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21st May 2008 was the date of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting when the Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected to serve for the next 12 months. Gareth Piper was re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Grace Millman was re-elected Vice-Chairman. A regular Parish Council meeting followed the AGM and there have also been meetings in June and July.

During this period there were just three planning applications, two for agricultural buildings at Higher Woodford Farm and one for a new driveway access for Town Farm Cottage.

BT have been consulting on the proposed removal of payphones in Torrridge District but the Parish Council are pleased to report that there are no plans to remove either of the phone boxes in Milton Damerel.

Following the Post Office announcement to close or replace with outreach services, 83 Post Offices in Devon, the Parish Council sent a letter to the Consultation Team in support of Shebbear PO. The closure of this Post Office would be a great loss to many residents of this Parish. The final decision has not yet been made as the fate of Shebbear is still under review.

The Devon County Council Rights of Way officer has advised the council that diversion of footpath number 24 at North Town Farm is now complete. Various other works are scheduled to be done on local paths including re-hanging the gate at the back of the church and installing a new footbridge on footpath number 16 over Fishpool Lake. From the Parish Council minute book we are informed that the brick pillars, that are still in place, were installed at a cost of £4.4.0 (£4.20) in 1913. These pillars will be incorporated into the foundations of the new bridge.

The Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008 have been approved by the members of the Parish Council following the internal audit. The annual return is now with the Audit Commission. The certified return will be displayed on the Parish Council notice boards in accordance with regulations in due course.

The Holsworthy Motor Club advises that they will be holding their Roger Pole Taw & Torridge classic reliability trial, on Sunday 21st September. Approximately 50 cars and 40 motorcycles will be taking part and will pass through the parish at about 10.30am from Holsworthy on their way to Stibb Cross. They will return at about 2.45pm to turn right at Shop Cross on their way to Abbots Bickington. Last year the event was called off at short notice due to an outbreak of foot and mouth.

To mark the Olympic Flag Handover to London 2012 on Sunday 24th August the South West is planning to make 2 minutes of noise at 4.0pm lead by the pealing of bells. Cllr Webb is making arrangements to ring the bells at Milton Damerel Church as part of this special occasion.

Roberta Jackson
Parish Clerk



CONGRATULATIONS!

To

Mike Robertson who celebrated his 60th birthday on 20th August 2008

Gareth Piper and Sally Ashford who celebrate their marriage on 6th September 2008

Geoff & Phoebe Overy of Darland, Venn Green, who celebrate their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary on 11th September 2008.

Roy and Pauline Palmer of Strawberry Bank Farm who celebrate their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary on 25th September 2008

Elizabeth Bellew of Bluebell Cottage, Abbots Bickington who celebrates her 70th birthday on 13th October 2008

Congratulations to **Jaz Harper** who was 18 on the 11th June

Congratulations to **Lawrence Harper** who was 13 on the 26th May, he had his first win, in the SW85/150s, at Moto X, on his new bike, on his birthday!



To all young people in the parish who have recently completed their GCSE, AS Level, A Level, BTEC, NVQ and degree courses – we hope your results have been as good or better than your expectations and will enable you to go forward with your plans, and to those who are moving to new schools and colleges and taking up university places we hope the experience will be exciting and worthwhile.



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

A warm welcome to:

Steve & Christine, Adam and Callum Johns who have moved into Springfield

Phil & Mary Rowlinson who have moved into West Willow, Town Farm



CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to all who have been bereaved recently

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Saturday, 4th October 2008

A competition for entries by individuals or families to include all ages.

Scarecrow(s) on your selected theme should be placed on display in your garden / an area visible from the road by 12 noon on Saturday morning, and (weather permitting) left on display for the week-end. Prizes will be awarded for:

Best Overall

Most Comical

Most Original

Entry fee £3 for the newsletter funds and entries to be notified to Grace (261251) by Thursday 2nd October .. a list of entries will then be available from garage for those who wish to "tour around" to see them all.

Judging will be from 2pm on Saturday.



Youth & Family News

Monster Club

During the school holidays we had a very enjoyable trip to see a sequel to the Lion, Witch & Wardrobe, which is Prince Caspian. We met at the Schoolroom and had a quick tea and arranged lifts and travelled in convoy to The Plough. The film lasted over 2 hours and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Following on from the film we had a Prince Caspian afternoon, which included a lot of games, crafts and face painting. There was a bring and share tea.

All children were very well behaved and a pleasure to take out and thank you to everyone who helped with both events.

It has been brought to our attention that some find Thursdays difficult and so we have moved the club meetings to Friday. If any-one has any problems please let us know.

Monster Club resumes on Friday, 12th September, 4.45 to 6.15pm, when we will be doing a recycling and junk fashion evening. Please bring anything you may think is useful - colourful plastic bags, fabric, ribbons, old items of clothing, etc.

A programme of further meetings will be prepared.

