

**Milton Damerel Scarecrow Competition**  
**Winners.**

**Best Overall.**

Nicola, Lucy, Marie & Adam Poole.

**Highly Commended.**

Roberta Jackson. Pendle the witch.

**Most Creative.**

The Fairbrother's Family, "Done scaring gone fishing."

**Most Comical.**

E & C Pett, Grandson & Friend. "Easy Rider"



**A big**  
**Thankyou**  
**to every-one that entered.**

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



# Milton Damerel Parish Council

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There seems to have been lots going on for the Parish Council over the last few months. Firstly on September the 22nd we held the first Community Plan meeting. This was well attended by parishioners, many of which volunteered their involvement in the development of a parish plan. We look forward to the next meeting which will be on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>. (see separate article).

Some of you may have noticed the presence of the police in the village with a speed camera. They are in the process of carrying out an assessment of traffic speed. The results will be fed back to the parish council along with any recommendations when this is complete.

On 30th September some members of the parish council and parishioners gave their time to walk some of the parish footpaths. Observations such as missing bridge handrails were noted and Devon County Council have now been informed. We have to thank Roberta Jackson for her excellent work in identifying grid references for the things that need attention. This saved me an enormous amount of work. We were lucky that the rain managed to stay away until the very end making it a walk that I enjoyed and I am sure everyone else did too. It is proposed that we walk the rest of the footpaths on another date.

In October Councillor Shadrack attended our meeting to discuss the issue of 'sustainability of the village' and affordable housing. This was interesting and enlightening and gave us all a better understanding of the implications of the Torridge District Council Area Plan.

During the last month few months I have been reviewing my commitments and as a result I have decided to resign from the position of clerk to the Parish Council. It is a role that I have enjoyed over the years as I have learnt a lot about the village and had the opportunity to meet many parishioners. I wrote my resignation and gave this to the chairman at the October meeting. I have agreed to continue to the end of November. (see advert for clerks post).

Planning applications have been received for the following.

Town Farm office development

Town Farm. 8 houses

Town Farm Removal of hedge

Venn Farm. Farm building

Blackberry Farm. Farm building

Blackberry farm. Agricultural workers dwelling

West Wonford Farm

Clerk

Anne Binns

## Community Plan Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September

All members of the parish council would like to thank everyone who found the time to attend the public meeting held in the parish hall. It was good to see such a good turnout for a small village and nice to know that so many of you are interested in being involved in the development of a Community Plan for Milton Damerel. We would also like to thank Ali Boyd from Devon County Council for her support and information relating to the Community Plan process.

It was clear that Milton Damerel would benefit from having a Community Plan and volunteers were asked to put their names forward to form a steering committee. Eleven people volunteered and this included members of the parish council. This is a promising start. It is hoped that the steering committee plus any other people who wish to be involved, will be able to attend a further meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 in the parish hall. Please make a note in your diaries!

For any further information about the Parish plan please do not hesitate to contact any of the parish councillors.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mark & Kay Bellew of Abbots Bickington on the birth of Ellen Pamela, sister for Bethany, Annabel & George

To Marie Sanders of Chapel Cottage on her 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006

To Suzie McGeorge of Ley Farm on achieving 11 GCSEs at A\* and A grades ...and on her successes in

the Senior Open Class section at the UK Inter Schools One Day Event Championships

To Vicky Pett of Grumbles, Haytown, on being selected for Exeter Ladies Football team, after 2 trials

To Major Christian Fortey & Hannah Lawes on their recent marriage. Hannah is the daughter of Lt Col and Mrs Roger Lawes of East Wonford

To David Taylor of Higher Grawley on celebrating his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on 6<sup>th</sup> October

To Nicky Martin & Steve Cleave of Gidcott Cross on the birth of Holly, sister for Sam and Jake

To Gill Piper of Field View on her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> November

*"Thankyou from all your neighbours for the wonderful fireworks!"*



### GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

#### *Good-bye and best wishes to:*

Baggs Family who have moved from Head Weir

Janet Campion who has moved from Arden, Venn Green

Trudi and Dean who have moved from Heddon Moor Cottages

#### *A warm welcome to*

Tim & Jo Millard, Ciaran, Alex, Joseph, Sean and Rocco who have moved into Head Weir

Bill & Emma Lomas who moved into Kites Cottage. Bill is an equine dentist.

Tony & Collette Raymond and family who have moved into Arden, Venn Green

Walter & Shirley Elkins, Kerry, Paul, Debbie, Lenni, Molly and Naomi who have moved into 2 Heddon Moor Cottages

Steve & Nicola Quinlan, Jake, Blaine and Charlie who have moved into 2, Downs View, Venn Green

## Parish Footpath Walk

On the afternoon of the 30<sup>th</sup> September a small group of parishioners and parish council members set out from the parish hall to walk some of the footpaths in the village. The purpose was to take observations of any work that was required. Not all of the footpaths were walked. It is proposed that the remaining ones will be walked on another day. It was noted that two of the footpath signs were lying on the ground having rotted off at the base and the handrail beside one of the footbridges was broken. These along with other observations have been reported to Devon County Council in the hope that we will get repairs carried out.

I am sure that everyone who attended enjoyed the walk. It was an opportunity to walk the dog and enjoy some good company. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us on future walks.

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## Youth & Family News

Milton Damerel Youth Club has had a Makeover!

We now have two Youth Clubs; one for 9-16 year olds, and the other "Milton Monsters" for 5-9 year olds.

