



Fete 2009

£526 raised

Thank you



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***** Skittles night 5th Sept is now 19th Sept*****

Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Regular Parish Council meetings were held in June, July and August.

Planning Applications. Since the last report, the Parish Council have been consulted on planning applications for a steel framed building to store silage at Anzac, proposed double garage and storage facility with studio over at White Owl Cottage, erection of a conservatory at Shipshape, an extension and alteration to the roof at The Cottage, proposed conservatory extension at White Owl Cottage and proposed agricultural workers dwelling at Higher Woodford Farm. Also an application from Beechcroft Farm for agricultural determination for a building to store equipment.

Fly Nuisance. Following the problems suffered in June by many residents of the Parish, both the District Council's Environmental Protection Officers and the Environment Agency took the complaints very seriously and in co-operation with the management of the poultry farm in question, measures were taken to deal with the fly problem. Once an Environment Agency investigation and audit are completed this autumn, Alison Gidlow of the Environment Agency has agreed to attend the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, to inform Parish Councillors and community members present at the meeting, of what actions are to be taken to prevent a recurrence.

Dog Control. On 1st May 2009, Torridge District Council was to bring into effect Dog Control orders that cover removal of dog faeces, the keeping of dogs on leads, the keeping of dogs on leads by direction, dog exclusion orders and the issuing of fixed penalty notices to enforce these orders pursuant to its powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. It transpires that there was wide scale objections to the proposed order requiring dogs to be on leads on the highway and in many parks and it is now proposed that all public areas within the District will be subject to a dogs on lead by direction order only.

Annual Return. The annual return and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2009 have been satisfactorily audited and certified by the Audit Commission. A copy of the annual return is displayed on the Parish Council notice board at the Parish Hall until the 10th September.

Grants. Organisations within the Parish are invited to submit grant applications for 2010, in writing, to the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor by 18th November 2009 for consideration at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on that date. Applications should be accompanied by a copy of the organisations most recently 'audited' accounts.

The Holsworthy Motor Club advises that they will be holding their Roger Pole Taw & Torridge classic reliability trial, on Sunday 20th September. Approximately 50 cars and 40 motorcycles will be taking part and will come from Abbots Bickington, in the afternoon, on to the A388 at Shop Cross, turning left for Stibb Cross on their way back to Clovelly.

Freedom of Information. In line with the publication scheme adopted by the Council in January, requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some information can be made available by email free of charge but paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side.

Roberta Jackson
Parish Clerk



CONGRATULATIONS!

To all young people in our parish who have completed their GCSEs, BTECs, NVQs, Degrees, etc., and wish them every success with their new courses at college and university or with their new jobs / careers.

[Parents & Friends - would you not like to celebrate their successes with a listing in this page? Please let us know their names, what has been achieved and what their next stages are.]

To Sabine Sharp of Lower Grawley who received a Court Leet junior citizenship award during the St Peter's Fair Week in Holsworthy



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

A warm welcome to:

Tim & Jenny Holloway who have moved into **Milton Mill**

Henry & Isabel Hare, Emily & Alice who have moved into Worden Farm

Richard & Mags Morgan who have moved into **Rose Cottage, Shop Hill**



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently including:

John Webb of Littlejohns Cottage, and his daughters, Sarah & Adela and their families on the sudden death of his wife, Shirley.

Members of the family of the late Sheila Griffin of Bideford, nee Wheeler who grew up at **Kittabear**.

Valerie & Donald Harris and Joyce & Ron Jollow on the death of Arthur Jones (**Valerie & Joyce's brother**)

TRIBUTE for Shirley Webb

John & Shirley Webb and their daughters Adela and Sarah came to Littlejohns Cottage about 30 years ago and it was a great shock for her family, friends and neighbours when Shirley died suddenly at home on 8th August, aged 63 years. Shirley, originally from Yorkshire, had followed a career in nursing, and nursed at the old and new Holsworthy Hospitals for 27 years, and had also served in the St. John Ambulance as a divisional nursing superintendent. The report in the Holsworthy Post included grateful appreciation of her nursing skill and care and friendship to numerous patients and their families, from throughout the Holsworthy area, and the love and respect in which she was held by her nursing and other colleagues in the health service and the St. John Ambulance service. Within the parish, Shirley was an active and valued member of the Parish Plan Steering Group, and worshipped at the Parish Church. The Parish Church was filled by family, friends, colleagues and neighbours for a Memorial Service on Friday, 21st August, demonstrating the deep sorrow felt about her untimely death and the great respect and affectionate in which Shirley was held and will be remembered.

Chapel News – September 2009**Newsletter Number Fifty**

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.

SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES - Sunday Club meets each Sunday with the exception of the last Sunday, when Family Services are held, as detailed below: Please also see Junior / Youth News for details of Messy Church and Praise Parties.

27th September 2009

Mr Anthony Collins

from Holsworthy

25th October 2009

Mrs Sue Griffin

from North Tamerton

29th November 2009

Mr David Ley

from Langtree

“TEA & CAKE” AFTERNOONS – The June Tea & Cake afternoon was well supported and raised £50 for Children’s Hospice South West. The book stall was well “stocked” with books for all ages and interests. Thanks for your support. Geoff & Phoebe Overy made the presentation of gifts to Bryan & Petula Sanders, in appreciation of their 13+ years as caretakers, and Steve & Sarah Weal were welcomed as the replacement caretakers.

Our September afternoon will be on **Saturday, 29th September from 3pm to 5pm**. We will be joining in with the Children’s Hospice South West **“Big South West Cream Tea”**, so it will be Tea & Cream Teas for which a charge will be made, and possibly some stalls. Please come along and support the Children’s Hospice, which is now planning the third hospice for the Cornwall area.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Our harvest celebrations will be held over the week-end of **9th -12th October 2009**. The chapel will be open on **Friday 9th October** for decorating and receipt of flowers and produce. On **Saturday 10th October** we would like to show our appreciation to the ladies who provide flower arrangements each week for the chapel, and are planning an afternoon tea, with opportunity to see the decorated chapel. Further details and invitations will be sent out in a few weeks – please keep the date free in your diary. **Mrs Maggie Elliott** has accepted our invitation to be our Harvest Festival preacher at morning service on **Sunday, 11th October at 11am**. The week-end concludes with a Bring and Share Buffet Tea on **Monday, 12th October at 6.30pm**, followed by a short thanksgiving service, and then the auction of fruit, vegetables, produce, etc. Please come along and join in the celebrations – there are plenty of seats and always plenty of food, and we would love to have your company.