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For more information – see your household's copy of **MILTON DAMEREL PARISH PLAN 2008** and previous editions of the Newsletter, which may be viewed on www.miltondamerel.com

PARISH PLANNING – UPDATE

The **Parish Plan** is now available and has been delivered to all households in the parish. We do hope you will take time to read it and more importantly to give thought to how **YOU** can help to make it happen. Many of the action plans will only bring about results if there are volunteers to help carry forward the proposals.

Are you one of the individuals who supported more activities / clubs, etc., or supported more use of the Parish Hall for community benefit?

Your Parish Needs You!!

Could you volunteer to organise a club or activity? We have the names of those who filled in the response form at the end of the Household Questionnaire, but there were more expressions of 'able to organise or help' than names provided! All of us – members of the Parish Plan Steering Group, the Parish Councillors and those who volunteered – would be very much encouraged if you contact one of the Councillors (see Page 2 for names and telephone numbers) to let us know of your interests. Already we have interests for starting again a "get together" of those interested in crafts, and for starting a horticultural society – see details elsewhere in this Newsletter – we encourage you to respond to these now. Don't delay!!

The Parish Council will be contacting various individuals in the District Council, County Council, Highways, Police, etc., to discuss and petition for action as required to bring about the changes included in the action plan.

We've compiled the Plan - the challenge now is to make it happen!

Shebbear Study Day 2008, Shebbear College, North Devon

Saturday 18th October 9.30am – 4.00pm

Bishop Bob Evens Leads the day on "The Kingdom of God is near"

The cost of the day will be £12 to include lunch, coffee and tea. Fairtrade Stall.

Bookstall provided by Ark Angel Trust Christian Bookshop of Bude

Please send a cheque to confirm booking by Thursday October 2nd, at the latest, to Peter Ellis, Wistaria, Black Torrington, Beaworthy, EX21 5PU

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How well do you know the Parish?

PERSONALITIES:

1. Name one of the PCSOs that has covered Milton Damerel this year?
2. Name a vet based in Holsworthy who grew up in the Parish?
3. Lady Thatcher, when Prime Minister, had a Press & Relations Director who was billeted in the Parish during the 2nd World War. What is his name?
4. Name one of the Parish's neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators.



BUSINESSES:

5. Which food company now owns the egg packing factory at Holsworthy Beacon?
6. Which car manufacturer's name is displayed on the fascia of the garage workshop?

LOCAL HISTORY:

7. What or who was the Gratton Queen?
8. Milton Damerel has 7 listed 'buildings' in the Parish. Name two of them. 1.....2.....
9. There is one official street in the Parish, which is Fore Street; can you name another one from bygone days?..... Where was it?
10. What is the current name of the property, in the past referred to as No Place?
11. Where was Merrybetween?
12. Name one other property that was a post office in the parish other than The Old Post Offices at Venn Green & Holsworthy Beacon.
13. What is the name of the private house that was once the local police station?
14. What is the name of the house formerly the Courtenay Arms?
15. What were Spite and Envy?
16. When was the Church Hall first built (it is now the Parish Hall)?
17. Milton Damerel did have a village green in the 19th Century. Where was it?

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE:

18. What "Irish" connection is there in the Parish?
19. How many miles is it from Holsworthy Beacon Crossway to the Bridge at Woodford Bridge?
20. Which river runs through the parish?
21. How many post boxes are on the main road through the Parish of Milton Damerel?
22. How many councillors are there on the Milton Damerel Parish Council?
23. Who is the Chairman of the Parish Council?
24. How many public footpaths are there in the Parish?

HOLSWORTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP

Saturday, 8th November 2008
10am – 4pm
Memorial Hall

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Sheds and Fencing

Installation of sheds, greenhouses with concrete or slab base

Installation or repair of all types of fencing e.g: Close board, Inter-lap, Prefabricated, Chain link and trellis. Replacement posts

Plumbing

Replacement ball valves, fix leaking overflows, install garden taps, replace or fix toilet cisterns, installation of washing machine/dishwasher etc.

A Fun Evening was enjoyed by about 40 of us at the Parish Hall on 2nd August for our celebration of completing the Parish Plan document. Music was kindly provided by Lisa & Gordon Copp (S L S Majorettes) and Edgar Pett was our MC. To 'break the ice' we all had to make the noise of the animal depicted by a picture of only half the animal and to find a partner making a similar noise and holding the other half of the picture. A variety of family/team party games were organised for the evening, including musical statues, a parish quiz, newspaper quiz, "can you provide....", and balloon football interspersed with disco and of course the delights of sampling every-one's contributions to the bring and share supper! Much laughter and competitiveness in being the first team to find the answers to questions from that week's local paper – the Holsworthy Post, and to be the first to deliver various items requested by the MC. Thankyou to everyone who supported the event on that evening ... A copy of the parish quiz used during the evening is included on the previous page.

