Children totalled £150, which has gratefully acknowledged by the charity. An opportunity to chat over tea and mince pies following the service was appreciated on a very cold morning ... but we are very sorry to those of you who may have been served a cold cuppa. We hope you brought back the cold one and had it quickly replaced by a hot cuppa – please accept our apologies for our mistake. We really trust the welcome was warm even if the cuppa not so good and we look forward to seeing you again at future events.

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.

After a short break whilst the Alpha course took place, the Friendship Club restarted on Monday, 11th February. Maureen and Peter Ellis from Black Torrington came as our guests and with the help of computer technology and a screen, showed a selection of photos taken whilst on holiday last year touring Canada and America. We were treated to beautiful views of Toronto, the Great Lakes, Niagara Falls, the Arizona Desert, Grand Canyon and the Rocky Mountains.

On Saturday, 29th March 2008, there will be a Coffee Morning in the Schoolroom, once again proceeds will be for Children's Hospice South West, so please come along and support us!

The next Friendship Club is scheduled for Monday, 14th April, when we shall be welcoming Mr & Mrs Knapman from Langtree, who will be sharing their experiences of touring in their Camper Van.

As we are only a very few who support this from Milton, (we do seem to attract others from further a field!) it would be lovely to have a few others along. So if you are tired of being stuck at home, feeling lonely and feel you would like to meet with a few others, please feel free to come along and join us; the club will welcome you. We would also be pleased to help out with transport for anyone unable to drive.

The Friendship Club has been running for 7 years now so it would be a big shame for this community if it had to close, but unfortunately as the saying goes it is a question of 'use it or lose it'.

The Friendship Club is non profit-making, we usually have a small stall with home grown produce, chutney and other donated items, which are sold for benefit of the Children's Hospice South West. Tea and refreshments are provided free of charge. We would love to see you – and please don't be shy about contacting us if you would like transport.

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, 30 th March	Mr Chris Andrew from Shebbear
Sunday, 27 th April	Lizz Prangle & the Young People
Sunday, 25 th May	The Sunday Club Anniversary with Rev O Jaiyesimi Shebbear College Chaplain

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom, and we have re-started again at the end of the 10-week Alpha course. We are continuing with the final weeks of the study on Revelations. Please see separate report on the Alpha Course.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of March to May

MAR		APR		MAY	
2 nd	Mrs Grace Millman	6 th	Mrs Lilian Luxton	4 th	Circuit Rally @Lake
9 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer	13 th	Mrs Marjorie Colwill	11 th	Mrs Anita Southey
16 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn	20 th	Mrs Valerie Harris	18 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy
23 rd	Mrs Anne Poole	27 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	25 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper
30 th	Mrs Mary Carter				

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE – At our February meeting we reported on the joint Alpha course with Putford and Newton St Petrock and were told plans are being considered for continuing opportunities to meet together on a regular basis, possibly once a month. More Alpha courses are being planned in other churches in the Shebbear Circuit area. Enquiries are ongoing re: the schoolroom roof and the financial statements to 31st August 2007 had been signed off by Mr Paul Mason, the independent examiner. We are offering the young people who come along to Sunday Club the opportunity to discuss with the Youth Worker how the Club should develop. The Milton Monsters, a growing club for 5 -9 year olds, needs more helpers, including help with preparing teas, etc. They currently meet once a month after school – anyone able to give a couple of hours with the children please contact Sheila (261466) or Tracey (261501). Hope 2008 is a national initiative running throughout the year – look out for local and wider area events.



Imagine a year, like never before.....