GOSPEL SPECIALS – The Culm Valley Crusade Choir made a return visit on 26th July 2009, and gave us another lovely evening of gospel singing and testimony. There were a good number in the congregation, albeit it was another of our “not so sunny days”! The next Gospel Special will be on **Sunday, 6th December @ 7.30pm** when the Windy Cross Singers from Torrington will be our guest artistes.

BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. We are currently studying the Gospel of St Mark, chapter by chapter, and are enjoying some interesting and lively discussions. Anyone interested is most welcome to come along for discussion and join us in exploring the Christian faith – we would very much appreciate your company.

CHURCH COUNCIL – We have not held a meeting this quarter, but have met at Lake for a presentation of the Circuit Review report. Keith Elliott, the Methodist District Development Officer gave us the highlights of the report, which has looked at how the Circuit works together as well as the strengths and weaknesses of each chapel within the Circuit. Members of the congregation are still reading the report and there will be further discussions during the autumn on the recommendations made. We will be sharing the recommendations and how we are going to respond to the findings and ideas for action in each community as we develop our plans. Watch this space!

We are very sorry to report that Rev David Wheeler, our minister, remains unable to return to work; we send him our best wishes. If a minister is required please contact any of our stewards who will be able to assist / re-direct as appropriate – ministers from our neighbouring circuits have kindly offered to assist, as have clergy colleagues of other Churches.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months of September to November

SEPT		OCT		NOV	
6 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	4 th	Mrs Valerie Carter	1 st	Mrs Grace Millman
13 th	Mrs Gwyneth Johns	11 th	Harvest Festival	8 th	Mrs Grace Millman
20 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper	18 th	Harvest Flowers	15 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer
27 th	Mrs Tracy Dunmore	25 th	Mrs Anita Southey	22 nd	Circuit Service
				29 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn

For further information or help please contact:

Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, Tel: 281321; Lorna Dawe, Circuit Steward, Tel: 241279

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**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 4th October @ 3pm

Tea & Cakes to follow

UNITED PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Friday, 18th December @ 7pm

Look out for details

ST. PETER'S CHURCH THORNBURY

Coffee Morning

**Wed 16th September
Holsworthy Memorial
Hall,**

any donations of cakes,
help etc. gratefully
received - contact Liz
01409 261312

Harvest Festival

**Friday 25th Sept 7 pm,
followed by Harvest
Supper**

**Harvest
Songs of Praise
Sunday 27th Sept at
6.30 pm.**

St. James Parish Church

Abbots Bickington

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Richard Dorrington

Tel: 01409 241411

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, 8th September @ 10.30am

At Elizabeth & Charles Bellew

Bluebell Cottage, Abbots Bickington

Bring and Buy

Raffle

A warm welcome to all

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 4th October @ 3pm

WHIST DRIVE

Saturday, 17th October

8pm start

Milton Damerel Parish Hall

HOLSWORTHY BEACON METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING

Last Thursday of each month

10am – 12 noon

Chapel Hall

Everyone Welcome

BIG SOUTH WEST CREAM TEA

for Children's Hospice South West

Saturday, 29th September

Milton Schoolroom

3pm - 5pm

Please drop-in at any time

Milton Damerel Methodist Church

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 11th October @ 11am

Morning Service led by Mrs Maggie Elliott

Monday, 12th October @ 6.30pm

Bring & Share Buffet Supper

Thanksgiving

Auction of Produce

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JUNIOR / YOUTH NEWS

MILTON MONSTERS – During the last three months Monster Club members have made junk models, done beetle drives, and grown their own strawberries and vegetables. Due to helpers being on holiday Monster Club will begin again in October and we are hoping to organise a trip. Details of dates and times of future sessions will be sent out in the usual way during September.

CRAFT CLUB – Over the summer holidays Sheila and myself (Tracy Dunmore) have been running a weekly craft club for children in the area. The attendance has been brilliant and we have had lots of extra helpers. The children have made bags, designed and sewn their own soft toys, made space scenes and done pebble painting and card making. Its been MESSY, but great fun. This week (27th August) is the last session and we have a summer / beach theme. We would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone whp have given up their Thursday afternoons to help. We couldn't have done it without you!! **And Tracy and Sheila are thanked for their initiative and organisation of this very successful holiday club.**

MESSY CHURCH – on Saturday, 4th July we held our second Messy Church and were delighted that 11 children, a couple of Mums, and one community police lady came to enjoy it all. We were also much indebted to Helen from Black Torrington Sunday Club, who came to help and experience it (Messy Church) at first hand. A great time was had making piggy-iced biscuits, a farm collage, money purses, complete with chocolate money, decorated hearts, and funny fuzzy pen tops amongst other things. A cooked tea was enjoyed and this was followed by a sketch which told the bible story (which all the craft ideas had been about) and also a very catchy new song! In case you can't work it out from the craft ideas it was the well known story of the lost (prodigal) son. A month later we repeated it in Black Torrington Methodist Church and again were delighted to welcome 11 children, a whole load more Mums & Dads and helpers. This time we included an edible farm, which when finished we decided was really edible, a paper banner saying 'God loves us' and a pizza tea. Everyone had fun retrieving food items from a bucket of 'pigs' swill', really orange and lemon jellies mixed. We hope to continue with Messy Church, so watch this space!!

HARVEST PRAISE PARTY – Sunday, 18th October 10.45 am – 12.15ish in Milton Methodist Schoolroom. Come along for fun and games all about Harvest!

Can you help?

Phoenix Trading are hoping to raise £25,000 for Childrens Hospices UK in September with their Butterfly Tea Party or Butterfly Coffee Morning – would you consider hosting a small event, say 10 – 15 friends and family, for no more than 2 hours? If so, please call Liz for further details 01409 261312. Phoenix Trading sell high quality greetings cards, wrapping paper and stationery, not available in the shops, and up to 50% cheaper than the High Street shops. www.phoenix-trading.co.uk/web/lizpriest

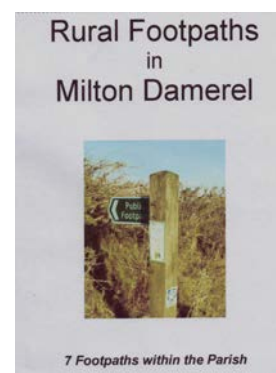
Farmer's Market Saturday 28th November

There will be a Farmers' Market on Saturday 28th November in the Parish Hall, starting at 10.00a.m. until lunchtime selling local produce including meat, vegetables, chilled meals, honeys, jams, chutneys and some craft. An opportunity to support local producers, buy some things to eat and also for Christmas, plus of course the chance to be amongst the first owners of the Recipe Book! Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served to allow you to have a breather from the shopping!

