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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings since the last report have been held in September, October and November. There was no meeting in August this year as there was insufficient work to make it necessary but councillors were kept informed by letter or email.

Planning applications that have been considered at the last three meetings include a ground floor extension and pitched roof at the Old Stables; conversion of 6 barns to holiday accommodation and extension of the farm house at Waldon Farm; application for a single storey extension at Coppers; outline planning approval for an Agricultural Supervisory Dwelling at Blackberry Farm; application for a certificate of proposed lawful use of a replacement mobile home for residential use at Coppers.

At the meeting in October two members of the Torridge District Council planning team came to the Parish Council meeting and were able to answer councillors' questions on a range of related matters. They suggested a more flexible approach was to be adopted, moving from Development Control to Development Enabling, acknowledging that the rural policy in Torridge needs to allow things to move forward.

In September, grants for 2008 were paid to local organisations and in November grant applications for 2009 were considered. At the same meeting the budget for next year was prepared and agreed by the Councillors. The precept was set at £2350 for 2009-2010 and the annual precept application form was duly completed and signed by the Chairman.

The Parish Plan project was mainly financed by grant aid and the final account has been audited and submitted to the Community Council of Devon who was the major funder. The surplus of £98.17 is retained towards implementation costs of Parish Plan issues as it is less than 10% of the grant received from the Community Council of Devon.

The Parish Council were consulted by the Devon County Council Rights of Way Warden on an application to divert Footpath 21 (Waldon Farm). It is proposed to move the start away from the farm drive to an adjacent field gate, to cross the field and follow the southern side of the hedge offering a good view across the Waldon Valley to West Wonford. Councillors fully supported this proposed diversion and welcomed the changes so making the path usable again.

District Councillor Robert Hicks, member for Waldon Ward, brought to the attention of the Parish Council the **Councillor Community Grant Scheme** which enables District Councillors to support groups within their own communities. Applications should go directly to Cllr Hicks. More information is on the Parish notice boards or contact the Parish Clerk.

Local authorities, including Parish Councils, are required to adopt a Publication Scheme to make information available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. At their meeting in November Milton Damerel Parish Council resolved to adopt the Model Publication Scheme with effect from 1st January 2009. Any request for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk.

Michael Kirby has resigned as a councillor after serving on the Parish Council for three and a half years. Thanks go to Michael for his valued contribution to Parish Council matters. The process for filling this casual vacancy will be advertised on the notice boards at the Garage and Parish Hall as soon as instructions are received from the Torridge District Council Returning Officer.

Finally as this year draws to a close the Chairman and Councillors of Milton Damerel Parish Council and the Parish Clerk would like to wish all parishioners a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Roberta Jackson, Parish Clerk



CONGRATULATIONS!

To

Mary Carter of Moor View who celebrates her 70th birthday on 19th January 2009

Rose Haynes & David Taylor of Higher Grawley recently awarded the Best Small

Flock of the Hampshire Down Sheep Breed Association for 2008

Jo & Simon, Morgan & Flyn of Glover's Cottage on the early arrival of **Oliver**

Remedy IT Ltd for becoming North Devons first Trading Standards approved computer company



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Farewell and best wishes to:

Miss Mary and Mr Edgar Harris who have moved from West Wonford to Holsworthy. This brings to the end an era for the Harris family in Milton Damerel, who had farmed West Wonford for well in excess of 100 years and I suspect both Mary and Edgar were born there and had lived there in the same house all their lives.

A warm welcome to:

Julie Elliott & Nigel Vivian who have moved into West Wonford

Jo & Simon Hartman and Morgan, Flyn & Oliver who have moved into Glover's Cottage.

Marc Coles & Amanda Brooks, Jessie & Georgina Dadds who have moved into Shadows, Venn Green

Best wishes to **John & Sylvia Eastcott** who moved into Waldon View, East Wonford in the summer



CONDOLENCES

For those who have been bereaved recently including:

The family of Mrs Woolley, who lived at The Knoll

Alison Carter & Mark Dunn and Brandon of 2, Derworthy Cottages

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Waste & Recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period

Black bag and box & bag recycling

Collections due on 25th December and 1st January will be collected on Friday 2nd January

Collections due on 26th December and 2nd January will be collected on Saturday 3rd January

Black bag and box & bag recycling collections will be back to normal from 5th January 2009

Green Bin Collections

Collections due on 25th December will be collected on 23rd December. Next scheduled collection 22nd January 2009.

Collections due on 26th December will be collected on 24th December. Next scheduled collection 23rd January 2009.

Youth & Family News

MILTON MONSTERS

The Milton Monsters have had a successful year with the Garden in the Chapel Graveyard; all had a share in the vegetables and surplus items were sold at the Harvest Festival auction, which raised £7 for Club funds.

The December meeting will be on Friday, 12th December 2008 for the Christingle – and the first session in the New Year will be the party - see details below

MILTON MONSTERS

NEW YEAR PARTY

With Kelvin Isaacs

On Saturday, 24th January 2009
(time to be confirmed) In Milton
Schoolroom

*Bring a plate of food & a
friend!*

Christingle for all the Family

on Friday, 12th December 2008
from 4.45 to 6.30pm
at Milton Schoolroom
with food, candlelit carols and
some surprises.

All welcome –
a Christingle for all children who
come along

Youth Worker Update

The Shebbear Ecumenical Youth Project is now entering its third and potential final year. We've been working hard to explore what young people want in this area, and hearing from them about how they perceive growing up in such a rural area. We've also been working alongside community groups and churches to enable them to begin providing young people with some of the activities and opportunities they wish for.