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Chapel News – September 2008**Newsletter Number Forty-Six**

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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE – The Cream Teas afternoon on Saturday, 29th June was a real success with several friends coming along for, of course, a free Cream Tea, a chat and an opportunity to meet other residents of the parish and further afield from our neighbouring villages. Our minister, David Wheeler was also delighted with the opportunity of meeting with people in the village that he had not previously encountered. Bev Tree brought her camera and took some “glamour” shots.....



... and we hope you all enjoyed the break and chit-chat and will come again on **Saturday, 27th September** for “tea and cake” and to support charities – in addition to a stall for Children’s Hospice South West, we are hoping to entice a few other charity organisers to come along with their goodies and Christmas cards, etc., as an opportunity to start your Christmas preparations right here on our doorsteps!!

Our invited guest speakers for regular monthly meetings for July and August were Mrs Gill Daniel, from North Tamerton, and Rev Kathy Roberts from Black Torrington. Gill, after many years from a first “calling” to take up training to be a minister, has now seen this calling turn into reality with acceptance for training by the Methodist Church on the course at Birmingham University, and she described the journey she has experienced since her first “calling” including rejection of previous application, chaplaincy work in prisons, and the support of her farmer husband in moving to Birmingham with her. Kathy, grew up in South Africa, and was able to recount her experiences of the changes in South Africa including the abolition of apartheid. Two very interesting reflections of life experiences and very much appreciated by those who came, shown by the variety and depth of questions and comments on what had been shared.

Club meetings in October and November are planned for:

Monday, 20th October and Monday, 17th November , subject to Alpha plans

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, 28th September	Mrs Christine Forster, from Holsworthy
Sunday, 26th October	Rev David Wheeler
Sunday, 30th November	Mrs Margaret Knapman, from Stibb Cross

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS are planned for the week-end of 10th to 13th October 2008. At the risk of being “in a rut” we will be continuing with the arrangements of recent years, and we do hope you can join our harvest celebrations. On Friday, 10th October, the chapel will be open all day – and anyone interested is encouraged to come along with gifts of produce and flowers and to arrange displays through-out the chapel, and in particular we are very grateful to those families who take responsibility for a display in the chapel windows and other areas. Anyone who wishes will also be very welcome to just come to look at the displays created.

For our Sunday morning service on 12th October at 11am we are pleased that Rev Dinah Hargreaves, until recently minister of Newton St Petrock Baptist Church, has accepted our invitation to preach.

The celebrations continue on Monday, 13th October with a bring and share buffet tea/supper – there is always plenty to eat, so we would be delighted to see you at 6.30pm. At about 8pm Rev David Wheeler will lead a short thanksgiving service, and then we follow on with the auction of the gifts of produce, etc., with the assistance of an auctioneer from Kivells of Holsworthy. Invariably, we conclude with another “cuppa” and “late snack”. A warm welcome awaits you at any (or all) of the week-end events.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of September to November

SEP		OCT		NOV	
7 th	Wedding Flowers	5 th	Mrs Petula Sanders	2 nd	Mrs Valerie Carter
14 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer	12 th	Harvest Festival	9 th	Mrs Grace Millman
21 st	Mrs Gwynneth Johns	19 th	Festival Flowers	16 th	Mrs Tracey Dunmore
28 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper	26 th	Mrs Anita Southey	23 rd	Mrs Marjorie Colwill
				30 th	Mrs Joanne Carter

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.

CHURCH COUNCIL – The re-roofing of the Schoolroom will proceed shortly, which will deal with some of the rain and water ingress; at the same time remedial work will be undertaken to replace the sheets on the west elevation of the chapel with slates. Following this work we will need to look at re-furbishment of the interior.

FUTURE EVENTS for your diary:

All of these events, as with all our events and meetings, are open to every-one – please feel free to come along to any of them

Saturday, 27th September 2008 – TEA & CAKE from 3pm

Sunday, 12th October 2008 – HARVEST FESTIVAL at 11am

Monday, 13th October 2008 – ‘BRING & SHARE’ BUFFET SUPPER at 6.30pm,

Followed by HARVEST THANKSGIVING & SALE OF PRODUCE

Sunday, 7th December 2008 – GOSPEL SPECIAL at 7.30pm

Friday, 12th December 2008 – CHRISTINGLE

Sunday, 21st December 2008 – UNITED PARISH CAROL SERVICE

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: 07834693029

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

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 5th October 2008

At 3 pm

St Peter's Church, Thornbury

MUSICAL EXTRAVANGZA

Saturday, 27th September 2008

at the Church.

Children's Musical Workshop,

making musical instruments in the morning.

Hear your favourite hymn being played, Listen to the bells,

Quizzes and trivial in the church, Refreshments available throughout the day.

Pyworthy School Choir performance during the afternoon.

Evening entertainment and BBQ to round off the day.

Further details from Kirsten (tel: 253150)

or Liz (tel: 261312)

Milton Damerel Methodist Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 12th October 2008

11am Rev Dinah Hargreaves

Monday, 13th October 2008

At 6.30pm

Bring & Share Buffet Supper

Thanksgiving Service @ 8pm (approx.)