Proceeds from the market will be split between Farm Crisis Network and SSAFA – the Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association which supports our troops and their families both while serving and afterwards.

Public Footpaths or Rural Rights of Way in the Parish

Following on from the article in an earlier newsletter which outlined brief details of the 7 Public Footpaths within the Parish, a short booklet is now available. This describes the various paths in more detail and will allow you to walk the paths without the need for an Ordnance Survey map. Copies can be obtained, as a free computer download, from www.miltondamerel.com. Go to the main menu and then the footpaths button. For those without computer access a paper copy is available at 25p, to cover production costs, from the Parish Clerk.



Horse-Riding in the Parish

In the September 2008 edition of the newsletter, there was a very helpful article for motorists about horses on our roads, which was based on a leaflet produced by the British Horse Society. Hopefully, there has been greater courtesy shown since this timely reminder on how to drive where there are horses.

The Parish Council has been informed that on occasions potentially dangerous situations have arisen due to horses being ridden two (or more) abreast around bends, and just beyond bends, and have requested the Newsletter Group to include a reminder of good practice, to complement the previous advice given.

The Highway Code advises in the section for horse riders, that ... "when riding on the road, you should never ride more than two abreast, and ride in single file on narrow or busy roads and when riding around bends."

So if motorists drive appropriately assuming there could be horse-riders around the bend ...and horse-riders ride intuitively assuming a vehicle is about to come around the bend.... all can quietly use and enjoy our glorious lanes and, above all, be safe!!

Holsworthy Area Children's Centre

Road Show!

The Children's Centre will be holding a drop in and play information session at Milton Damerel Parish Hall on **Friday 11th September** from **1:30-3:00pm**.

Please come along and find out more about what we have to offer for children under five and their families.

There will lots of information and a selection of toys for your children to play with.

Come and join us!



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			8am	8.35am	8.45am	9.20am	9.30am
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12.40pm	12.50pm	1.25pm	1.35pm	2.10pm	2.20pm	2.55pm	3.05pm
3.40pm	3.50pm	4.25pm	4.35pm			5.25pm	5.35pm
6.10pm	6.20pm	6.55pm					

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- * Torrington pickup: Torrington Hospital
- * Book 48 hours in advance
- * Wheelchair accessible

North Tamar Community Transport Association Ltd, 4 The Square, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6DL

Cancer Care Car –The North Devon Cancer Care Centre Trust operates a Cancer Care Car (a Volkswagen Caravelle) for patients needing to travel to Exeter for Radiotherapy on a daily basis. Any patient needing Radiotherapy at Exeter who must travel for five days a week can have use of the Car. The car travels to Exeter twice a day – from North Devon District area in the mornings and the Torridge District area in the afternoon. Five patients can be carried on each return journey. A contribution of £5 per return journey is requested towards costs, which is all ploughed back into the Cancer Care Car Scheme and nothing deducted for administration or other costs. The Radiotherapy Unit at Wonford (Exeter) ask if transport is needed and with the appointment card, if the treatment time is appropriate, the transport booking will be confirmed.

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ALPHA

There will be another ALPHA course starting in the autumn, this time based at Sheepwash, but open to all who would like to explore the Christian faith. You do not have to be a churchgoer or believer to come along and ask all those questions you may have. Similarly if you are a churchgoer but would like to explore your faith more then ALPHA offers you that opportunity. Each session starts with a shared meal, followed by a short talk and then discussion with no holds barred. If you are interested please contact : Rev. Martin Warren – 01409 281424; Maureen Ellis – 01409 231309; or David Fisher – 01409 261882..

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Number: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

**Useful information**

Your GP name: _____

Your GP contact details: _____

Your NHS Number: _____

You will find this on prescription forms, if you have one.

I will be a flu friend for

Name: _____

Number: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Make sure you have:

- Normal flu remedies e.g. paracetamol and the correct dosage for adults and children.
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Our Service men and women in Afghanistan – what can I do to help? ..

Ensure that they know they have the full support of people at home. This may be done through writing letters or emails, sending parcels etc. The best way of doing this may be by contacting the local units, for example: the Royal Marines in Plymouth and Taunton, The Rifles in Exeter.

Make donations to service and other charities.

Individual service charities. E.g. The Army Benevolent Fund

Independent charities such as Help for Heroes. They have a good website and goods for sale as well as events to support.

SSAFA – Forces Help**

Remember them in your prayers.

**What is SSAFA – Forces help?

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PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW - UP



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

Housing Needs

We are delighted with the response to the Housing Needs survey – 71 surveys were returned, which is a 35.5% response rate, and were returned from all areas of the parish. A draft report has now been submitted to the Parish Council detailing the results. From the information provided there is an identified need for 7 affordable homes, mostly rented homes, over the next 5 years, and all households identified meet the local connection criteria used by Torridge District Council. Whilst the economic downturn is affecting house prices, prices have fallen by about 20% in the past year, this has not helped make housing more affordable, as prices remain significantly above the amounts, which could be raised, based on mortgage terms at 3.5 times household income.

Three-quarters of those replying were in favour of a small development of affordable housing for local people.

Replies from older householders (over 55s) showed that many older residents may consider moving away from Milton Damerel when they need alternative accommodation, and access to health services was an important factor in forming this view.

The Parish Councillors are now asking the Rural Housing Enablers to come along to a Parish Council meeting and provide us with guidance on what the next steps need to be to move forward with finding solutions for the affordable housing needs there are.

Notice Boards

The Parish Council made a small provision in this year's budget for another notice board in the Parish for the Holsworthy Beacon area. One of our Councillors made a purchase, at a Kivells auction, of a suitable notice board, which needs some refurbishment. The costs for this are being obtained. Landowner's permission for the selected site has been sought and obtained, and enquiries made on whether possibly planning approval is required. We are pleased to report progress on this item included in the Action Plan.

Please contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk (contact details are shown on Page 2) about any issues in the Plan, with offers of volunteering to take forward some of the tasks in the action plans, or to let us (or the Chairman or any member of the Parish Hall Committee) know any activities / clubs you are interested in. It is your Plan – the ambitions in it will only materialise with your help!



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FLIES

We suspect that few households escaped infestation by flies in May/June and several householders made complaints to Torridge District Council (TDC) and the Environment Agency (EA). Those who registered complaints with TDC received correspondence in early July, as did the Parish Council. However, we are aware that many households did not make direct complaints and will not have seen the information. The Parish Council did request that the letter and attachment should be issued to all households in the Parish, but this idea was not taken up by officers at TDC, and as your councillors think this is important information, key issues from letter and attachment are displayed below. You will note in the Parish Clerk's report that representatives of the EA have been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on 18th November 2009 to report on their findings from the joint investigations with TDC and audit in late summer.