This is the year of Hope 2008. Look out for local events, under the Hope umbrella! Thousands of Churches, Christian Organisations plus the Police and Government bodies are joining forces to bring support into local communities. 'Take Time Out' held at Bradford Village Hall on 2nd February was a Hope 08 event. It started with coffee followed by a morning Meditation presented by Penny Warren of Shebbear. This was followed by a choice of either a walk to Dunsland and back or Line Dancing. We were delighted that Lesley and 'Girls' from Milton were able to lead this. A pasty and salad lunch followed; we think we served about 40 people altogether and about 30 made flags in the afternoon and enjoyed Maddy Bray's demonstration of Worship Dance. Maddy takes a dance class at Bideford. We were given the opportunity to join in with a dance to finish. It really was a very refreshing day. During this year Hope 2008 will have an impact on the lives of ordinary people and it is hoped that long lasting change for the better within local communities will be the result. Details of Hope 08 can be found at www.Hope08.com

DO MORE, DO IT TOGETHER, DO IT IN WORD AND DEED

FUTURE EVENTS:

All of these events are open to every-one – please feel free to come along to any of them

Friday, 7th March 2008 – WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at Newton St Petrock at 2pm

Sunday, 23rd March 2008 – EASTER DAY GOSPEL SPECIAL at 7.30pm with The Withey Family

Saturday, 29th March 2008 – COFFEE MORNING at 10.30am

Sunday, 25th May 2008 – SUNDAY CLUB ANNIVERSARY with Rev O Jaiyesimi

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)

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

St. James Parish Church Abbots Bickington

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington

Tel: 01409 241411

For our Carol Service on 18th December the church was full with people standing. Young people and children read the words from scripture and Annabel Bellew sang 'Away in a Manger' from the pulpit. Mulled wine and mince pies were served at The Old Vicarage afterwards. With the choir singing from the gallery made this a most memorable evening.

Easter Day (23rd March 2008) Sunday Service @ 11.30am

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January 2008

Please see a copy of our brand new menu. We are a local, friendly, small food company that opened last year. We make high quality authentic Asian, Oriental, Mexican and other savoury dishes. As soon as the meals are cooked they are placed in convenient microwaveable containers, and once chilled placed immediately in the freezer ready for sale. The choice of menu, we feel, is extensive enough for a range of tastes from 'Mild' to 'Hot' however, we do limit our variations to ensure a continued turnover is maintained for our customers' benefit.

The business evolved from being very fond of quality cuisine and choice but without the 'nouvelle cuisine' portions and more importantly, the preservatives and 'E' numbers that manufacturers seem to throw into almost every ready made dish available in stores. All we put into our homemade dishes is quality ingredients, using local suppliers wherever possible, and dedication. We are zealous about charging a realistic price for such high quality ready made meals, substantially cheaper than the 'Hot Takeaway' establishments.

Since the outset of production we are, of course, registered with Torridge District Council Environmental Health & Public Protection. They help us to follow strict hygiene procedures with all the preparation stages of our meals.

We are open 7 days a week from 10am to 9pm to receive your order and you may collect when convenient for you. Should you wish to stock up your freezer or entertain guests/friends, if your order is £40 or above, we can arrange free delivery within an 8 mile radius of Stibb Cross.

Should you require any further information about us please telephone and ask for Sadie or Clive. One final note, periodically we will endeavour to add a couple of 'specials' to our current menu, so when telephoning an order or simply enquiring, please ask if there are additional dishes available

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Chicken Tikka Masala	£5.00
<i>Chargrilled chicken fillet in a rich exotic sauce (Mild)</i>	
Chicken Jalfrezi	£5.00
<i>Stir-fried chicken fillet in a hot spicy sauce with peppers & tomatoes (Hot)</i>	
Thai Green Chicken Curry	£5.00
<i>Stir-fried chicken fillet in a coconut based sauce with lemon grass, fresh ginger, garlic, peppers & onions (Medium)</i>	
Thai Red Chicken Curry	£5.00
<i>As Thai Green Curry but spicier</i>	
Chilli Con Carne	£4.50
<i>Traditional Mexican style dish using prime locally sourced minced beef with peppers, onions, tomatoes & kidney beans (Medium)</i>	
Pork Vindaloo	£4.50
<i>Traditional vindaloo recipe using lean prime pork in a hot spicy sauce with onions & potatoes (Hot)</i>	
Chef's speciality - Chicken Tikka Biriani (large size)	£5.25
<i>A special rice dish with chicken tikka and stir-fired vegetables (Medium/Hot)</i>	
Chef's speciality from the grill - Sheek Kebab & Chicken Tikka Kebab	£5.00
<i>Local prime minced lamb with onion, ginger, garlic, herbs & spices chargrilled. And succulent fillet chicken pieces marinated in exotic spices and chargrilled (Medium)</i>	
Beef Madras	£5.00
<i>Prime beef marinated then cooked in a rich sauce with onions, tomatoes, peppers and ground almonds (Medium/Hot)</i>	
Vegetable Madras (Hot)	£4.25
Vegetable Korma (Mild)	£4.25
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Cooked Pilau Rice	£1.20
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Do I need Planning Permission?