Led by Rev David Wheeler

Followed by Auction of Produce

Everyone very welcome

Woodacott Methodist Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 21st September 2008

Preacher: Mr E Boundy

Services at 2.30pm & 6.30pm

St. James Parish Church

Abbots Bickington

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington

Tel: 01409 241411

COFFEE MORNING

On 1st September 2008

From 10am

at

Bluebell Cottage

(Home of Charles & Elizabeth Bellew)

PASTY & CIDER WALK

On 4th October 2008

Start @ 2pm (to 4pm)

From Haytown

Tel: Paul Baggott 261587 or Elizabeth Bellew 261629

For more information

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On 5th October 2008

At 3pm

WHIST DRIVE

On 15th November 2008

At Milton Damerel Parish Hall

A warm welcome awaits you at all these events!

Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 28th September 2008

Preachers: 11 am Mr D Wilson

6.30pm Mr J Hill

Monday. 29th September 2008

7.30pm Rev Beth McDowell

Visit of the

LAUNCESTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

A Concert

On Sunday, 16th November 2008 @ 7pm

Chairman: Mr Roy Johns

Some helpful hints about the switchover to Digital TV

Firstly, some general points:-

- 84% are already switched to digital in Devon (92% in Plymouth) and there's a 95% awareness of the switchover. It's as big a national campaign as decimalisation!
- Digital TV will provide about 20 Freeview channels in addition to the 5 traditional channels. You'll also get other interactive services (the "red button"), radio and programme subtitles.
- The present digital signal is low strength (to avoid conflicting with analogue signals); it will be 15 to 20 times stronger on full switchover
- If you get good analogue TV at present, you're almost certain to get great digital TV (once you've got the right equipment!)
- The switchover period is April - September 2009; different transmitter areas are at www.digitaluk.co.uk or phone 08456 50 50 50
- Your TV set is almost certainly ok, but you'll need a "digital box" (from about £20) or satellite dish equipment. Even Tesco's have lots of information and sell this digibox <http://direct.tesco.com/buyersguide/freeview%20tv.aspx>
- 95% of TV aerials are almost certainly ok; you can check the aerial strength at Teletext page 284
- Your video or DVD recorder will need attention/replacement to retain its normal functionality (such as watching one channel whilst recording another).
- As the deadlines (for each transmitter) approach, a warning will appear on your TV screen (if you're still analogue), reminding you which transmitter you're receiving from and the date of switchover.
- You'll need to re-tune the TV receivers twice - once when you first install the digibox/TV and finally again when the switchover is complete. New frequencies will be used at the final switch. More advice will follow as the time approaches for each area.
- Don't let any cold-calling doorstep salesmen tell you they can offer a digital aerial - almost totally unnecessary and a hoax
- Don't now buy any TV, DVD, PVR, HDD recorder, etc without the "digital tick" symbol that shows it's digitally okay
- Browse the information on http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/when/west_country for really good info and downloads

And some more specialist assistance advice:-

- There will be a "Switchover Help Scheme" to assist "Eligible People" who would pay just a £40 charge as a one-off contribution to all the equipment and advice needed
- Eligible People are those aged 75 or over, those who get attendance/constant attendance allowance, those on mobility supplement or disability living allowance or are registered blind/partially sighted
- People who are Eligible and also get pension credit, income support or income-based jobseeker's allowance will get the Help Scheme totally free.
- Digitaluk has special access to lists of such people and will be contacting them with an information pack within 5 months of their switchover date - this depends on which transmitter they are served by
- Check whether you're entitled to any such allowances, contact Care Direct on 0845 1551 007 or see Devon County Council advice at <http://tinyurl.com/5hlgztz>
- Parish/town councils might like to consider who in their parish is possibly vulnerable and in need of assistance. Call on them, give advice, be good neighbours, see what they need and can afford. It might be worth getting at least one councillor or parishioner well geared up to help those few in your community who will find this daunting.

Finally, consider giving the relatives a digibox for birthday, Christmas and setting them up in good time!

BRADWORTHY & DISTRICT PLOUGHING MATCH & PRODUCE SHOW

will be held on

FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2008

at CLEAVE FARM, Newton St Petrock, by kind permission of Messrs Poole. Ploughing starts from 10 am

Refreshments available throughout the day.

Ploughing and Produce Show schedules and entry forms available from Liz on 01409 261312.

Fete 19th July

**You raised the grand total of
£813**

What a great day, although the morning started a little bit cloudy and threatened rain, by lunch time the sun was shining and every thing was set for an enjoyable afternoon.

Entries were still being delivered right up until the dead line of 10am. The judges had quite a task judging the different classes with a good number of entries in all categories.

Torridge District Council leader James Morrish opened the fete and stayed for a while to enjoy the atmosphere and wander round the different stalls.