From Carol Sestakov, TDC Environmental Protection Officer – letter of 8th July, latest update....

"Environmental Protection (EP) and the EA have established that it is likely that the source of the current fly problem is at the poultry unit at Worden Farm. Under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2007, large poultry houses are now regulated by the Environment Agency, which is a separate government body unconnected with Environmental health. Therefore Torridge District Council has no control over the farming practices and activities carried out at these premises. "

"The Environmental Permit issued by the EA covers activities at Worden Farm only and once material goes off site they currently have only limited control, and complaints relating to odours or flies may be dealt with under the Environmental protection Act 1990 by the EP Team at TDC. We are contacting local farms to remind them of their responsibilities when using poultry manure. However, although problems relating to flies arising on the independent farms are technically regulated by the Council (TDC), we feel that the only practical way to deal with this is at source by better controls at the plant and I understand that the EA are looking at ways to improve conditions to avoid a repetition of current events."

From Alison Gidlow, Team Leader Environment Management (Upper Tamar Team, EA, Bodmin – note of 2nd July, attached to TDC letter above.....

"The Worden Farm Poultry Unit has been regulated by the EA since 17th October 2007...and... is operated under permit number EP3432MC. We understand that the cause of the recent fly nuisance is linked to a change in the feed the chickens were given. The chickens produced faeces with a higher moisture content when fed on the new diet. The fly population increased rapidly as a result. When the operators realised what was happening they returned to the original feed. W J Watkins & Son Ltd (WJW) already use a number of methods for controlling fly populations on site, these include – beetle populations within the manure to prey on the fly larval stages, and, spraying the manure 3 times per week with Neporex to break the life cycle of the fly by producing flies that are infertile.

3 of the poultry units were cleared of manure during the last week in April and the beginning of May. The majority was collected by local farms as a fertiliser for application to land, with a small amount spread on fields directly associated with the chicken farm. Unfortunately the increased larvae present in the manure hatched, causing fly nuisance for residents in the surrounding area of the chicken farm and the spreading sites."

"Additional pest control activities have been employed at the farm to kill emerging flies and also to address the issue of fly nuisance in nearby homes, these include:

- Containers of liquid knockdown pesticide placed at intervals in the manure collection areas to kill emerging flies
- Erection of boards coated with knockdown to attract and kill flies on contact in the manure collection areas
- Painting of the external walls of the poultry units with knockdown liquid to attract and kill flies on contact
- Trial by officers from TDC on the effectiveness of the fumigation of affected homes
- ON 1st July the site operator completely emptied 4 units of manure, stockpiling it close to the sheds. This manure has been sealed with a heavy duty polythene. The summer heat will kill any eggs, larvae, pupae or flies present. This manure will not be uncovered and spread until the cooler weather of the autumn and when we are sure that everything has been destroyed.

Ourselves, officers from TDC and staff from W J Watkins have either visited homes or telephoned all who have contacted us."

"You can be assured that the EA, TDC and WJW are working together to take all possible steps to address the fly nuisance."

Contact numbers: TDC – EP Team 01237 428810 or main switchboard 01237 428700

re: household flies and spreading of manure at independent farm

EA - 0800 807806 re: farming permits and complaints about business activities

- 0800 807060 re: fly nuisance or to speak to Environment Management Team

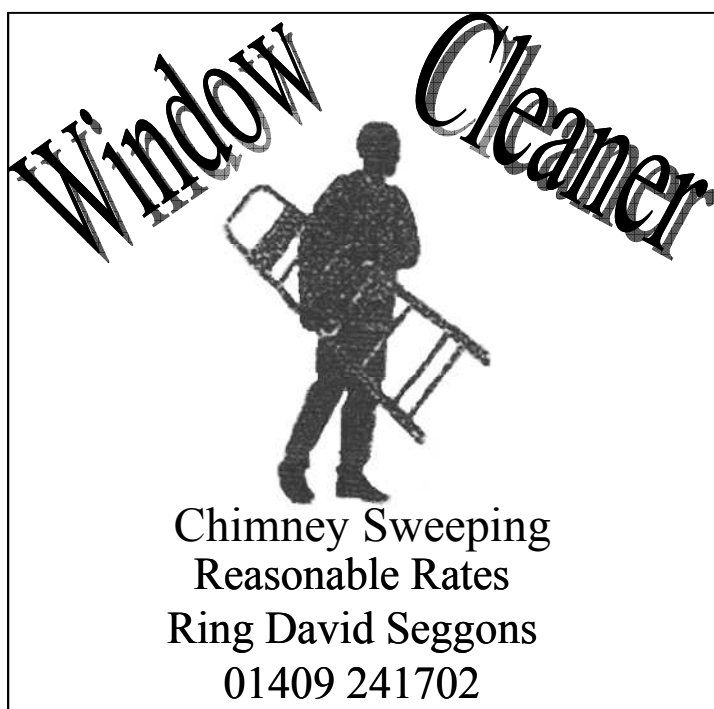
Holsworthy Area Children's Centre

Here at Holsworthy Area Children's Centre we offer support and fun play sessions to children under five and their families. Our services include help and advice on a number of issues, such as finance, returning to work and parenting. We also run play sessions, both at the centre and in the local communities, including stay and plays and 'Fun Filled Fridays.' As well as these we offer more focused groups, such as 'Here's Looking at you Baby' and 'Out and About.' Additionally, we offer groups for parents, with crèches provided.

On **Friday 11th September** from **1:30-3:00pm** we will be holding a drop in and play information session in Milton Damerel Parish Hall. Two members of the Children's Centre team will bring with them lots of information, leaflets and brochures on all the services and sessions that the Children's Centre provides. We will also set up a variety of toys for your children to play with whilst you find out more about what we have to offer. The drop in nature of this session means that you will be able to pop in at any point and stay for as long as you like, knowing that your children have something to do whilst you chat to us. We will also be providing refreshments.

All you have to do is come along to the Parish Hall on Friday the 11th of September, any time between 1:30 and 3:00, and find out more!

For more information contact Emily at the Centre on 01409 253508 or email emily.boucher@devon.gov.uk



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Fete 2009



£526 raised
Thank you



Despite the downturn in the economy and the threat of bad weather, the local people of the parish yet again proved to be generous with their time (and money). Even with the small shower as the event opened it turned out to be a great Saturday afternoon for the third year running.