Planning Permission and Building Regulations

With spring approaching our thoughts turn to updating our homes, or the garden, or to do something with the land we own. Obtaining planning permission can seem to be a daunting task; sometimes, by default, the planning rules are contravened. We hope this short article will help you "get it right".

The Government guide "Planning – A Guide for Householders" gives a basic review of permitted development rights. It suggests we should think about:-

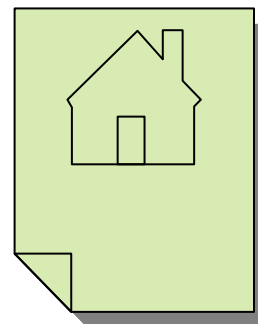
- letting our neighbours know what we intend to do, (irrespective of whether planning permission is required from the local authority);
- to think about the design of the building or extension or change, (the overall impact visually and adding value to your property),
- to consider whether the alterations make your property more vulnerable to crime,
- whether external lighting will be a nuisance to your neighbours.

There are a number of criteria that define whether or not a development can be carried out under permitted development. Permitted development is the amount of development that householders are allowed to carry out without a formal planning application.

The Torridge District Council website (www.torridge.gov.uk) under Community Planning and Development Services, gives access to the Planning Portal, which provides guidance on when planning applications are required, and, when building regulations need to be complied with.

As a quick guide, the critical factors are:

- proximity to any highway (including roads, footpaths, bridleways and byways),
 - height and volume limits,
 - buildings and structures in the garden or area around the house,
 - erection of fences, walls and gates,
 - covering with hard surfaces, such as patios, hard standing, paths and driveways - making a new or wider access on to a highway also requires planning permission,
 - change of use either of the house, associated buildings, garden or field(s).
- Fields are generally for agricultural use only.



Please note that permitted development rights for householders are available in respect of dwellings, other than flats, unless the rights have been removed by either a condition imposed on a planning permission or by an Article 4 Direction. In each case the Council Planning Officer can confirm whether your property has permitted development rights. If permitted development rights have been removed from a dwelling, then planning permission granted on a planning application will be necessary for work that is "development".

The Council offers a Pre-Application service – there is a Pre-Planning Application Form "Do I Need To Make A Planning Application?" - available from the website or by contacting the Planning Office – and a Planning Officer reviews the proposed development and discusses it with you before you submit the Planning Application.

Finally – if you have any questions at all about planning, please contact the Customer Services Officer for Planning on 01237 428700 or the duty officer on 01237 428733 – the officers are there to help..

You are also able to obtain advice from the Building Control department on whether Building Regulations are needed for your project – each case is looked at on its own merits. Please contact Sinead Rossitor, technical Clerk on 01237 428724.



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This is a small group with visitors from other local parishes who meet once a month and over a cuppa either have guests who talk about their holidays, experiences or a topic of their interest or within the group we have sharing of favourite readings, poems, etc.

For more details see the report under Chapel News, and transport can be arranged.



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.

PARISH PLANNING – Update

“Do you think we are doing the right things?”

This is your chance to come along and give us the benefit of your advice. Individuals, families, young people, senior citizens – you all have something to tell us and we want to hear it!