So far the 9-16 year olds have had two trips; the first in October to Harlequins at Bude for 10-pin Bowling, November's outing was to the cinema at Poundstock to see "The Devil Wears Prada". The last trip of the year will be on **23<sup>rd</sup> November to the Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, to see "The King & I".**

### Milton Monsters

Our first evening was a great success. The children were invited to bring a plate of party food. They made bouncing bats for Halloween, had their tea, played games and finished off with a quick game of football. The programme up to Christmas is:

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Fun Football with Vicky, Cooking, Crafts from 5 – 6.30pm

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Tree Festival at Lake Methodist Church, Shebbear from 4.30pm

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Come and make a Christingle, food and carols from 5pm to 6.30pm

We then break for Christmas and then a new programme will be arranged and distributed in the New Year.

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December

Thank you to all parents & Lizz (youth worker) for help with driving, etc., and all the young people supporting us in this new venture.

For any more information please ring Tracy (01409-261501) or Sheila (01409-261466)

## *Happy Christmas & New Year to all children and parents!*

### Ecumenical Youth Project Update from Lizz Prangle

Nearly three months have passed since the welcoming celebrations back in August. Although it feels like no time has passed since then, it also seems like the summer is a distant memory. My first three months working for the project have been a joy. Everyone has been truly welcoming and many of the anticipated difficulties have proved to be much simpler than expected.

Probably two of the most exciting developments of the work so far have been the trip to see Delirious and the plans for the needs analysis.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October the project took 45 people to see Delirious, a Christian band playing in Exeter. For most of the young people that went the concert was not only the first 'gig' they had ever been to but the first time they had seen so many Christians gathered in one place. Everyone I spoke to seemed to have a fantastic time, although it was a very late night. This event is just the first of many that I hope the project will be able to organize in order to bring young people from all over the area together to experience new and exciting forms of Christianity.

A major part of my job in these early months has been about discovering the type of activities and opportunities young people of the area actually want through a needs analysis. As a result of a meeting with Abbey Durrans, the youth worker for Torrington Youth Service, it is hoped that this needs analysis will be done in partnership with the Youth Services which will not only give the needs analysis a good reputation it will also add weight to the results we may find. This is a major encouragement for the project and will hopefully be the first step in creating good working relationships with many different youth work agencies in the area.

If anyone has any feedback on any work the project is involved with or has ideas of new work the project could be involved with please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone on 0560-2521090 or email me at [shebbearyouth@btinternet.com](mailto:shebbearyouth@btinternet.com). Please also see the Web site: [www.shebbearyouth.org.uk](http://www.shebbearyouth.org.uk), which is being developed. Finally, thank you all for your support and prayers

### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

#### NORTH DEVON PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER @ 7.00PM**

Following 3 weeks of competition an outstanding selection of dancers, singers, musicians and actors will be performing. Also presentation of awards.

Under 16 years £3.50; All seats £7.00

### PANTOMINE @ THE QUEEN'S HALL, BARNSTAPLE

This season's Pantomime,

**"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"** starts on THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> December and continues until SUNDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Two performances daily.

For more details, tel: 01271-324242

### THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE

## Original Gifts

**For Christmas from  
Around the World**

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup>  
December**

Sneak preview with mulled wine and festive music –

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm

## Christmas tree wordsearch

Read the Christmas story below and then find the bold words in our Christmas tree wordsearch

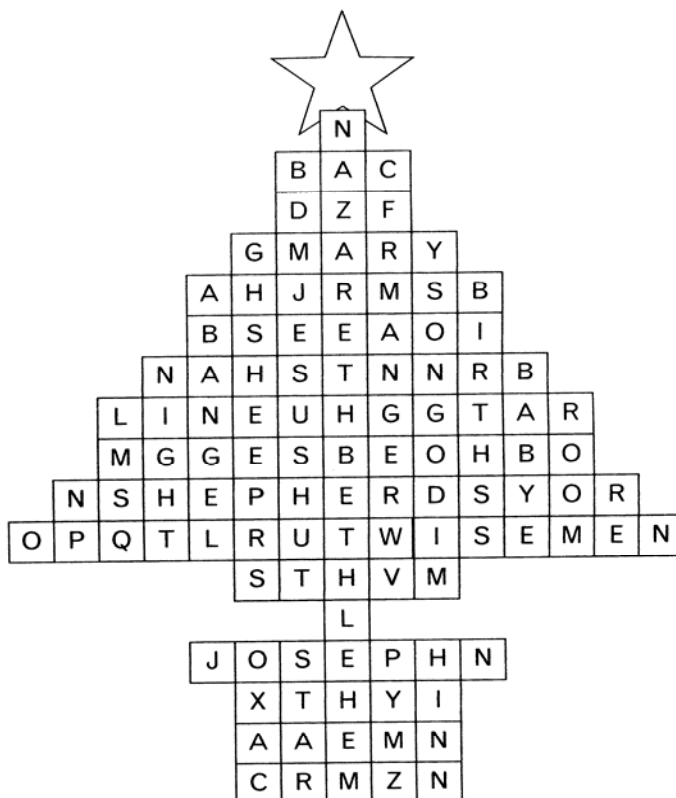
Mary and Joseph travelled all the way from their home in **Nazareth** to **Bethlehem** to be registered for the King's head count. Mary was expecting a very important **baby**. An **angel** had told her that this baby would be the **Son of God**.