The Childrens Pet Competition was well supported and drew the crowds, Sally the vet did an excellent job of judging the many entries.



The S L S Majorettes did a great performance showing off their military marching, baton twirling and pompom dances and keeping us entertained.

With an appearance by the Torrington Cavalier's Thriller Dancers later in the afternoon.

Geoffrey Cox arrived to judge the Fancy Dress competition and stayed to chat to folk and enjoy himself.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

A special thank you to Ed, Ray and Clifford for strimming, hedgecutting and sign painting.

Sally the Vet, Nicola, Bill Wrighton, Mike and Margaret Tyrell, Paul and Steve Reah who judged our competitions.

An extra big thank you to Margaret and Elizabeth for the Tombola, Sarah Harper for running the Skittle Alley, Steve Moyse for supplying and selling the Ice Cream, Sheila Daniels for organising the races, Norman for all the help he gave and Sara for the delicious cream teas. Margaret Fishleigh for baking the cake for Guess the weight of the cake competition, and Terry of Remedy IT for all the printing done free of charge. Thanks also to Penny for the raffle donation and distribution of entry forms also Lizzie's Larder.

The money raised this year will be put towards The Parish Hall, The Fete Fund and to open a Recreation Area Fund.

Monies raised from different events will be put into this fund and used sometime in the future to purchase land for Village Recreation Area.

We plan to hold several events during the year to raise money specifically for this fund so look out for posters for future events.

Barn Dance and BBQ

Parish Hall.

Come and dance to Pendragon

Saturday 27th September

7pm till 11pm

BBQ & Bar.

Watch out for the posters.

See more pictures on the website!!
www.miltondamerel.com

Milton Damerel Parish Fete Skittles

The 16 and under skittles was begun enthusiastically by Aiden Casserley a steady stream of children followed. Harrison Palmer showed good style for the future. The Vickers family had a first rate battle between themselves but the eventual skittles winners were **Bradley Ley** with a score of 9 and **Chelsea Lee** with a score of 9.

The Adults were equally competitive with Paul Casserley starting the proceedings. David Taylor took the lead very early on and kept visiting to see if anyone had bettered his score! David's rival from last year Ray Tree tried in vain as did Edgar Pett but to no avail. Andy Harper, Mr McNab, Mr Bluck and closest runner up Mr Kempster, who was staying a Woodford Bridge, all had respectable scores. As last year Mary Carter and Elizabeth Bellew had quite a tussle between themselves! I shall not disclose their scores but suffice to say they were below winner **David Taylors** 11! Better luck next year Ladies.

The skittle alley is tucked away on the right hand side of the Parish Hall, next year find it and have a go! Apologies to all those who played but did not get a mention.



WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN

Weeding

Till your borders with a hoe give your beds that tidy finished look and tricks weeds to germinate when they would prefer to wait for the next year! A good thing at this time of year as many will die naturally in the hot sunshine. A clever low maintenance technique that will over time reduce the weed population! It will also if done regularly weaken the more stubborn perennial weeds as well!

Vegetables

All is well for most crops, water and feed especially the runner beans, mine have been slow to get going and watering should stimulate growth!

This is good week to sow salad seeds to ensure a continuity of salads e.g. cress, Lettuce and radishes.

Lawn

This week head out on hands and knees to dig out any stubborn weeds that have to date resisted any efforts to remove them! use a grubber to tease them out with as much root as possible. patch any damage with sieved soil and grass seed.

Roses

Rose are vulnerable to mildew and black spot at this time of year, particularly if they are in any way stressed.....So if you have any containerised roses, or roses in hot sunny locations particularly against walls make sure that they don't dry out.

Keep the roots moist with regular watering and cool with a top dress of mulch. this along with an autumn application of well rotted manure helps to keep roses healthy and relatively disease free. remove any infected leaves and feed with a liquid fertilizer to promote new leaves.



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Music in the local area

Regular concerts are held at St.Mary's Church at Black Torrington – all sorts of music from folk to organ recitals. Tickets are £6.00 on the night or £5.00 if you buy before and include a glass of wine and more than enough food to skip supper! Children are half price. The next concert will feature three local choirs, The Shebbear Circuit Choir, The Newton St. Petrock Male Voice Choir, and the Ladies Choir from Bude. The date is Saturday 25th October at 7.30 p.m. Tickets from 231635 or 231581.

Feel-Good Muffins

Ingredients

1 1/3 cup Self Raising Flour
 1/3 cup sugar
 1 tbsp baking powder
 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1/4 tsp nutmeg
 1 1/2 cups crushed Special K (put in poly bag, secure and roll with rolling pin)
 1 egg beaten
 1/3 cup milk
 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 1 cup mashed bananas (2 medium size)



Combine dry ingredients add wet ingredients, half fill muffin cups. Bake at 200 degrees, Gas mark 6 for 20 minutes.