We are now moving on towards the final stages of the project. Members of the Steering Group have spent many evenings and mornings pulling out information from the Household and Young People's Questionnaires completed last August/September. We have a variety of views, opinions and facts to report back and to obtain your views and ideas on the options for action **YOU** would support to change and improve matters of concern around the parish. We have booked the Parish Hall for the day on **Saturday, 15th March** from 10am for **“Drop-In & Give Us Your Views”**. Refreshments, freely, available all day – morning coffee, lunchtime soup and sweet, afternoon cream teas – serving until 5pm. There will be displays with the results from the survey, highlighting the issues of most concern, and some tentative proposals on what should be included in a parish action plan. We have also booked the Holsworthy Beacon Chapel Schoolroom for the mid-afternoon/early evening slot (with cream teas) on **Monday, 17th March**, giving more localised opportunity for the Holsworthy Beacon area, but we will be pleased to see you from any part of the parish at both venues. If transport to the venues is a problem, please contact Anne or Grace (see details alongside).

Just a few topics we will raise at the “Drop-Ins”:

- options for reducing speeds along the main road and lanes
- opportunities for more facilities at Parish Hall for indoor and outdoor sports/recreational activities
- further enquiries on housing needs
- retaining our valued environment and countryside
- promoting publicity of community events in the parish

Another date for your diary – **Saturday, 31st May** - launch of the final Action Plan and Report and a Parish Celebration Day for the completion of the parish planning project. More details will be available nearer the date – please look out for the publicity!!



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THE DO'S AND DON'TS AND YOUR DOG

It is every dog owners moral duty and legal responsibility to clean up after their dog.

The disgust that dog mess causes to those who have stepped in it, sat by it, had it left outside their properties or seen their local parks and beaches ruined by it through the laziness of others is felt keenly by the majority of our communities.

Dog mess is not only a problem in urban areas. Some owners visiting the countryside and coasts, seem to forget about their duty when out of town.

Car parks at popular rural spots and public forests also suffer with irresponsible dog owners. These areas are where people picnic, children play and everyone has access.

- Always carry the means to clear up after your dog.
- Every time your dog fouls, 'bag it and bin it' – whether it is in a park or a roadside gutter. Remember the rain does not wash the problem away, as some people think.
- Respect your local authority's rules on dog free areas. Dogs cannot read signs, so it is up to you to keep them away from children's play areas and sports pitches etc. If dog waste bins have been provided, then use them.
- Never let your dog out alone, apart from the fouling problem you may not see your dog again, or it could bite someone.
- Get your dog wormed regularly.
- As the eggs of the TOXOCARA worm take over two weeks to hatch and become active, there are no health risks to you from immediately clearing up after your dog.
- The eggs of the Toxocara worm, if deposited in the soil, can lie dormant for up to three years. They are highly resilient to temperature changes and chemical disinfectants have little effect on them.

Local authorities have the power to introduce and enforce dog fouling bylaws under which a person in charge of a dog can be heavily fined for allowing dogs to foul in a public place.

An offence is committed if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its mess. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dogs actions, the law, or to not have suitable means to remove faeces. This could result in a prosecution or fine.

The penalty for not clearing up after your dog can be up to £1000 if taken to court, but there is provision for a fixed penalty to be issued with a fine of £50.

To report an offence contact your local authority to find out what the dog controls procedures are in your area, and make note of the following details:-

- Name and address of person in charge of the dog
- A description of the dog
- Day, date, time and location of the offence

Anyone who witnesses dog fouling in the Torridge area and is prepared to give evidence or who would like further information, can telephone the Animal Welfare Officer at Torridge Carl Caswell, 01237 428855.

Meanwhile I will continue to patrol the area and try to locate the offenders and deal with them accordingly. PCSO 30103 Beverley Harvey

MILTON DAMEREL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held at the

Parish Hall

at 7.30pm

on Wednesday 16th April 2008

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NEWSLETTER GROUP VACANCY

This is an opportunity for you to join the Group, as Sheila Daniel has reluctantly decided to step down. We would love to welcome any-one able to join the group and assist with news gathering, writing articles and features, and keep the Newsletter in print!

All enquiries will be welcomed – contact Grace or any of the group. It would be great to have representation from across the whole parish and to cover all aspects of our village life. Don't be shy – be brave - make the phone call and we will explain more about what is involved.



Bluetongue update.