One of our more recent projects has been the set up of Shebbear Young Farmers. The club had been redundant for a few years and after meeting a few key players we began work on re-opening the club. The club officially opened back in September and since have been involved in Hockey and Netball tournaments, Hatherliegh and Holsworthy Carnivals and a visit to Dunstable's Ice Cream Factory. I'd really encourage anyone wanting to get involved in Young Farmers to come and join us. Its great fun and completely led by those who attend. We meet fortnightly on Thursday nights, to find out when our next meeting is either contact myself, or Dave Gubb (chairman) on 07812 772638.

There's been plenty going on, just in the last term, and hopefully much more as we enter the New Year. Although its the project final year of funding, we do not intend to stop here. We are looking at the future and discussing new and more effective ways of work. Its no easy task and with such a large area to cover we are dependant on those living in the small communities to feedback to us their thoughts and opinions. This is especially important as we think about the future and I would be more than happy to hear from you your thoughts and ideas about youth work in Milton Damerel.

Please stay in touch!

Lizz Prangle

Youth Worker

shebbearyouth@btinternet.com

07834 693029



Honey Jars

Please can you save standard shape 1 pound honey jars for reuse?
As a beekeeper I can recycle these.

Please contact Anne Binns on 01409 261381 and I will collect.



NEWSLETTER FUND-RAISING:

Thank you to our faithful supporters for coming along to the **Summer Evening Walk & Barbecue**. Seven of us "ambled", stopped to talk and admire the views, and one long term resident remarked "never walked this stretch before!" starting from Higher Gidcott, through Gratton Hill to Chapel View, arriving just in time for the BBQ, where we were joined by others who had travelled by motor or on foot. A very sociable time was enjoyed on one of our rare dry evenings this year.. and we raised a very respectable £54 for Newsletter funds.

The **Scarecrow Competition** attracted 10 entries and the judges, John & Shirley Webb, had one of our wettest Saturday afternoons, to travel around to see them. We took digital camera pictures through the rain and drips and then adjourned for a "slide show" for a welcome cuppa and cake to "oil" the deliberations. The ideas were all so different and original and thank you for all the entries. They all held up incredibly well in the wind and rain.

The winners:

BEST OVERALL for *THE PLAGUE DOCTOR* by Stannard Family, Bridge Cottage, Fore Street

MOST COMICAL for *THE STIG* by Bradley Howells, Glencoe, Venn Green

MOST ORIGINAL for *THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA* by Kirby Family, Blackberry Farm, Venn Green



The prizes were a "home-made" certificate and chocolates. The net proceeds were £23.91 for Newsletter funds. Our grateful thanks to John & Shirley for their stoicism – dictionary quote - Stoic – refers to a member of an Ancient Greek school of philosophy, which held that virtue and happiness can be attained only by submission to destiny and the natural law!

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PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP

Housing Needs

The Parish Council met with managers from Torridge District Council (TDC) Community Planning and Development at their October meeting and we were encouraged to hear a more flexible approach on policies, which impact on rural areas, is being considered. In relation to the significant housing needs reported in the Parish Plan, the next steps are to identify possible sites within the parish suitable for single houses and small scale affordable housing development, which would meet local needs, and then to meet with the TDC Community Planning & Development Manager, Ms Maria Bailey, and the Community Council of Devon Rural Housing Enabler, Ms Sue Southwell, to review potential sites and investigate how we can work together to make local housing available.

A first step, therefore, is to find potential sites and for this the Parish Council are inviting any person owning any parcel / area of land within the parish, which he/she considers could be suitable for affordable housing development, to contact a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. Any such contact and offers will be gratefully received and given the appropriate level of confidentiality. We would like to hear from you about any possible ideas by 15th/20th December.

Thank you in anticipation!

Roads

The Parish Clerk has requested a representative of Devon County Council Highways to attend a parish council meeting and we hope to be able to discuss many of the concerns raised and included in the Parish Plan Action tasks at our usual monthly meeting on 21st January 2009.

Public Footpaths & Rural Rights of Way in the Parish

The recently completed Parish Plan brought to light that a considerable number of residents were not aware of the various footpaths, or rural rights of way, which exist within the Parish. There are seven public footpaths remaining, spread throughout the Parish and listed below. No bridleways exist within the Parish boundary. "Butterfly Lane" which runs from the entrance to Blackberry Farm at Venn Green to near to Milton Mill is an unclassified road and therefore useable by walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. It is not suitable for driving along although it would be passable in a 4x4 or quadbike etc.

The seven footpaths are:-

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|--------|--|
| No. 1 | Glovers Cottage to Worden Cross |
| No. 7 | Whitebear Cross to Lower Walland Gate |
| No. 12 | Gidcott Mill to Halsepark |
| No. 15 | Whitebear Farm to Chapel View |
| No. 16 | Whitebear Cottage to Holy Trinity Church or the Chapel |
| No. 21 | Waldon Farm via Heddon Farm to Sutcombe ❶ |
| No. 24 | Milton Mill via North Town to Butterfly Lane ❷ |

❶ The parish boundary is the River Waldon which is crossed by a footbridge and from there to Sutcombe it continues under a different footpath number.

❷ The first part of this path has recently been re-aligned and therefore does not follow the route marked on the various maps.

The routes are marked on the Ordnance Survey maps which cover the Parish. Sheet 126 of the Explorer series (scale 1:25,000 or 2½ inches = 1 mile) and sheet 190 of the Landranger series (scale 1:50,000 or 1¼ inches = 1 mile). The Definitive Parish Map, which is on display inside the Parish Hall, shows the footpaths in more detail, as that is a scale of 1:10,000. For people who are not happy with map reading or following a map it is hoped that we will have a leaflet available in the not too distant future, detailing the various routes.