Eating out



The Bickford Arms at Brandis Corner around 1900



The Bickford Arms in 2005 after rebuilding and restoration

The Bickford Arms, Brandis Corner.

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Enjoy the excellent selection of dishes at the bar, or opt for fine dining in the Dunsland Dining Room, or why not call in for Sunday Lunch.

ANOTHER “SUMMER” EVENING WALK

**Following walks described by Seymour Marks
in his book written in 1951**

Saturday, 13th September 2008

Start at Higher Gidcott at 6.15pm..

(Meet at Chapel View by 6pm if need transport to start)

....through Gratton Hill to Chapel View...

...for BBQ from about 8pm

**Proceeds from sale of hot dogs, burgers, etc
for Newsletter.**

Winter Gathering

Welcome to a monthly Monday afternoon in the company of others enjoying needlework related activities, including knitting and crochet.

Bring along your own project.

Our first date is 8th September 2008 from 1.30 pm

The venue is Mount Pleasant, Milton Damerel

For more information please telephone Edna 261433
07811313157 or e.mortimer433@btinternet.com

Horse sense for Motorists

The following has been taken, in part, from the British Horse Society leaflet “**Horse Sense for Motorists**”. This guide is meant for those who are not sure about how to approach horse and rider on the road.



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

As a motorist you should:

- Look out for horses being led or ridden on the road
- At left-handed bends and on narrow country roads – take extra care and keep your speed down
- When you see a horse rider on the road – **Slow Down**
- When behind a horse rider – give them plenty of room and be ready to stop
- Do not sound your horn or rev your engine- horses are powerful but vulnerable animals, easily scared by noise and may panic around fast moving vehicles

When overtaking – pass wide and slow

Horse riders are often youngsters- so take extra care.

For increased safety, riders may ride on double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse rider.

- Watch out for horse riders' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop.
- Riders should signal their intentions but drivers should be aware that horses are unpredictable and a rider on a young or frightened horse may have their hands full.

Treat all horses as a potential hazard and expect the unexpected!

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

To that end I would like to thank all the motorists, in and out, of the Parish who are considerate to us riders. Especially those who go out of their way to help such as Mr T who got out of his digger and led my chap past, Mr P who sat patiently in his lorry giving me suitable encouragement whilst rolling a cigarette and thanks to those monstrous tractor drivers who are brilliant, turning their engines off so that we can rush past when feeling brave! Thank you all and keep up the good work, **It keeps us safe.**



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Local Co-ordinators

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Venn Green:	Mike Jackson - Tel. 261196
Gratton:	Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277
Whitebear/Fore Street	Edgar Pett - Tel. 261277
Holsworthy Beacon	Position Vacant

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

The police have issued us with a timely reminder warning of the risks posed by bogus callers. Whilst this is not a problem, at the present time in Milton Damerel, we know that there are problems in other parts of North Devon. In particular, spring and summer seems to generate callers offering gardening, tree pruning and building type services. If you do need this type of work and don't know who to use a recommendation from a neighbour is usually a good choice. You will also find a number of locally based and established trades-people advertising in the parish magazine.

Bogus callers often pose as utility company employees, possibly working in pairs, to try to gain access to your property. It is only very rarely that a genuine utility company would need to access your property without having made a prior arrangement. If in any doubt what so ever about the person(s) at such a call, contact the employers, before allowing access, to confirm validity. Do not use any phone number provided by the caller, as this could be bogus but use the number published in the telephone directory.

We are still without a co-ordinator to cover the NHW aspects of Holsworthy Beacon and its immediate surrounding area. Anyone interested in supporting the community and safety in the Beacon area should contact any of the above co-ordinators or PCSO Harvey to register their interest and discuss what is involved prior to taking on the commitment.

Finally, just a further reminder that when you are busy gardening and your home is unguarded, please lock your entrance doors when they are out of your view. It only takes a few seconds for a sneak thief to access an open door or window and make off with your valuables. We are fortunate to live in a relatively crime free area, so lets make things difficult for potential criminals.

From our PCSO....

HOLSWORTHY COMMUNITY FUNDAY

Holsworthy neighbourhood police officers along with members of the local community groups and outside agencies are organising a community information and funday.

It is to take place on the 18th of September 2008 at Holsworthy Community College, from 3.30pm-8pm.

There will be a wide variety of outside agencies attending like Torridge District Council, Homestart, Torridge voluntary services, Citizens Advice, Holsworthy Family Resource Centre, Youth Intervention, North Tamar Community Transport, Devon Youth services, Horsewatch, & The Senior Council etc

From the Police there will be the local Neighbourhood team, PCSO's, Special Constables and a Police dog handler.

There will also be side shows, bouncy castle, sumo suits, BBQ, tea and cakes, ice cream stall & a raffle.

We would like to invite everyone in the whole of Holsworthy & rural area to come along and to take part, gain useful information and enjoy themselves.

PCSO 30103 Beverley Harvey

Stop press....