This year, the 'Black Farmer' from BBC Radio 2 came to officially open the fete.



The S-L-S Allstars performed another wonderful routine for us.

An exceptional turn out for the various competitions meant that we had to move the entries into the skittles ally and the judges had a hard time deciding the winners in each category.



There are pictures of the day on the Milton Damerel website -

<http://www.miltondamerel.com/fete2009.htm>



Our thanks goes to everyone that helped us both setting up and running the stalls and kitchens and to those that supplied various items for the raffles and tombolas.

See you next year!!



Barn Dance 26th September

Why not come and yee-haw the night away this year at the Parish Hall. Last years barn dance was a huge success and everyone had a great time.

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Milton Damerel & District 'Over 60' Club

The club continues to meet in Milton Damerel Parish Hall on 1st Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. New members are welcome.

Summer outings have been to Minehead, St Ives and Sidmouth. Although the Sidmouth day was very wet, it was still 'enjoyed' by visiting shops, café's and a museum and a fine ride home! The next outing is to Lynton & Lynmouth, over Exmoor to hopefully see the heather.

Further information maybe obtained from Mrs P. Overy 01409 361332.

Friends of West & East Putford School

I'd like to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped, donated, attended and supported our Cider & Pasty Walk. It was a great success, the weather was good and we had streams of walkers.

Many apologies to any of you that had to walk that little bit further, due to signs being altered, hopefully there weren't too many of you.

We have had numerous requests to keep the Cider and Pasty walk going. It's lovely to know so many of you enjoy this fundraiser and we will endeavour to do so, route depending!

We are holding a Cream Tea afternoon at the school on Saturday 12th September. Everyone is welcome to come along and sample some of our mum's homemade scones, along with a lovely cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you there. Posters will be displayed with full details nearer the time.

Another date for your diary is our Halloween Bingo which will be held in the school hall, at the end of October, actual date to be confirmed.

Ali Poole

Friends of Putford School Ass.

Putford W.I.

For our June meeting we had a trip to the Merry Harriers, and had an interesting time looking at their many beautiful plants, garden ornaments and other interesting gifts. We then went into the café and enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and went home feeling pleased with what we had bought.

Our July meeting was held in the Methodist Chapel Hall where we were welcomed by our president, Mrs. Mary Martin. During the business part of the meeting we discussed the forthcoming Woolserly and Holsworthy Show competitions. We also decided to have an outing on 11th August to Minehead and travel by train to Bishops Lydeard. Our speaker for the evening was Sandra Huxtable from Clovelly who demonstrated how to do summer flower arrangements. Her first was in an oblong container using sunflowers, stocks and carnations. Her second one used a large candle as the centre piece surrounded with roses and greenery, and the third had a pineapple in the centre surrounded by flowers and greenery from the garden. Sandra was thanked by Mavis Lewis. Hostesses were Margaret Wooldridge and Cindy Sears. Winners of the competition 'An Orchard Cake' were Marion Wooldridge – 9 points, Lorna Dawe – 8 points, Margaret Wooldridge – 7 points. Competition for a buttonhole was won by Lorna Dawkins, 2nd Margaret Wooldridge. F.O.M. winner was Lorna Dawe.

Congratulations on being winners at Holsworthy Show

Shebbear events

Coffee, cake and company continues on the first and third Friday of each month in St. Michael's Church Room, Shebbear, from 10.00 until noon. A chance to chat, meet old and new friends and enjoy some lovely home made cake.

There will also be a Farmers' Market in Shebbear Village Hall on Saturday 31st October from 10.00 a.m. until lunchtime – proceeds to Farm Africa.

Coffee, Cake and Company

Coffee, cake and company will continue on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month now (not fortnightly as at first) in the Church Room at St. Michael's Shebbear from 10.00 until 12 noon. Do come and join us for refreshments, company and an opportunity to chat while knitting and playing games.

Music locally

Shebbear Circuit Choir starts their autumn session on Tuesday 22nd September at Lake Schoolroom, from 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. All are very welcome to join – we enjoy our singing!

Concerts: Friday 16th October – 7.30 p.m. at Black Torrington. An African evening with a West African meal, followed by a cabaret of music, songs and stories from around the world. Tickets are £5.00 beforehand or £6.00 on the night, from Anne Gray 01409 231635, or Sheial Grabham 01409 231581. Venue to be arranged.

Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Friday 27th November. St. Mary's Church, Black Torrington. At 7.30 p.m. The Cedars Big Band playing favourites old and new including some jazz. Tickets as above.

The death of Edward Kennedy was announced this week, the last of the three Kennedy brothers who have been very prominent in political leadership in the United States over the last 50 years. This interesting observation has come our way about J F Kennedy and a previous US president

John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln

Kennedy and Lincoln both concerned with Civil Rights

Lincoln elected 1860, Kennedy elected 1960.

Both lost children through death while at the White House.

Both killed on a Friday, while their wives were with them.

Both were shot from behind.

Both had successors named Johnson, who were Southern Democrats in the Senate

Andrew Johnson born 1808, Lyndon Johnson born 1908

J.W.Booth, Lincoln's killer born 1839, Lee Harvey Oswald born 1939.

Both assassins were themselves assassinated before their trials.

Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theatre: Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a warehouse, while Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.

Lincoln killed 1863 - Kennedy killed 1963

' A Chivenor based Hunter jet crashes at Milton Damerel'

This was the succinct comment in the "50 Years Ago" section of the North Devon Journal a couple of weeks ago. A local resident identified the crash site to be between Five Lanes and Youldon, which strictly would be in Abbotts Bickington parish. Apparently security was tight and locals were precluded from getting near to the plane. Do you have any recollections of this event? Did you try to get near? Did you creep near in the dark of night?! Please let us know what you know and saw – a member of the Group will call and make some notes or even better perhaps you would write a short article for the next Newsletter.

..... AND are there any other events that you recall which put Milton Damerel in the headlines? Do let us know! Perhaps we could research and find the relevant articles for inclusion in future newsletters!

THE GRASS IS GROWING WELL

The trouble has been finding the odd dry day to mow it, I applied Evergreen to my main lawn in May which worked well killing both the weeds and moss but the grass has grown like mad ever since and I have had to mow at least every 5 days to stay on top of it.

It is the lushest green I have ever seen it and even though the wet conditions suit moss mine has not come back because I applied lime earlier in the year.

For four years I have been trying to establish beds of asparagus and strawberries but after the cold and wet of last winter only one strawberry plant survived and the asparagus was so weak it was no good for cutting, I have planted at least forty plants of each at considerable expense.