Mary and Joseph couldn't find a **room** anywhere in Bethlehem, but an innkeeper let them stay in the stable at the back of his **inn** and this is where Mary gave birth to baby **Jesus**.

That **night**, in the fields near Bethlehem, some **shepherds** were watching their **sheep**. Suddenly an angel appeared to them and told them about the **birth** of this special baby. The shepherds rushed into town to see Jesus. They found him in a stable, lying in a **manger**, just as the angel had told them.

Later some **wise men** followed a new **star** and travelled a long way to come and worship Jesus.

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



Seen Santa?

Count how many there are in this newsletter and let us know by December 15th to be entered into a draw.

1st out of the hat will win £10.

Email your guess along with your name (1 entry per person) to ...

santa@miltondamerel.com or by post to either

Chapel View or Rosemead.

Only those that believe in Santa may enter!!!



Best overall awarded to Nicola, Lucy, Marie & Adam Poole  
Scarecrow Overall Winner

### HOLSWORTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES THURSDAYS FROM 1.00 – 3.00PM AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November: WOODEN HANGINGS

Create your own festive designs in wood. Decorate with acrylic paint, adorn with bells and ribbon

7<sup>th</sup> December: WILLOW WORK

Decorate our homes with garlands of hedgerow finds, with the addition of sweet smelling herbs and spices

14<sup>th</sup> December: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Make a party hat, listen to a story, meet Father Christmas, come and join in the fun and games

£2.50 per session to include coffee, juice and biscuit.

There is a small charge for materials used by adults

Every-one is welcome .. you don't have to have an under five to join in.. but if you do there's lots of creative and learning activities for them too! We do try to provide a friendly and safe space for work and play, but ultimately the responsibility of children is with the parent/carer .



**Chapel News – December 2006****Newsletter Number Thirty-Nine**

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

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE** – This small group meets on the last Monday afternoon each month 2.30pm till 3.30pm, except every third month, there will be no Monday afternoon meeting but a Saturday coffee morning for Children's Hospice South West. See separate article on funds raised. Future dates:

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** TBA; **December** – no meeting; **January** – TBA, possibly a visit to the new Children's Hospice near Bristol.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEK-END**

The Harvest Week-end proved to be a very enjoyable time for giving thanks for the harvest and for meeting together. The Sunday morning service was inspiring, led by Roy Harris and Jessica Withey from Torrington, and assisted by the young people and members of the congregation. Jessica shared her many talents – playing the keyboard and violin, leading the singing and congregational participation and reciting poems. The young people and members opened the service with carrying in their various items of fruit and vegetables as we sang, “The 10 Gifts of Harvest” to the tune of “The Twelve days of Christmas”. The young people acted a small demonstration on the Parable of the Sower and had prepared visual aids – paintings of fruits which were hung on a wooden cross - to assist Roy with his talk on the Fruits of the Spirit. The bring and share buffet supper was excellent, as always, with a delightful range of “finger” savouries and calorie-laden desserts. Rev David Wheeler led the devotions, with a clear message on the essentialness of faith in God. The sale of produce was admirably conducted by Peter Palmer of Kivells, and concluded with further refreshments for those of “strong constitution”. A very successful week-end raised a total of £611.45. Very grateful thanks for all the help given, the flowers, produce and their arrangement, the supper contributions, and for those who so kindly gave donations towards the funds. Thank you all!

**SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES**

Sunday Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month and Family Services are held on the 4<sup>th</sup>/last Sunday

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Mrs Margaret Knapman** from Langtree

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

**Mr Courtney Drew** from Holsworthy

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**Mrs Christine Forster** from Holsworthy

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Rev “Yemi” Jaiyesimi**, Shebbear College Chaplain

**PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY** – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom; open to all Christians of any denomination.. We will be delighted to welcome along any-one interested in exploring the Bible. Currently we are following a study on Meeting God If any-one wishes for us to pray for them or about local concerns, please feel able to contact one of the Stewards...or even better, come along on a Monday evening.

**Church council** – we have not held a meeting since the last newsletter. The questionnaire replies are being reviewed and analysed and we will report more fully next time. There is still time to give us your reply or views – please contact Sheila Daniel, Lillian Luxton or Grace Millman.

Discussion with Rev David Wheeler “evil in the world” – our apologies that this had to be cancelled, but will be re-arranged for a date in the new year. Please look out for publicity.

**CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN** for the months of December to February

DEC		JAN		FEB	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	7 <sup>th</sup>	Circuit Service	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sheila Daniel
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Valerie Harris	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Mary Carter	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Tracy Dunmore
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Phoebe Overy	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Anne Poole	18 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Gwynneth Johns
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Flowers	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lilian Luxton	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Phyllis Piper
31 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Flowers				

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm** Gospel Special: Stowford Meadow Group with Eric Moore

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Lake Methodist Church** Christmas Tree Festival – see page 17

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11am** United Parish Carol Service at the Methodist Church. **Everyone very welcome to join us for carols and coffee to follow.**

**For further information contact:**

Rev David Wheeler, our Minister on Tel: 281262 (or via the stewards). Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, on Tel: 281321.

**December 19th 2006 7.00pm. Abbots Bickington Church. Candle Lit Christmas Carol Service. Supper afterwards**

## Holy Trinity Parish Church

*Milton Damerel*

Rector: Father Michael Reynolds

Tel: 01409 253435

**Services :** Holy Communion taken by Father Reynolds on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month at 11.30am

Please refer to Chapel News for details of United Parish Carol Service

Thank you to every-one for their support for the Harvest Festival; £102 was raised for Church Funds.