A tractor was stolen on the 18th of August from the Quoditch area of Ashwater. Although it was recovered approximately 5miles away abandoned at the side of the road. On the 19th of August a dung spreader was stolen from Tetteridge Barton, St Giles on the Heath, could everyone, not just farmers/smallholders please be vigilant and take reasonable steps to secure their property.

PCSO 30103 Beverley Harvey at Holsworthy

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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 endeavor 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

Supporting local produce. High quality and authentic dishes

Lamb Rogan Josh	£5.00
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Chicken or <u>Lamb</u> Korma*	£5.00
<i>Tender chicken fillet or lamb in a rich creamy coconut sauce (Mild)</i>	
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	£5.25
<i>(large size)</i>	
<i>A special rice dish with chicken tikka and stir-fried 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
Cooked Plain Basmati Rice	£1.00
Cooked Pilau Rice	£1.20
Nan Bread, individual size	£0.70

PARISH HALL NEWS

The Committee has not been involved in any fund raising since the last Newsletter but please see below dates for your diary for future events.

6th September: Another **Skittles Fun Night** for all the family. Starts at 7.00pm. Doors open 6.30pm for practice. Entry £1 per player, teams of two. Refreshments will be on sale, bring your own beer or wine. To book please telephone any of the numbers below.

15th September: Parish Hall **Annual General Meeting** at 7.45pm. This is a public meeting when the committee and officials will be elected to serve for the next year. We are a friendly group who are always looking for new members who can commit to 3 or 4 meetings a year, with extra to clarify fund raising events and help on the day.

26th September: 8.00pm **Whist Drive** £1.50 per person. Contact Sara on 261105

21st November: 8.00pm **Whist Drive** £1.50 per person. Contact Sara on 261105

29th November: 7.30pm for 8.00pm **Wine and Wisdom**. £4 per person, teams of 6. Couples and singles welcome, we can make up teams on arrival. Please book. Telephone any of the numbers below.

Chairman:	Mrs Roberta Jackson	261196
Vice Chairman:	Mr Edgar Pett	261277
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Are you green fingered or would you like to be??

A few people led by Edgar Pett are assessing the viability of starting a Milton Damerel Gardening Club with monthly meetings and perhaps an Autumn Show.

If enough people express an interest we will go ahead and arrange a venue, it may be possible to organise guest speakers in the future though being able to chat with other like minded people be they novices or experienced gardeners can in itself be very informative.

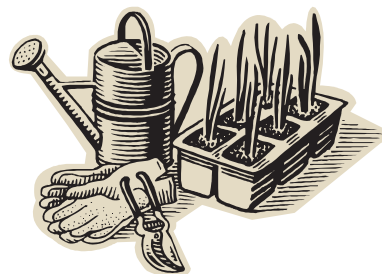
Gardeners are generally happy to pass on their knowledge and experiences benefiting all of us at every level of expertise albeit often from the mistakes we have made.

If you might be interested in joining in then please sign the form at Sanders Garage, e-mail me at billwrighton@hotmail.com or ring me on 261738 or Edgar on 261277 there is no commitment but the more people who express an interest the more chance there is of the Club being launched.

We hope to meet soon after the newsletter comes out to discuss details so please respond as soon as you can and you never know we could be holding our first meeting very soon, anyone interested in helping with the organisation should let me know and I can keep them informed

Let's hope 'happy gardening' becomes a regular greeting in the village.

Bill Wrighton



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In July we held a successful treasure hunt/ cream tea and raised £515, for High Fields Children Special Needs centre in Barnstaple. There was no meeting in August but some of our members had a very enjoyable afternoon at Roadford Lake. Our speaker for September 8th is Mr. P Walters from Holsworthy Auctions, who is going to value some of our members Antiques. In October the speaker is Mrs S Swanipole who is going to speak about her career in designing underwear. The AGM is held in November which is going to be followed by a card making demonstration by two of our members. Mrs. S. Huxtable is coming to our December meeting to demonstrate flower arranging. We are a small friendly group and welcome new members.

If you would like to join us or come to any meeting please contact Viv Talbot on 01409 241-731 or Mary Martin on 01409 261-204.

How well do you know the Parish?

ANSWERS

1. Beverley Harvey or Raquel Rowe
2. Brian Wonnacott
3. Harvey Thomas CBE
4. Mike Jackson or Roger Copp or Edgar Pett
5. Noble Foods
6. Fiat
7. Bus owned by Mr Gifford of Gratton – top taken off and then used for haulage
8. Holy Trinity Church; The Lych-Gate; Ley Farm; Milton Mill Cottage; Strawberry Bank; Downing Headstone and Pair of Reed Headstones in churchyard
9. Herring Street is between Gratton and Brook House
10. Higher Venn
11. Opposite The Old Rectory going towards Venn Green
12. Rosemead or East View Cottage
13. Coppers
14. Tor View
15. 2 old chapels at Gidcott – Gidcott Chapel and St Martin's
16. 1930
17. Opposite the Methodist Chapel .. where silage clamp etc was.
18. Ireland – an area between Gidcott and Thornbury Mill
19. 4.1 miles
20. Waldon
21. 4 - Fore Street, Garage, Venn Green and Holsworthy Beacon
22. 7
23. Gareth Piper
24. 7



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If for long it's laid away.