The County Rights of Way Officer usually walks each path about every two years with a view to putting right any problems which might have developed. His last visit resulted in a replacement footbridge over Fishpool Lake plus.....

two new stiles on footpath 16. If you do come across any problems whilst using any of these paths will you please contact a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk so that remedial action can be put in hand.

The Parish Plan also indicated that residents would very much like some additional paths in the Parish for recreational use, possibly joining up with existing paths, with the aim of making circular routes. One idea towards some "circular routes" is for permission to be given by owners for access to existing lanes, tracks, paths, etc., of which there are many throughout the parish, and would contribute to some delightful local walks for local enjoyment. If there are any landowners in the Parish who would be prepared to consider making a such routes available, on a trial basis, could you please make contact with a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk so that the possibilities can be explored further.

Finally, for people who are interested in recreational walking, over a wider area, the websites www.devon.gov.uk/public_rights_of_way and www.walkingindevon.co.uk are useful to read with many interesting links which you should find to be of benefit.

For more information on the Parish Plan 2008 – please refer to the Plan delivered to every household. If you have recently moved into the Parish and have not seen a copy, please contact Grace Millman (Tel: 261251) for your household copy. The Plan is also displayed on the web-site www.miltondamerel.com

Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk (contact details are shown on Page 2) about any issues in the Plan or with offers of volunteering to take forward some of the tasks in the action plans. It is your Plan – the ambitions will materialise only with your help!

A new website for walkers in Devon

More than 120 Devon walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being



Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So <http://www.walkingindevon.co.uk> came into being.

<http://www.walkingindevon.co.uk> gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County: Details of more than 120 walks to download and print free, details of all the Devon walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!

Chapel News – December 2008**Newsletter Number Forty-Seven**

We extend a very warm welcome and invitation to any-one wishing to come along to our regular services on Sundays at 11am or to any of our events/clubs. Just come along to anything you see advertised, or if you would want to know more or have an introduction, please contact any of the leaders.

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.

28th December 2008

Congregational Choice
– carols and readings

25th January 2009

Mr John Hawkins,
Halwill Junction

22nd February 2009

Mr Roy Harris
Torrington

FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE – Our “tea and cake” afternoon on Saturday, 27th September attracted several stall holders for charities and several visitors, who were able to buy some early bargains for Christmas. A most successful afternoon for everyone and thank you to everyone for coming along!

The Club does not meet in December and we have no planned meeting for January, but we hope there will be the possibility of visiting Charlton Farm, the Childrens’ Hospice South West located near Bristol; these open days are normally held early in the year. Please look out for details – dates for visits are not known currently.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS were generously supported throughout the week-end. The chapel was gradually filled on decorating day, with a wonderful variety of flowers, produce and displays. A good congregation came to sing the Harvest hymns and hear Rev Dinah Hargreaves preach at the Sunday morning service. The young people acted for the reading on the sowing of seeds and where they fell. The lessons were read by members of the congregation and prayers led by the young people. At the bring and share buffet tea/supper on the Monday evening about 35 people served themselves from a very tempting spread. Rev David Wheeler led a short thanksgiving service, and then we were favoured with James Morrish from Kivells (also leader of Torridge District Council) as auctioneer of the gifts of produce, etc., whose “gentle persuasion” to spend could not be refused(!) and a total of £587.50 was raised for property funds. Grateful thanks to everyone for their support, gifts and donations throughout the week-end.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY

DEC		JAN		FEB	
7 th	Mrs Valerie Harris	4 th	No service – Circuit Service	1 st	Mrs Valerie Carter
14 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	11 th	Mrs Anne Poole	8 th	Mrs Grace Millman
21 st	Mrs Phoebe Overy	18 th	Mrs Lilian Luxton	15 th	Mrs Tracey Dunmore
28 th	Mrs Mary Carter	25 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	22 nd	Mrs Marjorie Colwill

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

CHURCH COUNCIL – The re-roofing of the Schoolroom and re-building of part of the cemetery have been completed. The Circuit generously covered 50% of the cost of the roof.

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)

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

GOSPEL SPECIAL

At Milton Damerel Chapel
 Sunday, 7th December at 7.30pm
 with the
 Braunton Handbell Ringers
 Mrs Cathy Ley & Mr Ted Lott (soloists)
 Rev David Wheeler (elocutionist)
 Chairman: Mr Peter Parsons

Refreshments to follow

We look forward to giving you a warm welcome

An invite for all children

Sunday Club are organising a free
 Praise Party
 for 0 - 11 year olds
 including crafts, music, fun and games
 on Sunday, 11th January 2009 from 11am to 12.10pm
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UNITED PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Will be held on
Sunday, 21st December 2008
At 11am at the Methodist Chapel
With guest: Mr Courtney Drew
Coffee & Mince Pies
Collection for NCH Action for Children

Banner-making – over last few months a group has been meeting at Milton Schoolroom to make banners; from January the group will be meeting on the first Saturday of each month from 2.30 to 4.30pm approximately. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Sheila 261466.

Shebbear

Tuesday 2nd December is the Annual Christmas Concert by the Shebbear Circuit Choir, Lake Schoolroom at 7.30pm. Donations (no tickets)

Sunday 14th December 7.30 p.m. A Christmas Concert in aid of Action for Children by the Lyric Singers, a ladies choir from Bude, at Black Torrington Methodist Chapel.