### Mountain Bike Race

Around

Court Barton Farm, Abbots Bickington

**SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**JUNIOR RACE @ 10 AM**

**ADULT RACE @ 11.30AM**

MEET IN FARM YARD; SPECTATORS WELCOME

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### **NEWTON ST. PETROCK**

#### **MALE VOICE CHOIR**

The choir paid it's annual visit to Buckland Brewer Methodist Church in August for a Sankey Evening; they also sang in Bradford Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> September for Bradford Methodist Church Harvest Festival. On 10<sup>th</sup> November they sang at Dolton Baptist Church.

They have been invited to Meeth Church on 6<sup>th</sup> December and will be on home ground at Newton St. Petrock Baptist Church on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

For further details contact the conductor, Mr David Ley. 01805 -601247

Are you having problems reading the Newsletter? Are you visually impaired?

If so, please let us know and we will produce a large format version of this and future newsletters for you.

It was October, and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. He had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood. But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea.

He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded. So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." The Chief again ordered his people to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again.

"Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."



## Pot roast pheasant with sweet corn mash *Rose Haynes*

**Preparation time 30 mins to 1 hour    Cooking time 1 to 2 hours**

### Ingredients for the pot roast

15g/½oz butter  
1 tbsp sunflower oil  
2 pheasants, plucked, gutted and ready to cook  
1 onion, chopped  
3 garlic cloves, sliced  
500g/1lb 2oz carrots, cut into batons  
4 sprigs fresh tarragon  
150ml/5fl oz dry Riesling wine  
100ml/3½fl oz double cream  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

### For the mash

200-250ml/7-9floz milk  
1-2 generous pinches saffron  
1.2kg/2lb 11oz large baking potatoes, baked until cooked through  
45g/1½oz butter  
180g/6½oz sweet corn, cooked  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method

1. For the pot roast, place a flameproof casserole large enough to take the pheasants and all the carrots over a high heat. Add the butter and the oil and melt together.
2. Add the pheasant and fry, turning regularly, until golden-brown all over, then remove from the casserole and set aside.
3. Reduce the heat, then stir the onion and garlic into the fat and fry gently for 3-4 minutes, or until tender.
4. Add the carrots and tarragon and stir around for 4-5 minutes, then return the pheasant to the pot, nestling it breast-side down in among the carrots.
5. Pour over the Riesling and season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
6. Bring up to the boil, then cover with a tight-fitting lid. Turn the heat down low and leave to cook gently for one hour, turning the pheasants over after 30 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, for the mash, place the milk into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, add the saffron and set aside to infuse.
8. Cut the baked potatoes in half and scoop the flesh out into a clean saucepan. Add the butter and salt, to taste, and place over a low heat.
9. Gradually add the saffron milk, mashing continuously. Stop and assess the texture - if you prefer your mash softer and runnier then add more milk.
10. Add the sweet corn and season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
11. To finish the pot roast, check that the pheasant is tender and cooked through, then lift out onto a serving plate and keep warm.
12. Add the cream to the casserole and simmer for two minutes. Season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
13. Spoon the sauce around the pheasants and serve the mash alongside.

**Do you need a gardener or  
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**A quiz for those who know it all.  
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- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic is named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

### **Little Derworthy**

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welcome two new  
members - Terry  
Fairbrother, who  
brings much needed  
IT skills to the  
team, and Lesley  
Self, who will add  
to the regular  
contributors and  
news team.



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Please contact -

Ann Boyes, Karldavian, Milton Damerel. Tel: 261298

## Milton Damerel .. 50 years on continued

*The publication "Milton Damerel – 50 years on" was written in 1951 by Seymour Marks on behalf of the Parish Council, is set out below in original text, ... now updated in 2006 for the Parish Newsletter, additions in bold italic text --- and following the evening community walk from Chapman's Green to Milton Town, including the Parish and Methodist Churches.... Second instalment of walk included in last edition....*

### **What was a manor? What were the functions of a lord of the manor?**

A thousand years ago the Saxons had settled in small communities all over Devon, and three of them had been established in the area now known as Milton Damerel. One was at Gidescotta, the farm or cott of a man named Gidde, one was at Mideltona, or Middle Town, and the third was at Wonforda, the ford suitable for heavy wagons. The three places are now known respectively as Gidcott, Milton Town and West Wonford. In 1066 William the Norman conquered England, and to recompense the knights who had fought for him at the Battle of Hastings, he allotted a number of the Saxon communities to each of them. He granted to Robert de Alba Marla the two manors, as they were henceforth to be called, of Milton and Gidcott, as well as thirteen other manors in Devonshire.

To Ruald Adobed he granted West Wonford, together with twenty-eight other manors in the same county. Ruald soon after entered the Church and resigned his land back to the King, with the exception of the Church manor of Poughill, which he gave with himself to St. Nicholas Priory. Robert retained his manors, and gave his name, altered in course of time to Albemarle and thence to Damerel, to the parish.

In return for the grant of manors, contributions of money and men had to be made by the lord to the King. The lord, therefore, had to organize each manor granted to him in such a way that his obligations could be fulfilled. There are both freemen and serfs cultivating and managing the land, and to settle the business of the estate, questions of land cultivation and ownership, petty offences, and all sorts of minor problems, meetings of the freemen were at the manor house with the lord or his bailiff presiding.