Make a fire of **Elder** tree,

Death within your house shall be.

But **Ash** new or Ash old

Is fit for Queen with crown of gold.

Birch and **Fir** logs burn too fast,

Blaze up bright and do not last.

It is by the Irish said,

Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.

Elmwood burns like churchyard mould,

E'en the very flames are cold.

But **Ash** green or Ash brown

Is fit for Queen with golden crown.

Poplar gives a bitter smoke,

Fills your eyes and makes you choke.

Apple wood will scent your room

With an incense-like perfume.

Oaken logs if dry and old

Keep away the Winter's cold.

But **Ash** wet or Ash dry

A King shall warm his slippers by.

Lesley Self reports

Ruby Run (13.25 miles) Holsworthy to Hatherleigh
...or Ruby Walk as it was in my case.... 8th June 2008



This was my 7th walk out of eight. All, I thoroughly enjoyed although I wonder each year why I do it. Peter did not want to do it this year, a couple of years of blisters, being absolutely knackered each time and, of course, 5 years older than me was beginning to take it's toll! Plus I insisted that we had to keep up the 1 mile every 15 minutes! The weather was lovely once again, you could say a little too hot, but as the walk was through a lot of tree lined areas with shade it was pleasant. I started with Christine Buckpitt and a couple of her friends at 9ish. By the time we reached Anvil Corner I realised that their pace was a little too slow for me, if I hoped to finish at around 12.30ish. After the water stop at Anvil Corner I said my goodbyes and plodded on by myself. The first few miles were quite enjoyable, looking at the scenery and properties along the way. The sky stayed really blue, no clouds, staying at home gardening could have been a much better option. Putting one foot in front of the other 1 2 3 4, 1 2 3 4, I **will** keep going. I realised past 10.30 that the runners had started and wondered what time the first runner would pass me. I did have a couple of scares when a lorry and later a car past me too close as we had to walk with the traffic and not against it. Several cars gave a gentle toot and a few waves from smiling faces gives you a lot of encouragement to keep going. There was always an Emergency vehicle passing up and down, checking that you were O.K. and didn't need to stop. Not me, 1 2 3 4, 1 2 3 4, I **will** keep going. I think that the first runners past me at Kingsmoor Cross, then a couple more past several minutes later. Then there was a big gap. The first lady past with the next lot of runners. Now and again you would hear "well done", "keep going", or "nearly there" from the runners passing. Also just the sound of heavy plodding and deep breathing, you knew that a runner was coming up behind. Some seem absolutely exhausted and I wondered whether they would make it. The water stops were very welcoming

and at one I was given a Mars bar. I love Mars bars, so I did not refuse it, but I could not eat it on the move as I knew that I would get indigestion! In my pocket it went, hoping it would not get squashed or melt by the time I reach the end. And reach the end I did just

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Jay's in the Belfry????

Well yes and no, there has been a recent visit or two to Holy Trinity Church Milton Damerel by three J's and a S., but what they found were bird's nests that belonged to the resident jackdaws and rooks taking over the cradles. These have now been removed and that was a whole trailer load of debris that was taken away. I am afraid that front and back doors have been secured as far as possible against these unwelcome squatters.

The bells were restricted in their movements by the bird's attempt at making themselves a permanent lofty high rise living accommodation with one of the best views in Milton Damerel.

Some maintenance has been achieved, but there is a long way to go before the bells of Holy Trinity can be heard ringing out over the village and hamlets once again. You even may recently have been hearing some rather strange albeit pathetic attempts at ringing the three bells.

The bells were cast in 17th and 18th century and were last re-hung in 1910. There is a lot of work to be done and many hurdles to get over if Holy Trinity's three bells can ever be heard to ring again as they were once intended.

The next stage is an inspection by the Central Church Council of Bell Ringers this has already been requested by the Parochial Church Council. Only then the amount of work and capability of this can be identified.

The Jays are hopeful so watch this space as they may well be asking for your support!!

ALPHA LAUNCH

Following on from the successful Alpha course which ran over last winter at Milton Damerel, Newton St. Petrock and Putford there will be a course running at Bradford during the winter months during the day. This course will be launched at a Hope 08 Cream tea at Bradford Village Hall on Saturday 20th September starting at 3.00 p.m. The cream tea will be free and accompanied by entertainment and there will also be some stalls, including a Fair Trade Stall.

Alpha is intended for everyone whether Christian or not, giving a chance to explore Christianity with no holds barred. The sessions start with a meal, followed by a talk and then discussion and is a chance to ask "Is there more to life than this?" which is a good starting point!

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The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 27th November