I have now admitted defeat and bought timber and a few tonne of sandy soil to build raised beds that will drain well and I can adjust the PH to a suitable level.

IF IT'S NOT ONE THING IT'S ANOTHER

After the invasion of flies which is hopefully a thing of the past we have been plagued with wasps sometimes to the extent of being unable to sit outdoors on the odd dry day.

We found one nest and a local beekeeper was kind enough to dig it out but it did not cure the problem and search as much as I might I cannot find where they are coming from.

At a meeting of the Garden Society committee I asked if anyone knew a way to trace the nest, one committee member apparently seriously said to catch a wasp and tie a feather to it so you can follow it easily back home, I still don't know if this was genuine advice but I am not prepared to try it.

AUTUMN TASKS

September is the recommended month to cut wild flower meadows and as most of the verges in Devon are full of wild flowers it is therefore time to trim the grass giving the flowers a chance to gain some light and air before the winter, if possible remove the cuttings which otherwise can stifle new growth.

Formal hedgerows are best cut now so they can make a little growth before the winter leaving them looking more natural.

If you intend to plant pansies for winter colour do so as soon as possible so the plants get established and make some extra growth before the winter commences, the larger the plants the better the show they will make.

Avoid small plug plants which will just sit still throughout the winter and only come good just when you need to plant your summer bedding.

GARDEN SOCIETY SUMMER PARTY.

This was a privately organized Party open to all in aid of Society funds, it was held on Saturday 1st August at Northtown Farm, the weather forecast had been studied for several days and proved to be right with an overcast and damp morning becoming bright and mild after lunch.

With ample parking and lots of seating a jolly good time was had by nearly 60 guests who were able to spread themselves around the garden, many ventured off on walks around the grounds and a couple of young ladies were discovered dangling their feet in the pond, rumour has it that they wanted to launch the rowing boat but could not undo the rope securing it.

The festivities kicked off at 6pm and the last departures were at nearly midnight reflecting on the success of a really enjoyable evening with people mixing freely whilst the newest arrivals in the parish walked up the drive to join in and meet other local residents .

John and Anne Binns contributed and cooked a whole leg of pork whilst some 33 burgers and 15 sausages were cooked on Bill's barbeque giving a total of 85 baps and hotdogs consumed on the night, a range of drinks were available including a Pimms cocktail concocted with all the trimmings.

A large serving counter was set up where guests could help themselves to a range of salads, apple sauce and dressings whilst several co-opted volunteers were kept busy for a couple of hours serving food and drinks.

On the final reckoning a healthy profit was made to swell the Societies funds which will help to pay for more speakers in the New Year.

MILTON DAMEREL GARDEN SHOW.

It's time to select what is looking good, big or pretty in your vegetable, fruit and flower gardens and enter it for the show, if nothing looks good you can always find an entry for the funniest or ugliest vegetable classes.

If your whole garden is looking good enter a photograph of it or if you don't want to venture outside then bake a cake or make a flower arrangement, with over 50 classes there is something that everyone can enter including 7 classes for the under 14 year olds, at 20p per entry the cost is not high.

Show date is Saturday 12th September entries to be brought to the Parish Hall between 9 & 11am on the day, the doors will be open for public viewing from 1 pm when cake, cream teas, biscuits, tea and coffee will be on sale.

The raffle will be drawn at 2-30pm with an ever growing list of prizes including a three course Sunday lunch for two at Merry Harriers Nurseries restaurant worth over £21, tokens to spend at Mole Valley and Bridgmans, two prizes of 6 lagers, a cream tea for two at Merry Harriers plus many others prizes from Sanders Garage, Union Inn etc.

Show schedules and entry forms are available from any committee member, see list below, or by e-mail at mdgs1@live.co.uk.

Raffle ticket's at £1 per strip of five are also available from any of the committee and will be on sale at Sanders Garage.

Committee members are:-

Edgar Pett 01409 261277
John Binns 01409 261381
Nicola Wrighton 01409 261742
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PARISH HALL NEWS

We would like to thank every-one for supporting our events. As you are aware and we do keep on about it, all extra income is greatly needed. Income from people who hire the hall each year does not cover the running cost. Therefore we must put on social events though out the year.

Hopefully the NEW KITCHEN will be in by the time the Newsletter is distributed. We applied for two grants to help pay for the Kitchen. To date we have only received one, but the second should be forthcoming. Once the kitchen is installed with its new cooker and electrics, a little redecoration will be needed. This has been a major job for the Parish Hall committee and hope that it will increase the Hall usage. The next big job on the agenda will be the updating of all the electric and installing a better heating system. This we know will be a very expensive. We still have a vacancy for a SECRETARY. The role would be, to take minutes of the meetings and write any necessary letters. We are always looking for new members. If you feel that you would like to help support your community please come and join us at our AGM on 17th September.

EVENTS REPORT

Coffee Morning. 4th June 2009. At Michael & Roberta's Jacksons, Westfields, Venn Green, Milton Damerel.

Raised £111. Thank you Michael and Roberta, it was an enjoyable get together.

Cider & Pasty Walk. 4th July 2009. Thank you to Roger and Sara Lawes, The Barn, East Wonford. Milton Damerel who organised the walk. Although the rain came in a couple of times, everyone enjoyed walking across the farmland and along the lanes of East Wonford. **Raised £120**

FUTURE EVENTS

PARISH HALL A.G.M. 17th September 2009. 7.30.

We are always looking for new members. All welcome.

Skittle Fun Night. Now 19th not 5th September 2009. For all the family. Start 7.00p.m. Doors open 6.30p.m. for practice. Teams of two. £1.50 adults, £1.00 Child, 11 years of age and under. Refreshment available. B.Y.O. Wine/Beer.

Whist Drive. 25th September 2009. 8.00pm. £1.50 per person.

3rd OCTOBER 2009. COME AND JOIN US AT THE PARISH HALL 6pm to 8pm. FOR FREE SOUP AND SWEET TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW KITCHEN.

Beetle Drive. 24th October 2009. The last one was a very enjoyable evening for all the family, 7.30pm. £1.50 per person. £1.00 per child.

Wine & Wisdom 14th November 2009. 7.30pm for 8.00pm. £4 per person, teams of 6. Couples and singles welcomed, we can make up teams on arrival. **Please Book.** Telephone any of the numbers below.

Whist Drive 27th November 2009. 8.00pm. £1.50 per person.

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Do you have a recipe using ingredients in season?

If so you are just the person we are looking for!

The newsletter group are planning to produce a booklet of seasonal recipes in time for Christmas – just the thing for a stocking filler!