More important matters and more serious offences were dealt with at meetings called "Hundreds", held in various parts of the county, Black Torrington being the meeting-place for matters arising in Milton Damerel. The parish is still described as being in the Hundred of Black Torrington, though now it has no practical significance.

The manors remained in the family of the Damerels until the time of Edward II. In 1293 the second Hugh Courteney was declared heir on the death of the Countess of Albemarle, and he, in 1335, was authorized to assume the name of earl of Devon, and became possessed of the estates of the Damerels and the Lord of the Manor of, among others, Milton Damerel. The Lord as well as the Church collected produce, mainly barley, from the cultivators of the land, and this was stored in farm buildings now known as "bartons", derived from a word meaning barley. It is because the Church tithes continued long after the Lord ceased to receive such goods that the barton is now supposed to be exclusively associated with the Church.

Pass the south door of the church the path leads to an iron gate, on the other side of which is open ground. This was once the village green which had a pound for straying animals, and a public well. It was only in 1896 that Richard Baker, the tenant of own Farm, persuaded the agent of Lord Stanhope to allow him to enclose the green and include the land in his own estate. On the other side of the green is Brayley's Cottage, the home for many years of Amos Brayley, the well-loved schoolmaster. Nearby were two other cottages, which have now disappeared.

Why have so many cottages throughout the parish that existed in 1849 disappeared? Why has the population decreased? In 1841 there were 813 inhabitants in the parish, in 1851 734, slowly dropping until at the last census to date they had dropped to 427.

To the right of the present entrance to the churchyard is a barn, the site of almshouses that finally disappeared some fifty years ago. The big house opposite might easily be mistaken for the rectory, but it was built in the 1870s by Richard Baker. A workman's cottage adjoins.

***The last census in 2001 recorded 167 households for the parish.***

### **We still have the Chapel to visit.**

The Bible Christians were instituted in 1815 at Shebbear by William O'Bryan, who was expelled from the Wesleyans on grounds of insubordination in connection with his evangelical activities. For some time his followers, calling themselves Bryanites, met in cottages and places like Milton Mill for their religious gatherings. In 1818 they formed themselves into an organized body under the name of the Bible Christians. Samuel Glover, a grandfather of Norman Hancock, and a carpenter in Milton Town, had much to do with the formation of a group of followers in the parish, as a result of which he suffered greatly in his business. About the 1830s a small chapel was built on the site, it is said, of a house in which cider was brewed. This chapel is now the Primary School, although the Chapel Trustees retain the right to allow its use for purposes authorized by them. In front

of the chapel a strip of land was reserved for burials, the first to be interred being Elizabeth Ann, the wife of Amos Brayley; this was in 1876. Samuel Glover, who had done so much for the chapel, was the second to be buried here, in 1880, he then being in his ninety-second year.

In 1891 the present chapel was erected, and the burial ground extended, further ground for which was added in 1949.

The chapel has seating space for about two hundred persons. It is centrally heated, and is lit by acetylene installed in 1949.

The four windows on the south side were given by Lucy Vivian in memory of her husband, James Vivian, in 1929. On the north wall is a tablet to the memory of Lucy Ann Baker, who died in 1909. The only other wall tablet is to the memory of four young men of the parish who were killed in the 1914-18 wars.

In September, 1907, a conference was held at Wesley's Chapel in London at which the Methodist New Connexion, the Bible Christians and the united Methodist Free Church, joined hands under the name of the United Methodist Church, and in September, 1932, at the Royal Albert Hall, they were joined by the Wesleyan Methodists and the Primitive Methodists.

Associated with the Chapel is the guild of Young People, which meets once a week during the winter.

Services are held at 11 and 6.30 every Sunday, and there is a Sunday School in the afternoon.

### A word about the school.

Under the Education Act of 1944 it is now confined to infants and juniors under 11 years of age, after which they attend a secondary school, which may be either a modern school at Holsworthy, to which they are taken by bus, a grammar school at Barnstaple, or a technical school at Crediton. At this moment (March) there are 31 scholars, 15 infants under 7, and 16 up to 11. In addition to the formal subjects, craft work plays a large part in training. School broadcasts are heard through an excellent receiver. Close contact is kept with parents by means of open days and personal visits. There is a completely equipped kitchen for school meals, taken by all the children and the staff.

The headmistress is also responsible for the County Library, which is open every other Thursday afternoon. Ticket-holders are free to exchange books at Holsworthy County Library, equipped in modern fashion, and open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

*In 2006, chapel services are held at 11am and the Sunday Club also meets at the same time. The guild ceased several years ago, but a Youth Club was re-started in 1992 and has attracted young people from many neighbouring parishes. There is a weekly Prayer & Bible Study Group and a monthly Friendship Club.*

*The infants school was closed in 1972, children now travel to Bradworthy School. Bradford School still admits children from the eastern side of the parish. With the abolition of secondary, technical and grammar school designations, at age 11 children move on to Holsworthy Community College, and at age 16 some attend North Devon College. A mobile library unit visits the village and the library remains at Holsworthy.*

### Don't Talk To My Parrot

Vera's washing machine stopped working so she called the repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman; "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the washing machine, leave the bill on the work-top, and I'll post you the cheque."

"Oh by the way don't worry about the rottweiler, he won't bother you. BUT, whatever you do, DO NOT under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!"