Christmas at St. Michael's Shebbear :

Christmas Crafts for all children between 5 and 11 years. Saturday 13th December, 10-12 noon at St. Michael's Church room. Please wear old clothes and bring an apron because of all the glue and glitter!

4.00 p.m. Carols and Christingle Sunday 21st December, followed by tea!

All ages are welcome

Carol Singing in the Square at Shebbear, 7.00 p.m. on Monday 22nd December.

Christmas Eve : 11.30 p.m. Midnight Service

Christmas Day : Christmas Day Service at 10.30 a.m.

Newsletter Christmas Competition

Want to win a £5 book token? Simply count how many times this star appears in this newsletter....
 Competition open to children up to 16, but adults can help. Closing date Jan 31 2009. The winner will appear in the Spring newsletter.

Email your entry with your name / phone number to star@miltondamerel.com, or drop a note / post to Rosemead or Chapel View.



From our friends at Thornbury....



Saturday, 13th December
Bradford & Benefice Children
at Bradford Village Hall
10.30 am til 11.30 am

open to children of all ages,

.....a chance to listen to stories, play games, make something, sing songs, and participate in a short prayer along with coffee and biscuits for the parents, grandparents, carers etc.

More information from Morag on 01409 281800. We will be making Christingles, if you can please bring an orange.

... and in the evening.....

Derriton Singers Concert
at 7pm
at St Peters Church, Thornbury,
 with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
 Retiring Collection.

More information from Liz 01409 261312 or
 Kirsten 01409 253150.

Sunday 21st December at 6.30 pm.
 St Peters Church, Thornbury
Carol Service
 Refreshments afterwards.

Tuesday, 23rd December at 6.30 pm.
Carols on the Green
 at Woodacott Cross, Thornbury
 Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
 Everyone welcome!

Advance Notice - Easter Monday, Craft Fair at
 Bradford Village Hall in aid of St Peters Church,
 Thornbury.

From our friends at Abbots Bickington.....

Abbots Bickington Church
Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm

Friends of W & E Putford Primary School & Nursery

Registered charity no: 104 22 34

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who bought one of our quiz sheets

"Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old?"

Also **SPECIAL THANKS** to the local businesses that kept them on their counters to sell for us,
 we really appreciate your support.

We made a profit of £213 which was **FANTASTIC!**
 We had 13 correct entries in total which were put into a hat & 3 winners drawn:

Well Done to the Kirby Family (Milton Damerel)
 Edward & Velve Ley (Frithelstockstone)
 & Jane Wonnacott (Hatherleigh)

You ARE Smarter Than a 10 Year Old!

A BIG SPOOKY THANK YOU ...

...to all who attended our annual
 Halloween Fancy Dress Bingo.

With special bingo calls such as *"Goblins are naughty ... number forty"*

& *"witches den... number ten"*

followed by refreshments

such as Witches Brew (*mulled wine*)

& Pumpkin Punch (*orange & lemonade*),

a good fun evening was had by all

& approx. £150 was raised!

On Wednesday 10th December

we will be having a

Christmas Coffee Morning

at Holsworthy Memorial Hall

*** Please pop in & see us if you can ***

*(If anyone would like their own table at a cost of £5,
 please let us know on 01409 261214)*

Christmas Hamper

We are once again having a raffle for our
 very popular Christmas Hamper.

1st prize will be a large basket of everything
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UK's switch to digital television starts in the West Country in 2009, the transmitters for our area will switch in July and August 2009

Huntshaw Cross transmitter group from 1st July 2009

Caradon Hill transmitter group from 12th August 2009.

The Parish Council has been circulated with further information, termed "a toolkit", about preparing for the switch-over and including leaflets titled "Your guide to the digital TV switchover", the "Switchover Help Scheme", and "5 facts about going digital" together with 2 short films on DVD and a CD-ROM of factsheets, etc. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to see these. We also included an article with many helpful hints on Page 11 of the last Newsletter.

Posters will be displayed on the parish notice boards. Relevant contact details are:

General enquiries: 08456 50 50 50 Website: www.digitaluk.co.uk

Switchover Help Scheme: 0800 40 85 900 Website: www.helpscheme.co.uk

[Digital UK has redesigned its website to make getting ready for digital TV switchover even easier. The site now features dedicated pages for each of the UK's TV regions, including details of transmitters and local events, and an expanded help section. Viewers can also find retailers with trained digital advisors in their area and search an expanded database of frequently asked questions.]

Milton Damerel & District 'Over 60' Club

The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Milton Damerel Parish Hall at 2.30pm with the exception of January, when there is no meeting. New members will be very welcome and an opportunity to get together for a pleasant afternoon, to chat, play cards, bingo, sometimes a speaker, followed by tea and biscuits. There is no monthly charge but a bring and buy stall helps towards costs. On joining the club there is a modest yearly charge.

This year's summer outings were:-

May	Falmouth
June	Dawlish and Teignmouth
July	Seaton and Donkey Sanctuary
August	Dunster and Exmoor
September	Newquay



The Club's Christmas Dinner is on 9th December. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary: Mrs P E Overy 01409 261332

Putford W.I.

We held our AGM in November which was followed by a Card Making demonstration by two of our members. On Monday 8th December at 7.30 p.m. in Putford Chapel, Sandra Huxtable will give a demonstration of Flower Arranging. The Christmas lunch will be on 15th December. New Members are always welcome. We meet on the 2nd Monday in each month at Putford Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Please contact Liz Talbot on 241731, or Mary Martin on 261204. You will be sure of a warm welcome!

POST - BOX @ VENN GREEN

Regular users of the Post-Box, which was located in the wall of The Old Post Office property, will know this box is no longer available. We are not aware of any notice being given about the shutting up of this box. If you have not noticed the change and may have occasion in the future to need a post-box at Venn Green, a new box has been located adjacent to the bus stop.