This will be a fund raising effort for the newsletter.

What we are looking for are recipes using ingredients in season during the year so that we can arrange the recipes month by month. For example at the moment I am submerged in courgettes – what to do with them is what I need to know! So the main ingredient in your recipe needs to be something that is only available at certain times of the year – from our own gardens or local producers would be ideal, things like blackberries or courgettes. We all know we can buy asparagus from Peru at any time of the year but how much nicer it is to use food grown locally and seasonally.

If you can let us have any recipes by 30th September that would be lovely.

By email to rose@grawley.co.uk - Rose Haynes
janetcfisher@btinternet.com - Janet Fisher

Or to any member of the newsletter group, or call 01409 261882 (Janet) when I could arrange a rendezvous!



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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Over the past few months the problem of speeding vehicles along our lanes has been raised increasingly.

Whilst the national speed limit of 60mph (96kph) applies to most of our lanes this is an absolute maximum and not an expectation. It does not mean that it is safe to drive at that speed irrespective of conditions. The Highway Code is quite specific in that driving at speeds which are too fast for road and traffic conditions is dangerous. It also goes on to state that you should always reduce your speed when:-

- the road layout or conditions present hazards, such as bends
- sharing the road with pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists, motorcyclists and particularly children
- weather conditions make it safer to do so

Braking distances are also greatly increased when the road surface is wet or muddy which is frequently a feature on many of our own lanes, as is loose gravel from the surface dressing activities which the Council carries out during the summer months.

Please give these matters some thought and reduce your speed as appropriate to make for a safer and more enjoyable environment for everybody.

Still on the theme of speeding, as this was a problem highlighted in the Parish Plan, the Police are going to introduce a Speed Watch Scheme into our Parish. Planning by our local Police Authority is well in hand and the target date for its introduction is November 2009.

The introduction of the Speed Watch Scheme will entail the active participation and co-operation of volunteers who will be under the direct guidance and supervision of a police officer or our PCSO's. Further details and structure of the scheme, including the participation of volunteers is detailed in the separate report from the police, elsewhere in this newsletter.

If any further information is required by anyone interested in the Speed Watch Scheme then please contact any of the NHW co-ordinators or either of our PCSO's.

HOLSWORTHY POLICE STATION OPENING HOURS

MONDAY :- 08:00 Hours - 11:00 Hours. TUESDAY :- 17:00 Hours - 20:00 Hours.

WEDNESDAY :- 08:00 Hours - 14:00 Hours. THURSDAY :- 14:00 Hours - 17:00 Hours.

FRIDAY :- 08:00 Hours - 11:30 Hours.

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Rural crime update from 1st JULY 09

BROADWOODWIDGER- Stolen from Roadford Lake Watersports centre a Main sail with black writing that fits a DART 18 boat, a metal steering tiller rod and connecting cross rudder bar. £1500 approximate value.

RURAL BRADWORTHY - Criminal damage to tractor and digger tyres.

VENN GREEN, MILTON DAMEREL – Damage to garden, shrubs, plants and grass was sprayed with chemical causing vegetation to die.

BRADWORTHY, St Johns Drive – Damage to headlights of grey Peugeot 205.

BRIDGERULE – Offside window smashed on blue fiat van.

PANCRASWEEK – Power tools, JCB chainsaw, brush cutter and a pair of mens waders were stolen.

RURAL PYWORTHY/BRIDGERULE – Damage to offside of red Nissan Micra.

BRADWORTHY – Theft of blue Apollo ladies bike with silver writing on it.

BRADWORTHY Square – Damage caused to front offside window of Mercedes white Sprinter panel van.

BRIDGERULE – Green wheelie bin (not council owned) 3 white plastic garden chairs and a bundle of newspaper returns.

PUTFORD – fuel additive, chainsaw and a battery charger were stolen and damage caused to padlock and hasp lock to shed.

Speeding in our villages

As a result of numerous speed surveys, recordings and the number of tickets issued within our rural villages it has been decided that Holsworthy Police Station is going to try and implement a Speedwatch scheme.

Speedwatch is a scheme that is designed to help us and you as the general public to have a greater impact on reducing speed where you live. We are looking for volunteers within our villages of all age groups, especially people who may not be involved in other community groups that would be prepared to come out with us.

You will be provided with half a days training on the use of a radar speed detection gun.

Any volunteers will be required to have an advanced security check, which will be paid for by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. If this is something you think you might be interested in and would like to find out more information on how Speedwatch works and what is involved with no obligation please contact me on 01409 259461 or email

Beverley.harvey2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Some useful websites for children and young people to view

Devon and Cornwall Police young persons websites,
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From Wendy van Winden, Penbode Veterinary Group, Holsworthy.

Biosecurity

Neospora

Dogs that eat raw meat or those who have access to cattle afterbirths are a danger to themselves, to their offspring and to cattle. The consequences are not pleasant for the animals themselves nor for the dog owners and farmers.

Echinococcus

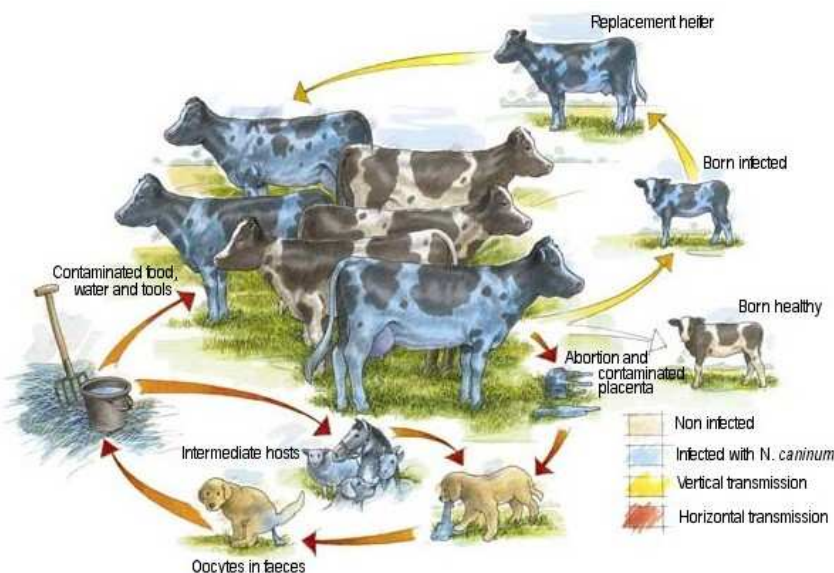
Another parasite that dogs can pick up from sheep or cattle carcasses is *Echinococcus granulosus* - a tapeworm. Infected dogs will produce eggs in their faeces, which can affect sheep (in particular) and cattle that graze the fields where the dog has done his business. This parasite will cause the formation of cysts inside the sheep or cow. You can also pick up the eggs when a dog licks your face, and you ingest some eggs!! Fortunately, human infections have become rare. The South West is not a UK hotspot for Echinococcosis (these are in Wales and the Western Isles of Scotland), however, we don't want it to become a hotspot either! Best advice is to keep up to date with your dog's worm treatment (monthly), keep your dog away from animal carcasses or other untreated raw meat, and be aware of personal hygiene.