"I REPEAT, DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

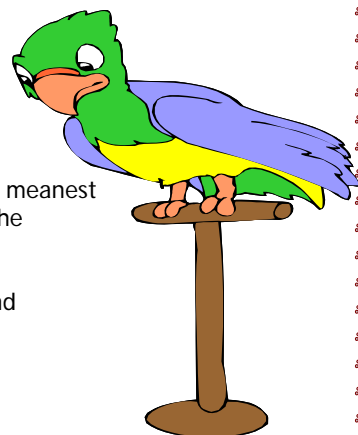
When the repairman arrived at Vera's house the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking rottweiler he has ever seen. but, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the Carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling.

Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied,

"Get him, Spike!"



## Another new initiative in Milton Damerel.....

### Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The public meeting, on 17<sup>th</sup> October, was supported by residents from various parts of the parish and PCSO Raquel Rowe explained how a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme worked together with the benefits for both the community and the police. Whilst we are fortunate to live in one of the safest areas of the country, crime does unfortunately still arise from time to time and a Watch scheme can play a vital role in helping to provide the police with information. From the resident's prospective a registered Watch scheme does have a number of benefits:

- tend to deter criminal activity in the area
- help and reassure people who might be in fear of crime
- encourage neighbourly communities
- can usually assist in a reduction to household insurance premiums

Neighbourhood Watch schemes, whilst supported by the police, are not run by them but by the community through a voluntary co-ordinator who is usually a resident of the area. It was generally felt that it would be good for the parish to run a watch and to get the schemes up and running in the Strawberry Bank and Venn Green areas. Roger Copp of Beeches and Mike Jackson of Westfields have agreed to be the co-ordinators for their respective areas. It is also hoped that other parts of the parish can also be brought into the scheme and eventually include the whole of the area. As the scheme is run by the community, it is not funded by the police but it is not proposed at this stage to be charging a membership subscription. The only outlays requiring expenditure would be the occasional hiring of a venue for meetings and the purchase of street notices if these are thought to be beneficial, both of which can be financed at a nominal cost per household. Whilst a number of people have already signed up to the scheme, the more households involved the better a scheme normally works. As the next step, the two co-ordinators will be contacting residents in their areas to request support for the scheme but in the meantime anybody requiring further information can contact:

Mike Jackson, Westfields, Venn Green – Tel: 261196  
 Roger Copp, Beeches, Strawberry Bank – Tel: 261681  
 PCSO Rowe, - tel: 07881 492645



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## ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs
- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange

## PUTFORD W I

The W.I. held their September meeting in the Methodist Chapel hall; our guest speaker for the evening was Lyn Hull and her helpers, who gave a very enjoyable demonstration of belly dancing. Some of our members had a go, with some hilarity. Competition winners for the prettiest scarf were: Joint First – Kath Stevens and Mary Martin. The guest speaker for the October meeting was Mrs Iris Wood who gave a demonstration of sewn greetings cards, which was enjoyed by all. Lorna Dawe.



From Thornbury .....

"Thank you to everyone who supported our Wine & Wisdom at Bradford Hall, we raised £551 for St Peters Church, Thornbury and thanks as well to all those who supported the Craft & Food Fayre, when we raised a further £441."

## CAB Advice Columns:

**Q.** I have been passed over for a promotion at work in favour of a younger colleague with less experience. I believe I am well qualified to do this job, but my bosses think I am too old – I'm 55. Do I just have to accept that youth is a more attractive quality than experience in today's job market?

**A.** From 1 October, an employer will no longer be allowed to discriminate against you because of your age. New rules will come into force, making it illegal to treat you less favourably than others or to set conditions or ways of working that disadvantage you because of your age. The new rules will cover all paid workers except for members of the armed forces. They will apply to recruitment, terms and conditions, promotions, transfers, dismissals and training. The new rules will mean that:

An employer must not discriminate against you, harass or victimise you because of your age

If an employer discriminates against you because of your age, you will be able to make a complaint to an employment tribunal

Compulsory retirement will, in most cases, be illegal before the age of 65

You will have the right to ask to work beyond the age of 65, and your employer must consider your request

There will no longer be any upper or lower age limits for claiming Statutory Sick Pay, Statutory Maternity Pay, Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay.

**Q.** I've had all sorts of problems with tax credit payments and have found myself in debt as a result. Is it true that there are changes coming in that might stop this happening in future?

**A.** Yes, the government has admitted that changes are needed to try and prevent tax credit overpayments resulting in hardship and debt for thousands of families when the Revenue tries to claw the money back. Some of these have already come in to force, with others due to start later this year or next year. From April 2006, the amount by which your income can increase before affecting your entitlement to tax credits went up tenfold – from £2,500 to £25,000. From November 2006 there will be a limit to the cuts that can be made to tax credit payments in order to recover overpayments. But also from November 2006, you will be responsible for reporting more changes in circumstances to HMRC, and from April 2007 the time you have to do this will be cut from the current three months to only one month. For more detailed information on tax credits and how to sort out problems caused by overpayments, and for contact details of your nearest bureau, go to the Citizens Advice website [www.advice.org.uk](http://www.advice.org.uk)



## My Adventure to Viet-Nam

Written by Niggy (Anita Southey)

Inspired by God

### Part 3.: Vuong – my sponsored child.

In my hotel room I prepared for my great awaited day, my visit to Vuong. I sorted the gifts that I had brought with me, some of which had been donated by friends. Had breakfast (mostly exotic fruit, toast, juice and tea). 8.30am on the dot my transport and translator arrived. He smiled and gave me a hearty laugh as he helped load all the gifts.