A warm and friendly welcome

Join us -Janet, Sarah and Edna while as we work on our needlework projects.

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The time:

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for further details

The place: Mount Pleasant

MILTON DAMEREL NEWSLETTER – GARDENING ARTICLE NOV 08.**GARDENERS TIME TO PLAN**

I know it's stating the obvious but the weather this year has been atrocious and led to all sorts of garden disasters, a particularly fine weeping Japanese Maple that I planted 3 years ago succumbed to the gales and failed to leaf up in the spring then half my onions, shallots and garlic went rotten after I lifted them.

To try and find a tasty new potato I grew 6 different 1st and 2nd early varieties this year but many were ruined by slugs so next season I am going to treat an area with the nematode which will feed on the slugs and hopefully stop much of the damage.

Of the varieties I grew two stand out as having excellent flavour, International Kidney and a new variety Vales Emerald which along with Charlotte is all I will grow.

During the winter I spend a lot of time planning for next year studying seed catalogues and recalling the successes of last season, for instance trailing tuberous rooted Begonias gave a wonderful display and will be the main plant in my pots and bowls.

TIMELY REMINDERS

With mild winters grass continues to grow and should be cut monthly whenever ground conditions allow, raise the blades so you are just topping the lawn then lower them again in April.

Paved surfaces can be dangerous when wet with moss or algae making them very slippery, there are many treatments available but I have found Armillatox to be most effective needing only to be watered on and hey presto a week or so later the surface is clean.

Pruning and hedge cutting can continue throughout the winter and is often easier when there are no leaves to contend with.

Floribunda and HT roses should be cut down by at least a third which will reduce the root damage caused by rocking in the wind, in March the remaining stems should be reduced by half and all thin twigs cut back to strong stems.

If you have a greenhouse with plants in it do remember to regularly leave the door open to change the stale air which can kill plants the same as it would us if we were forced to keep breathing it.

FLOWERING GIFTS

Pot plants are often given as presents in the winter and they can certainly cheer up the house if they survive what are frequently the wrong conditions for them.

All plants need as much light in the winter as you can give them so a windowsill can be ideal but plants from warm regions like Poinsettias need constant warm condition and should be moved into the room when the curtains are closed at night.

Cyclamen, Azaleas, Hyacinths, Primroses and Daffodils are happiest in cooler conditions so are best kept out of the main living room.

Watering can only be gauged on an individual basis there are no hard and fast rules but the end of your forefinger is sensitive to water and should be used to test the compost, if it feels wet leave it alone.

As always there is an exception, Azalea Indica requires a constant amount of water you should look at the stem where a water mark will be clearly visible if they are wet enough if not then stand the pot in a container of water until the mark appears.

Bill Wrighton MIHort

Local Free Range Turkeys

Little Derworthy have a few remaining turkeys available.
Please contact Anne or John Binns on 01409 261381



The Best Donkey of Them All

Josie Whitehead

There was a field in Nazareth, beside a joiner's yard.
A little donkey stood and sighed for his life had been so hard.
"I'm getting old, and not much use, to carry heavy loads,
To trudge around the town all day on hot and dusty roads".

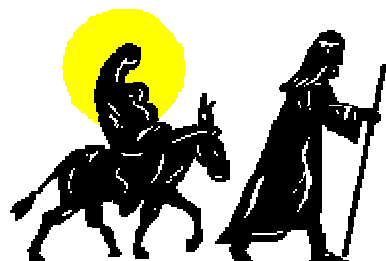
His kindly master, Joseph, said: "You mustn't worry now,
Just spend your old age quietly, with Bess, our milking cow."
So Bess and he stayed in the field, and watched the world go by -
When suddenly from Heaven appeared an angel in the sky.

"There's one last job on earth for you - a journey to be done.
A special donkey's what we need for Mary and her son.
From Nazareth to Bethlehem - that is the road to take.
We've chosen you to do this task, especially for God's sake."

"But I am old and useless" the little donkey cried -
"But there again, I'd like the job for I feel quite young inside."
The day arrived, and off they set in sunshine warm and bright,
They travelled over dusty roads, arriving before night.

There were such a lot of people - Bethlehem was really packed,
There were many other donkeys, with loads upon their backs.
The only place they all could rest was in a stable, warm.
The little donkey stood nearby when Jesus Christ was born.

He went to sleep so happy, "I'm not useless after all"
He dreamed about an angel who came to his stable stall.
"Your work on earth is finished, come to Heaven and take your rest -
God will love to have you with Him - of all donkeys you're *the best*."



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Holy Trinity Church Milton Damerel



The beginning of 2008 local interest was shown in the Church bells as they had not been heard for a while, so a small band of volunteers led by John Webb and John Price entered the tower to investigate. As reported in the last news letter a trailer load of nesting materiel was removed from the bell tower. After the initial tidy up John Webb and John Binns carried out some basic maintenance on the bells which enabled them to be chimed. Further investigation and a report from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on the tower and bells condition suggests that more work needs to be undertaken. The floor in the tower is rotten and this is hampering further work, however the bells were rung at Easter and every 4th Sunday since.

Mr Bill Wrighton kindly has carried out a survey of the Church grounds, inspecting trees and flora. A schedule of maintenance has commenced. Terry Fairbrother has kept on top of the grass cutting whilst other work has commenced. Dangerous branches have been removed and crowning of trees is progressing thanks to John Price.