If you are fortunate enough to have permission to walk across farm land then you should take the same measures as if you were walking in a public place. Make sure that your dog does not foul the countryside – bury the dog's faeces or bag it up and dispose of it sensibly.

Sheep & cattle worrying

A last note to make is to keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on his or her obedience. A dog must not scare cattle or sheep, as this can cause abortions and general upset. Unfortunately on occasions vets do get called out to stitch up and euthanize sheep that have been attacked by a dog. Beware of walking in cow fields with dogs, especially if there are calves as well. If the cows start to approach you, let your dog go; do not keep hold of it as you run the risk of getting trampled.

Hopefully, this information will help you to enjoy the countryside responsibly and with due regard to the animals who live there.



MILTON DAMEREL SKITTLES TEAMS

Milton Damerel Mens Skittles team played well again. The A team won the League Cup for the highest points in Division One and also the A/B teams won the Aggregate Cup for the 1st Division. Geoff Huxtable won the W. Old Cup for highest individual average and also the B. Palmer Cup for the highest individual away score (92). Colin Larkworthy, John Rogers and Ivor Gifford qualified to play in the Devon County Team. The team won the Westaway Cup in a knockout competition and also were runners up in the Launcells Cup.

The Ladies team unfortunately were relegated to Division Two by just 2 points. The A team played well, but the B team took the Wooden Spoon by being at the bottom. (Again) We affectionally call ourselves the 'Bookends'. Margaret Fishleigh (A team) won the Frank Moore Cup for getting the Highest away score 87 in the league, with a 27 spare at Holsworthy Football Ground. Shirley Grills (A team) also had a 27 spare on our home alley.

Thornbury Men now play on Milton Damerel Alley and are in division three. They did not win any trophies this season.

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

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

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
"Every Other Evening"	Thursday, 17 th – 19 th September Thursday, 24 th – 26 th September @ 7.30pm	H.A.T.S Theatre, Holsworthy Tel: 01409 253826 www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk
The Caucasian Chalk Circle by Berthold Brecht Plough Community Theatre	Thursday, 1 st - Saturday, 3 rd October @ 7.30pm	The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.plough-arts.org
The Tempest By Platform 4 Theatre	Thursday, 6 th October @ 8pm	
For One Afternoon Only Afternoon Tea with Rod Pudner, his trousers and friends	Sunday, 11 th October @ 3pm	
Storytelling: Diwali – Stories from the Ramayana – Vayu Naidu	Saturday, 18 th October @ 8pm Also a Workshop from 10.30am – 1pm	
Lunch & Jazz Neil Maya Quartet	Sunday, 25 th October @ 1.30pm, Lunch from 12noon.	
Folk music: Waterson—Carthy	Sunday, 25 th October @ 7.30pm	
Talk: The Real 'Q' of World War Two by Brian Fraser-Smith, about his father, Charles.	Thursday, 29 th October @ 7pm	
Poetry: An evening with Pam Ayres	Thursday, 1 st December @ 7.30pm	
Art Exhibitions:		
Photographic Competition & Exhibition 'Wild' 'Devon Buildings' 'People'	Friday 4 th – Saturday, 26 th September Special Award for under 16s	
Open Drawing Competition	Friday, 2 nd – Saturday, 31 st October	
"Part Time – "HUH" An exhibition by mature students - Fine Arts, Ceramics & Illustration	Friday, 6 th – Saturday, 28 th November	
Original Gifts for Christmas Exhibition	Friday, 4 th – Wednesday, 30 th December	
Workshops:		
Creative Textiles – Mixed Media With Jill Denton	Wednesday, 16 th September 10am – 3pm	
Watercolour Painting with Colin Allbrook	Saturday, 19 th September 10am – 4pm	
Millinery Workshop with Jilly Collins	Friday, 25 th & Saturday, 26 th September 10am – 4pm	
Fun with Felt with Jill Denton	Saturday, 26 th September 10am – 4pm	
Creative Drawing Workshop with Sandy Brown (14years +)	Saturday, 10 th October 10am – 4pm	
Creative Textiles – Batik with Jill Denton	Wednesday, 14 th October 10am – 3pm	
Watercolour Painting with Ian Hudson	Saturday, 7 th November 10am – 4pm	
Creative Textiles – Rag-rugging with Jill Denton	Wednesday, 18 th November 10am – 3pm	
Nutcracker – Moscow Ballet	Friday, 9 th October @ 7.45pm Saturday, 10 th October @ 2.45 & 7.45pm	Queen's Hall Theatre, Barnstaple www.northdevontheatres.org.uk
Sooty in Space	Wednesday, 28 th October @ 1pm & 4pm	
S4K's Macbeth by Shakespeare 4 Kidz	Tuesday, 3 rd November @ 1.30 & 7.30pm Wednesday, 4 th November @ 10am & 1.30pm	
Cinderella (pantomime)	Thursday, 10 th December – 3 rd January 2010 .. most days – contact box office.	

What's on Diary

Coffee Morning - Abbotts Bickington
 Childrens Drop in and Play, Parish Hall
 MD Garden Show
 Coffee Morning for St. Peters Church
 Parish Hall AGM
 Skittles Fun Night
 Holsworthy Motor club drive past
 Harvest Festival St. Peters Church
 Harvest Songs of Praise St. Peters Church
 Big South West Cream Tea Milton School house
 Tea & Cake afternoon
 Grand Opening new Kitchen, Parish Hall
 Harvest Festival - St James
 Harvest Festival Holy Trinity
 Harvest Festival Methodist Church
 Bring & Share buffet Supper Methodist Church
 African Evening - Black Torrington
 Whist Drive
 Beetle Drive
 Wine and Wisdon
 Cedars Big Band
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Regular Events

Line dancing
 MD & District over 60's Club
 Needlework
 Coffee, cake and company, Shebbear
 Shebbear Circuit Choir

Tuesdays 7-9pm
 1st Tuesday of each month
 Monday afternoons 1.30pm
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 Tuesdays 7.30 -9pm

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