We stopped off at the Bac-Giang field office of Plan International where we had tea and collected Miss Moon. Vuong's province of Bac-Giang is approximately 75 km NE of Hanoi and his actual village another 30km inland, almost into China. When we arrived at the edge of Vuong's village Miss Moon told us that from there we would need to walk. The road to the village was more of a single track footpath. We stopped at a large wooden hut used as a meeting place for the officials of the village who work with "Plan" to implement each project in their village. Then, O Joy, we were at Vuong's home. Vuong is a truly lovely boy. I gave him a great big hug and got the same back, but oh how thin he was and very shy. I was delighted when Vuong's mother threw her arms around me, which I immediately reciprocated. This is not normal practice in their culture.

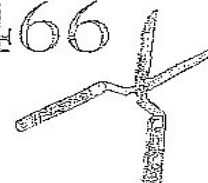
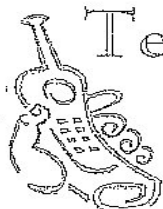
Vuong's mother, Hai (pronounced H-eye) was a very beautiful lady. I myself am 5ft and ½ in tall. Hai was about 4ft 10in, and as you can see from the photos Vuong is very small for a 13 year old. Vuong proudly showed me their one pig and their cow. He was also very proud of their well although the water is not fit for drinking. They also have what they call a private latrine. This is on the outside of a walled yard and it consists of a squared U shape, a slab of concrete with a hole in it, no flush, no paper and nowhere to wash your hands. I asked Miss Moon how Vuong had been chosen for me to sponsor. She told me that they choose the poorest province and then the poorest village in the province and then the families, one of which was Vuong's family. She went on to say that of all the children sponsored in the village, around ten in all, Vuong's family was the poorest. Vuong's home is approximately 20ft long by 12 ft wide. There are no windows as such, no electricity. The cooking area runs alongside, rather like an open stable. The photo where Vuong is squatting with the puppy is the kitchen. Vuong only sees his father twice a year as he has to go to South Viet-Nam for work.

Whilst Vuong got ready for his 3 hrs of schooling we went to visit the pre-school. The little ones were having their sleep time. One of the helpers took my hand and we crept to where Vuong's middle brother, Truong, was lying fast asleep. Whilst we were at the pre-school, Vuong's mother came rushing up to me with a beautiful hat. My translator explained that she had made it especially for me and that she was so overcome when I was with her at her home she had forgotten to give it to me. I smiled and said "Cam-un (Thank you)". Hai started to cry and so did I. We stood and hugged one another. I told her through my translator that I would try to come again one day. I found that a genuine smile and the right touch spoke volumes, with no need for translation. Hai and I said our goodbyes and we then went on to Vuong's school.

How smart Vuong looked in his black trousers, white shirt and red neckerchief. All the children were immaculate. (I wondered how all the mothers kept their uniforms so clean and pressed as they have no washing machine or iron.) All the children gathered round and one little girl of about ten came up to me, shook my hand and said "Hello, and welcome

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to our school". I managed a "Cam-un", but that was all. With the sponsor's monies they have been able to build the junior/senior school and then the pre-school. The bell rang and the children went to classes. We went up a staircase and to Vuong's classroom. His teacher called him to the front, poor Vuong, he is such a shy boy. I hugged him, said "Goodbye" and "I would try to come again one day". At this point we both started to cry.

I really wish there was somewhere closer to Vuong's village where sponsors could stay so they could have more time with their sponsored child. We went back to the large wooden hut where lunch had been prepared for us. I learned how to use chop sticks. It was then time to go back to the hotel. We arrived back at 7.30pm. I thanked my driver and translator and said goodbye. Back in the hotel I went into the little café which is part of the hotel, ordered a meal and my favourite drink, ice-tea frappe, which consists of green tea, honey and mango juice (delicious).

After I had eaten I went to my room, showered and sat a while reflecting on my day with Vuong and all the things that had happened over the past few days, said my prayers and climbed into bed.

#### Part 4: Love in Action.

On the second day at the hotel I asked God if He might find me a Guardian Angel, which of course He duly did. My angel came in the form of a Danish gentleman whom everyone called Mr Ben, who spoke very good English. It was through Mr Ben that I was able to go to church on the Sunday. He told me that I could go to the English-speaking church, or go along to the Cathedral, where he himself went. The language barriers didn't seem to matter. He also told me that when the choir sang it was truly wonderful, and so it was. It was like the voice of angels. The Cathedral was constructed around 1930 by the French and is predominantly Catholic. It holds over 1,000 people. It was so packed that once all the pews were full seats were placed down both side aisles and the central one. The steps outside were cram packed too. This apparently happens every Sunday. (Praise the Lord!)

When we arrived at the Cathedral Mr Ben explained that single men sat to the left and the ladies to the right. Whilst waiting for the service to begin a young girl of about 16 years old came and sat beside me. She gently touched my arm and in broken English, she asked me if I would mind if she sat there (she seemed to know this phrase by heart). You see she had a growth on the side of her face and down her neck, the size of a water melon. I just held her hand, smiled and said "Jesus loves you as well as me". To my right came a family of grandmother, father, mother, a little boy about 2 years old and a little baby girl about 7 months. We all smiled and I said "Xin-chow" (Hello). Through the service the little boy went off to Sunday School. The little baby became fretful, so mummy breast fed her there and then, which I thought was quite beautiful. There was no embarrassment at all. I just looked and smiled. A little later they were calling people to communion. My little friend, to my left, squeezed my hand, got up and went outside. Then suddenly the grandmother looked at me, smiled and laid the little baby girl in my arms. The little one thankfully was fast asleep. They were gone for about quarter of an hour for communion and I just kept saying "Please Lord, don't let this little baby wake up." I thought if she wakes and sees me I am sure she will scream. Anyway, all was well. The family spoke very good English and thanked me. I said "No! Thank you for the honour and for trusting me with such a precious gift."