One wet Sunday afternoon, you could have seen Anne Binns up a ladder cleaning out the gutters, oh and keeping an expert eye on the resident bees. John Binns dug out and restored a drainage ditch and the gully around the Church

was cleared by John and Shirley Webb. We knew it worked as the rain poured down on us and we were able to watch the water flow away from the old stone foundations.

Unfortunately the rain water entered the church and stained the ceiling when a large slate fell from the roof. This was replaced by John Binns and John Webb who did such a good job that they are required again to replace another one.

There is always routine cleaning of the interior of the church. The bats I am afraid are protected but do make a bit of a mess!

Holy Trinity Church is so beautiful and steeped in history (dating back to the 14th Century) we must keep HER alive and well. The church will be receiving another inspection in 2009 and we are aware that this will highlight a lot of heavy masonry and routine work. We would love to see anyone with a few hours to spare (team work is much more fun and there is always lots to do). You can also expect a warm welcome if you join us in worship led by our Rector, Father Michael Reynolds on the 4th Sunday of every month.

If you feel able to help in any way please do not hesitate to contact John Webb on 261301.



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Alpha Course at
Bradford Village Hall:

Alpha is now into its fourth week at the Village Hall in Bradford with just under twenty participants. This Alpha is running during Thursday afternoons, starting at 1.15 with a light lunch followed by a talk and discussion, finishing at 3.15. For further information about this or other opportunities to explore the Christian faith, whether newcomer or churchgoer, please contact David Wheeler 281262.

Shebbear Village
Post Office Closure:

The closure of the Post Office is expected in the first two weeks in January 2009. The fact that the Post Office Card Account contract has not been taken away does not affect this closure. There are various plans afoot to keep various services running from the shop. Do look at the village website : www.shebbearvillage.co.uk for updates and particularly for the survey regarding the sort of services people would require.



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Christmas Food Ideas.

Cabbage with Smoked Bacon.

1 savoy cabbage
salt and freshly ground white pepper
150g smoked streaky bacon, cut into fine strips
1 tbsp unsalted butter
2 tsp caraway seeds, crushed

How to prepare:

Cut the stem off the cabbage, and remove the coarse outer leaves. Halve the cabbage, cut out the cores and chop each half finely into 3mm/1/8in thick slices. Wash in lots of water, drain well and reserve.

Bring 2 litres of water to a full boil with 30g of salt, boil the shredded cabbage for 5 minutes. Refresh in cold water, drain and reserve.

In a large pan, sweat the bacon in the butter for 2 minutes. Add the cabbage and crushed caraway seeds, and stir together. Cover and cook for a further 5 minutes. Season to taste and serve.

Roasted Pork Fillet Stuffed with Stilton

2 x 250g pork fillets
50g mature blue stilton
4-5 sage leaves,
1 tbsp flour
25g unsalted butter
1 tbsp olive oil
60ml dry white wine
salt and pepper

How to prepare:

Make a deep cut in each pork fillet but not all the way through. Slice the stilton and place in the cut together with the sage leaves. Close the fillet and tie with string in 2 or 3 places. Season.

Heat the butter and oil in an oven dish on the hob. Lightly flour the fillet, and sauté the fillet on both sides. Add the wine and bring to the boil. Place in a preheated oven at 200 C for 30 minutes.

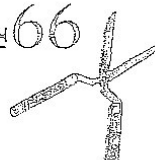
Remove from the oven, cut away the string and slice the meat into 1cm pieces and keep warm.

Taste the cooking juices and adjust the seasoning. Add a tablespoon of water to the dish and scrape the tasty bits off the bottom to make a sauce. Place the sliced pork on plate and pour over the sauce.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

With Christmas fast approaching it is the time of year when mail or letter scams tend to be on the increase taking advantage of the feel good factor which the season tends to generate. Every year some 3 million people lose money to these mass market scams which they receive by letter, text, email or phone and which are designed to con people out of their cash. The top five scams currently in the UK are:-

1. Deceptive sweepstakes
2. Misleading prize draws
3. Fake clairvoyants/psychics
4. Bogus foreign lotteries
5. 'Miracle' health cures

One particular seasonal scam which has recently emerged in the north of England is "A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0900 (a premium rate number)". DO NOT call this number as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

These are only a few of the scams and there are many more frequently saying that you have won a prize of some sort or other and asking for a sum of money for the said prize to be released to you. Please don't be taken in, genuine competitions do not ask for money before releasing prizes. The old adage that "*if something seems to be too good to be true, then it probably is*" should set alarm bells ringing and such requests should be ignored. If you suspect a scam, or have been the victim of a scam, please call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 and they will be able to offer you clear practical advice. Details can also be reported online at the following address:
<https://secure.consumerdirect.gov.uk/reportascam.aspx>. Please don't be taken in by these scams.

At this time of year many people will be out, happily shopping for presents for friends and family. Please take every care of your festive purchases and make sure they get to their intended destinations. Take extra care not to leave your newly acquired purchases on view in your car or where they can be clearly seen through the windows of your home when you are not present. This little extra care can ensure that your Christmas continues to be a happy one.

There have recently been two reports of small trailers stolen from our area. It is worth taking that extra care to secure this type of equipment by locking the wheels with a padlock and chain and if possible, locking the tow-hitch.

Have a Happy, Trouble-free, Secure and very pleasant Christmas.

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From our PCSO....