Defra have placed an order with Intervet for 22.5 million doses of Bluetongue vaccine and Intervet has indicated that it expects vaccine will begin to be available from May. Penbode Veterinary group have started a list for farmers who want to vaccinate.

Intervet still expect the first batch of vaccine to be delivered in May, but most of Europe also have orders in the pipeline, which have to be filled too.

Although practically everyone agrees that a compulsory vaccination program is the best way forward, the most likely reason for a voluntary policy seeming preferred by Govt. is the fact that the quantity of a licensed Bluetongue vaccine that would be required is just not available at present. If a compulsory policy were introduced, practically everyone would want the vaccine immediately and they just wouldn't be able to service the orders. It would be very unwise for any Govt. to introduce a compulsory policy and then deny citizens the means to comply. Half a pint can never fill a pint pot! At least 80% of livestock need to be vaccinated to hopefully get the upper hand but that is unlikely to happen as **A** DEFRA have not ordered enough vaccine to cover that number of animals and **B** farmers with large numbers of animals will possibly find it very expensive to vaccinate, 1 dose for sheep, 2 doses for cattle 28 days apart, at the moment it is rumoured 50p/£1 a shot, how true that is I cannot say.

An interesting internet site to check is www.warmwell.com,

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Village Fete.

We will be holding a meeting to plan the fete on

Wednesday 12th March at 7pm where hopefully we can fix a date. We would welcome input from any resident young or old as to what you would like to see,

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Alpha success!

The Alpha course based in Milton Damerel, Newton St. Petrock and Putford which started way back in November last year has just drawn to a close. About thirty of us have spent Monday evenings together, watching short DVD's of the course led by Nicky Gumbel, followed by a discussion. It was noticeable that as the course progressed there was considerable reluctance to end these discussions at nine o'clock. The evenings started with a meal prepared by the hosts at the three venues in turn and it has been a considerable shock to have to think of something to eat at home on Monday evenings now the course has finished. We have been treated to some delicious food in very good company which is of course part of the Alpha experience. The meal shared together gave us all a chance to get to know each other on many levels and helped the discussions on the content of the DVD talk which followed. We also spent a whole day away together near Bude giving us a longer period of reflection. Proof of the success of the course has been that people have wanted to continue in some form exploring the Christian faith and discussions are under way to finalise details of venues and times.

Building on the experience gained during this course, plans are afoot to run other Alpha courses in the area, so please watch this space.

The Alpha Team

Gardening Tips




It's time to...

- Prune summer-flowering clematis, cutting above a low pair of green buds
- Cut out dead stems of ceratostigma and hardy fuchsias
- Prune all stems of *Hydrangea paniculata* down to about three buds from soil level
- Prepare areas in flowerbeds ready for sowing hardy annuals in late March and into April, digging over, weeding and enriching the soil
- Lift and divide congested border plants
- Plant out lilies to fill gaps in borders, or grow them on in pots
- Trim winter-flowering heathers
- Spread a layer of manure or compost around roses and shrubs
- Prepare areas for laying new lawns in spring, digging over, weeding and enriching the soil
- Be on the look out for slugs and snails, which will attack emerging shoots of perennials
- Keep weed seedlings under control, hand weeding regularly or using a hoe if conditions are dry
- Check mowers and garden machinery are in good working order and ready for the season ahead
- Look out for compost bargains at garden centers so you'll have all you need for spring sowing and potting

The Newsletter Group are very sorry Sheila Daniel has reluctantly resigned from the group, because of other commitments. Sheila was amongst the "volunteers" who took on the publication of the Newsletter in September 2004, and has contributed many articles, in particular, the youth news, competitions and puzzles, and has prompted many of our historical features about Milton Damerel, and has sought support from many other contributors. We are very grateful for her significant contribution to the Group, hope she will still find time to continue to compile some features for us ... and wish her well for the future.

REPORTS FROM PUTFORD WI & MILTON & DISTRICT OVER 60s

We are sorry to hear our WI correspondent is currently recovering from surgery and send Mavis our best wishes for a speedy recovery, and our Over 60s correspondent will be providing an update in our next edition



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

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Members will recently have spotted that NHW street signs have been put up at various locations to designate the established watch areas. This is due to the generosity of the Parish Council which has made a small grant available to us for this purpose and to whom we are very grateful for their support. Maintenance work, together with any repairs or replacements will need to be financed from our own resources.