A CRIME FREE HAPPY CHRISTMAS

It is Christmas time again, so I would like to remind everyone of a few things to bear in mind over the festive period:

- Please do not tempt burglars by leaving presents on display in your vehicles when doing your Christmas shopping etc. Lock them in the boot and make sure your vehicle is secure each time you park.
- Lock the windows as well as the doors of your property, when you go out. Put a light or even the radio on a timer switch.
- If you are going away over Christmas ask a trusted friend or neighbour to pick up your post, open and close a few curtains, and keep an eye on your property. Also feel free to contact me at the station on 01409 259461, or email me Beverley.harvey2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk and let me know your address and the dates you will be away. I can check your property when in the area. Alternatively Devon and Cornwall Police operate a key holder service. If you ring 09014700440, and leave details of the dates you are away and a key holders name and telephone number, they will be on the system should anything happen to your property.

RURAL CRIME

Unfortunately there have been a number of Thefts again and I urge everyone to take reasonable steps to secure their properties/grounds and items within. Most recently the following items have been stolen from the following areas:-

- * A Quad bike from Sutcombe
- * Two trailers from different locations in the Milton Dameral Area
- * Diesel from fuel tank on a lorry in Milton Dameral
- * Large quantity of logs from a wood near Thornbury
- * A Livestock footbath from Putford
- * An air compressor and poultry incubator from Thornbury
- * A quantity of coal from a back garden in Monkleigh

Please ensure you padlock your fuel/ heating oil tanks and wood sheds if possible. Think about what items of property can be seen from the road and how accessible they are. Do not leave keys in any vehicles. Install security lighting.

I would like to wish everyone in the parish a very Happy Christmas and New Year. PCSO 30103 Beverley Harvey

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advice columns

Q. I had to give up work a few years ago because I was diagnosed with a progressive, incurable disease. I've been on incapacity benefit ever since but I've heard there's a big drive to get people off this and now I'm worried sick my money may suddenly be stopped. I would love to be able to work again, but I don't think many employers would put up with needing to take lots of time off sick and for hospital appointments.



A. Incapacity benefit is being replaced by a new payment called Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) in October as part of the Government's welfare reform plans, but this shouldn't affect you, as it will only apply to new claimants. Sick and disabled people already getting incapacity benefit will continue to get this. However, if you are worried about any aspect of your claim, contact a CAB adviser to discuss this in confidence.

It is envisaged that people currently receiving incapacity benefit will eventually move onto ESA, but there are no firm proposals or dates for this at present.

If you would like to explore the options for getting back to work, you should get support to do this – without pressure to take on inappropriate work or be rushed into a job before you are ready – from a specialist adviser who understands the difficulties you face and the realities of the workplace for people with disabilities and long term ill-health.

Part of the Government's plans is to help people back into work by providing increased support to find sustainable employment. But it is also accepted that some people will always be too sick or disabled to work and they will continue to be supported through the benefits system.

For more information and advice on sickness and disability benefits go to the Citizens Advice website adviceguide.org.uk or contact Torridge and Bude CAB

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PARISH HALL NEWS

Recent Events: The **Skittles Fun Night** on 6th September was enjoyed by all. Clifford & Margaret Fishleigh were the overall winners; highest scorer was Clifford Fishleigh and lowest scorer was Anne Binns. Profit of £47.03 was made. The profit for the **Whist Drive** on 26th September was £39 and for the **Table Top** on 11th October £36.

Annual General Meeting held on 15th September – A copy of the Consolidated Accounts for the Parish Hall and Milton Parish Hall fete for the year ended 31st August 2008 is shown overleaf.

The officers have changed: Mrs C Buckpitt retired as Secretary after 10 years, although she will still continue to be on the Committee; the Officers and Committee would like to thank her for all her support. Mrs R Jackson became Secretary and Mr E Pett became Chairman. Mrs L Self stayed as Treasurer.

We have increased our charges for Hall & Skittle Alley hire from 1st January 2009, and new charges will be shown on the notice board.

The toilets in the Hall are now completely refurbished, although we are looking at altering the taps on the hand basins and cubicle door bolts for ease of use. There is still more work to be considered for the future, ie, new kitchen, update of heating and more painting!!

Future Events:

Skittle Fun Night	10th January 2009	For all the family. Start 7.00pm. Doors open 6.30pm for practice. Teams of two, £1 per player. Refreshments will be on sale, BYO wine and beer. PLEASE BOOK
Whist Drive	30th January 2009	8.00pm. £1.50 per person. Contact Sara 261105
Skittles TOURNAMENT	7th February 2009	7.00pm Teams of 6, at least 2 ladies, £2 per player. Refreshment will be on sale, BYO wine and beer. PLEASE BOOK
Family Social Evening	21st February 2009	7.30pm £2 per person, children free. Bring and share supper, BYO wine and beer.
Whist Drive	20th March 2009	8.00pm. £1.50 per person. Contact Sara 261105
Wine & Wisdom	28th March 2009	7.30pm for 8.00pm. £4 per person Teams of 6. Couples and singles welcome, we can make up teams on arrival. PLEASE BOOK
Beetle Drive	4th April 2009	7.30pm £1.50 per person. £1 per child. PLEASE BOOK

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**MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2008**

	2008 £	£		2007 £	£
INCOME					
Hall Bookings	766.00			568.50	
Fund-raising	931.20			834.50	
2007 Fete - donation	68.00			446.34	
Grants	150.00			150.00	
Donations	960.16			388.00	
Bowling Club Funds in Trust	500.00			0.00	
Bank Interest	116.52			60.99	
2008 Fete	1221.40			0.00	
Hire of Tables	0.00			21.00	
		4713.28			2469.33
EXPENSES					
Insurance	531.81			475.75	
Electricity	320.65			228.38	
Water Rates	151.24			132.21	
Fire Protection	83.25			66.39	
Repairs & Decorations	345.74			1750.93	
Grass Cutting	80.00				
Donation	50.00			140.00	
Fund-raising Events	361.25			278.66	
2008 Fete	405.28				
Other	31.83			188.00	
		2361.05			3260.32
Excess Income / Expenses		2352.23			-790.99

1st September 2007:					
Retained Funds Brought Forward:					
Parish Hall	1797.04			2588.03	
Fete Account	0.00			0.00	
		1797.04			2588.03
Add excess of income/expenses		2352.23			-790.99
31st August 2008: Retained Funds Carried Forward		4149.27			1797.04

31st August 2008:					
Balances in hand:					
Parish Hall	3130.81			1797.04	
Fete Account	1018.46			0.00	
		4149.27			1797.04

Commitments / Restricted Funds:					
Held on Trust for Bowling Club to 2013		500.00			0.00
Distribution of 2008 Fete Proceeds:					0.00
Transfer £272 from Fete Account to Parish Hall					
Transfer to Recreation Area Fund		272.00			
		772.00			0.00

An En-Lightening Idea

One of the nice things about living in this parish is how dark it gets at night. The ability to see so many stars on a clear night is truly amazing, but that darkness could pose a problem in the home if you have small children or have poor eyesight. Leaving a normal 60w or 40w bulb running all night can be expensive.

When we first moved in we fitted the bathroom with a low energy light bulb and left that on all night giving just enough light into the landing to see where we were walking. But now we have a new light source—solar power!!

On the market now is a solar power light that was actually designed for the shed but is ideal for use in the bathroom. It comprises two parts, the solar panel and a long power lead that runs to the 10 LED lamp. Our version has the option to only have 5 LEDs running and this will power the light for around 6 hours*. Our charger sits on the window sill behind a blind so it out of sight (its about 6" square so not big). The lamp unit could be fixed to a wall (it has a pull cord to turn it on / off).

They are available online, or at major DIY stores. Ask for a 'Solar Powered Shed Light'. *Other models may differ



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Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be emailed to mdnews@miltondamerel.com or to any of us individually. Our correspondence address is Chapel View, Milton Damerel, EX22 7PB. We want to hear from you with letters for inclusion, topical issues, features you like and also changes to improve the content and style for future editions. We also need every-one to let us know special birthdays, births, anniversaries, and other congratulations. Also tributes to parish residents.

Advertisements

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

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 20th February 2009

WHAT'S ON .. a selection from local arts...

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
The Plough Gallery Exhibition “Original Gifts for Christmas”	Preview: Friday, 5 th December @ 7.30pm. to Saturday, 27 th December	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.plough-arts.org
Independent Ballet Wales: “Under Milk Wood” by Dylan Thomas	Sunday, 7 th December @7pm	
Independent Ballet Wales: “Romeo & Juliet” By William Shakespeare	Monday, 8 th December @ 7.30pm	
The Wallfisch Band: Christmas Concertos	Sunday, 21 st December @ 7.30pm	
Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year (U)	Saturday, 27 th December @ 3pm Monday, 29 th December @ 3pm	
Film: Quantum of Solace (PG)	Saturday, 20 th December) Saturday, 27 th December) Monday, 29 th December)@ 8pm Friday, 2 nd January) Saturday, 3 rd January) Sunday, 4 th January) @ 3pm	
Film: Igor (12A)	Sunday, 28 th December) Tuesday, 30 th December @ 3pm Friday, 2 nd January)	
Pantomine:	Friday, 12 th December to Sunday, 4 th January (not – 25/12/08 or 1/1/09)	Queen’s Hall Theatre, Barnstaple www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Ballet: “Giselle” – The Moscow Ballet	Friday, 27 th February @ 7.45pm Saturday, 28 th February @ 2.30pm & 7.45pm	

Missing local events?

Why not detach this diary from the main newsletter and put it somewhere where you can see it, perhaps on your fridge or on your pin board.

What's on Diary

Over 60's Christmas Dinner
 Bradford & Benefic Children, Bradford VH
 Derriton Singers Concert, Thornbury
 Sunday club / Praise Party Milton Schoolroom
 Milton Monsters New Year Party

9th December
 13th December 10:30am
 21st December 7pm
 11th January 11am
 24th January

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Christmas / Christingle

Annual Christmas Concert Shebbear
 Gospel Special, MD Chapel
 Christmas Coffee Morning, Holsworthy Memorial Hall
 Milton Schoolroom
 Christmas Crafts for children Shebbear
 Christmas Concert Shebbear
 Christmas Carol Service, Abbots Bickington
 Father Christmas in person at the Garage
 United Parish Carol Service / MD Chapel
 Carols and Christingle Shebbear
 Carol Service, Thornbury
 Carol Singing Shebbear Square
 Carols on the Green, Thornbury

2nd December 7:30pm
 7th December 7:30pm
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 14th December 7:30pm
 18th December 7:30pm
 20th December 2:30pm
 21st December 11am
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 21st December 6:30pm
 22nd December 7pm
 23rd December 6:30pm

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Putford WI

Flower Arranging
 Christmas Lunch

8th December 7:30pm
 15th December

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Parish Hall

Skittles Fun Night
 Whist Drive
 Skittles
 Family Social
 Whist Drive
 Wine and Wisom
 Beetle Drive

10th January 7pm
 30th January 8pm
 7th February 7pm
 21st February 7:30pm
 20th March 7:30pm
 28th March 7:30pm
 4th April 7:30pm

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Regular Events

Line dancing
 MD & District over 60's Club
 Needlework

Tuesdays 7-9pm
 1st Tuesday of each month
 Monday afternoon, starting 8th September 1.30pm

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