FUTURE OF THE 101 NON EMERGENCY SERVICE IS IN DOUBT

The 101 service was set up in 2006, as a trial in five areas, with the aim being to reduce the large number of 999 calls to the police which were not 'true emergencies'. In one of the trial areas, Cardiff, the 101 service has been receiving 15,000 calls per month and is considered to be a huge success by reducing the non emergency calls on the 999 service by 50%. Similar success stories are recorded in the other trials. The Home Office which has been funding these trials, acknowledges the many benefits achieved by the scheme but never-the-less has decided to withdraw further direct funding which leaves the existing schemes plus any new schemes in jeopardy. In the circumstances this means that there are now no immediate prospects of extending the service to the South West which must continue to use existing lines of communications. Our own number to use when wishing to contact the police for non emergency situations and comment is **08452 777 444**.

SHED/GARAGE BURGLARIES

Following the spate of thefts from sheds and garages during the summer months we are pleased to be able to report that the culprits have recently been apprehended by the police and are currently awaiting trial proceedings. Many thanks to everybody who helped by passing on information.

Memories of Milton Damerel School from David German

My first day at school would be in 1949. I remember sitting next to another starter who cried his eyes out all day. Our first teacher was Miss Muggridge who liked us all to be seen and not heard unless she asked us a question.

Playtimes in the school lane were great fun but as it was the main thoroughfare for Milton Town farm cows it could get messy at times. On dry days and in the Summer we could play in the field (still had to dodge the cowpats though).

When I moved up to the senior class my teacher was Miss Goldthorpe. She was a lovely lady and made everything very interesting and worthwhile.

School dinners were something to look forward to everyday. They were provided by dinner lady Mrs Larkworthy and her able assistant Mrs Bradford. Mrs Bradford also doubled up as Father Christmas at the school Christmas Parties. We didn't know it was her, 'Honest'.

I remember the wood and coke burning stoves in the rooms, very chic and fashionable again now. I remember our daily bottle of milk and the time they experimented with flavoured varieties. I still don't like anything banana flavoured to this day, but I love bananas.

I also remember my Dad, Ernie, performing his duties as one of the School Governors. When he was working locally he would pop in and sign the register.

My other main memory of the building was its use as the Sunday School. I remember many teachers, Mr Cory, Marjorie Cory, Mr Daniel, Mr Carter, Mrs Jollow and I am sure many more will come to mind after I have sent this off.

The highlights of our social life were also in the School rooms. Delicious Anniversary teas and Chapel social evenings were always very happy occasions when the community got together to enjoy themselves.

I signed the pledge one evening in the Schoolrooms. "Oh dear", still one failure among all the other successes can't be bad.

I left Milton Damerel in 1959 to join the army and don't think I have missed one year when I haven't visited the Chapel yard and School buildings. My memory always goes back to happy times so everyone who taught and looked after us must have done a pretty good job.

Dave German

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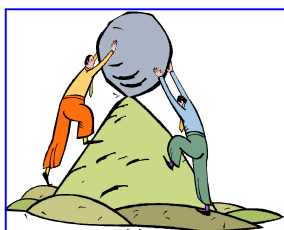
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Uncertain of habit with Far away eyes.
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
When you say in a loud voice "I do wish you'd try."
Who seems not to notice the things that you do
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.
Who unresisting or not lets you do as you will
With bathing and feeding,the long day to fill.

Is that what you're thinking? is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse, you are not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still
As I use at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother;
Brothers and sisters who love one another:
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet:
A bride soon at twenty my heart gives a leap
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep:
At twenty-five I have young of my own
Who need me to build a secure, happy home:
A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At forty my young sons now grown and will all be gone:
But my man stands beside me to see I don't mourn:
At fifty once more babies play around my knee,
Again we know children, my loved one and me:
Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead
I look to the future, I shudder with dread.
My young are all busy rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.
I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel,
"Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body it crumbles, grace and vigour depart,
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells
And now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life all over again.
And I think of the years all too few - gone too fast
And accept the stark fact that nothing will last.
So open your eyes, nurses, open and see.
Not a crabbit old woman,
look closer - see me.

PARISH HALL NEWS

The Parish Hall Committee had a meeting on Monday 28th January 2008 @ 7:30. We are always looking for new committee members and would like to thank Ray and Bev Tree of Brook View, Strawberry Bank, who joined our committee in January. We hold about four meetings a year. We do need your support in keeping the Parish Hall going. We hold events through-out the year to raise income. Its also available for hire for any occasion at reasonable rates. (charges can be seen on the notice board. A licence must be applied for if selling alcohol).

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th March 2008 @ 7:45

FETE

With reference to the FETE, we are still looking for people to form a sub committee, who will then elect a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and are hoping that members of existing clubs / groups will be asked to attend any Parish Hall meetings to inform on progress. A meeting will be needed soon. The fete last year was a great success and was enjoyed by many. Any one interested in now helping to keep the event going please forward your name to any committee member. Money raise at future Fetes will be split between the Parish Hall, Fete and a nominated charity.
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

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The SKITTLES TOURNAMENT had to be cancelled for the 1st March as it clashed with Holsworthy League Ladies Skittles Tournament. See below for new details.

The Whist Drive held on 30th November raised £36.60

The Parish Hall Committee are grateful for the donation given by the Milton Damerel Bowls Club. The Club had to close due to lack of members and they forwarded remaining funds to the Parish Hall. A proviso has been made that some monies will be made available to a future Bowls Club should be formed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29th March **Wine and Wisdom** 7:30 for 8:00. Please book with committee. £4.00 per person. Teams of six. Couples and singles welcomed, will make up teams on arrival.

12th April **Skittles Tournament**. Doors open 7:00 for practise. Start 7:30. £1 per person, playing in teams of 2. All teams guaranteed at least two games. We have decided to change the format to encourage non players so that this will be a fun night out for everyone. Refreshments available. BYO wine/beer. Profit to Children's Hospice S.W. & Parish Hall. Please book:-ring
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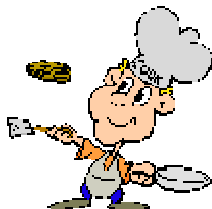
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The Crealock Arms offers fine real ales and good home cooked food. With its beautiful countryside views and the large car park it is an ideal place to bring the family, you can sit inside or enjoy the large beer garden.

As has been the case over the generations a warm welcome awaits all at The Crealock.

From the Citizens Advice Bureau

Q. My elderly father is becoming forgetful and has asked me to take over managing his financial affairs. The bank told me I would need 'power of attorney' to do this and said I should arrange this now before his memory gets any worse. How do I go about it?

A. Your father can create what is known as a lasting power of attorney (LPA). An LPA is a legal document made using a special form. It allows you to choose someone you trust to make decisions on your behalf about things such as property and financial affairs or personal welfare at a time in the future when you no longer wish to make those decisions or may lack the mental capacity to make those decisions yourself. You can make an LPA at any time, but it cannot be used until it has been registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. LPAs replaced enduring power of attorney (EPA) on October 1, although EPAs already registered before this date are still valid, and an EPA created before this date can still be registered. If your father also wants you to be able to make personal welfare decisions on his behalf he will need to make a separate Personal Welfare LPA. Personal welfare decisions can only be taken by somebody else when you are incapable of making them for yourself; for example if you are unconscious or because of the onset of a condition such as dementia.

For more information details of how to create an LPA go to the website of the Office of the Public Guardian, www.publicguardian.gov.uk, the Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk, or contact your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau.

NEWSLETTER GROUP

COFFEE MORNING
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Newsletter Archive

We have recently added May 2000 & November 2003 newsletters to the archive. This takes the archive up to 28, *not including this edition*, but for reasons yet unknown, this March edition is only 27th!! You can see the archives at www.miltondamarel.com/newsletters.htm

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