As she turned to leave, the grandmother looked me hard in the face and, as best she could, told me that the girl with the growth was a street child and that unless she had an operation soon she would die. When I stepped outside the Cathedral there was Mr Ben waiting to walk me back to the hotel. I told him all that had occurred so we stood on the Cathedral steps and prayed about these matters, giving thanks and asking for guidance.

You may be wondering what happened about my little girl with the growth on her face. Well I had prayed about her constantly and had even tried looking for her. How wise and wonderful our Lord is! Just as my taxi pulled up outside the hotel on the last morning, a young couple were about to jump in, but the doorman said "Sorry, this is Mrs Southey's taxi – already paid for." I heard the girl say "Never catch that flight now." So I asked if they would like to share, and so they did.

It turned out that it was only the young man who was leaving. The young lady worked for a charity helping street children. "Wow!" I said in surprise and told her of my little girl at the Cathedral. I told her that she went there every Sunday and she promised me that she would go and find her and that, because she was a street child, her charity would pay half the money for the operation and that the government would pay the other half. She was an Australian. We didn't have time to exchange addresses as my flight was boarding. She shouted out, "Don't worry, God will help me find her, He brought us together didn't He?" I shouted back, "God bless, I'll just keep praying."

"Thank you God" for such a privilege.

### The Rules—Hers

The FEMALE always makes THE RULES

THE RULES are subject to change at any time without prior notification

No MALE can possibly know all THE RULES

If the FEMALE suspects the MALE knows all THE RULES, she must immediately change some or all of THE RULES

The FEMALE is never wrong

If the FEMALE is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the MALE did or said wrong

The MALE must apologise immediately for causing said misunderstanding

The FEMALE may change her mind at any time

The MALE must never change his mind without the express written consent of the FEMALE

The FEMALE has every right to be angry or upset at any time

The MALE must remain calm at all times, unless the FEMALE wants him to be angry and/or upset

The FEMALE must under no circumstances let the MALE know whether or not she wants him to be angry and/or upset

The MALE is expected to mind read at all times

If the FEMALE has PMT all THE RULES are null and void

The FEMALE is ready when she is ready

The MALE must be ready at all times

Any attempt to document THE RULES could result in bodily harm

The MALE who doesn't abide by THE RULES can't take the heat, lacks backbone, and is a wimp.



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### CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

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**Children's Hospice at Fremington The money was collected during the year at the Friendship Club and three Coffee Mornings held in the Schoolroom. Thanks to every-one who attended any of the events; the last Coffee Morning, with Cream Teas, held in September raised £104.25. "Light up a Life" Christmas services are being held, in support of the Children's Hospice:**

at Holsworthy Methodist Church on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm;

also the same evening at Torrington Methodist Church at 7pm;

at Bideford Pannier Market on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm; and

at Woolsey All Hallows Church on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

Remembrance candles can be purchased directly from Little Bridge House and the Children's Hospice shop in Barnstaple.

The new (second) Children's Hospice will be open to welcome its families in April 2007.

## PARISH HALL NEWS

The parish Hall committee held its A.G.M. on Monday 18th September 2006. All our charges will remain the same with the exception to the hire of tables. For private use it will be £3.00 per table and for business use £5 per table. Charges for the use of the hall can be seen in the notice box on the outside Parish Hall or inside on the notice board.

We decided to become a NON SMOKING hall immediately, in view of the changes being implemented by the government next year.

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 29th September, £44.50 was raised for the Parish Hall.

On a serious note, it has been said that children have been 'playing' on the roof of the Parish Hall. On inspection, it was noted that an outside light had been broken. This is not a safe place to be and it would be appreciated if all parents make their children aware as the situation is being monitored.

Future events:- WHIST DRIVE Saturday 25th November 2006. £1.50 per person. 7:30pm for 8pm

WINE AND WISDOM Friday 1st December 2006. £4.00 per person. Team of 6. Couples and singles welcomed, will make up teams as necessary.

Line Dancing. Tuesdays 7.00pm to 9.00pm. £1.50. Lesley 261 294



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This year's festival looks set to be bigger than ever. Starting on 8<sup>th</sup> December with a free children's party, open at 4.30pm with Fun & Food followed by the opportunity to be the first to see and vote for your favourite trees.

On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, DCF (Disabled Christian Fellowship) meet in the afternoon for their "carols amongst the trees". This event is open to every-one. The Puppet People from Torbay will be making an appearance on Saturday evening.

On Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, the festival will again be open after morning service. In the evening the Circuit Choir will be taking part in the carol service.

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, open from 10am to 6pm

Look out for details of times, etc.

Like to enter a tree? Speak to either Sheila (261466) or David & Freda (who can often be found in their caravanette located in lane by Milton Chapel).

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## SEAT BELTS

FROM THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2006, NEW SEAT BELT LAWS CAME INTO EFFECT UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES (WEARING OF SEATBELTS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2006.

THE KEY POINTS BEING:

- Children up to 12 years and those under 135CM in height travelling in cars or goods vehicles will be required to use an appropriate child car seat or booster seat.
- Taller children and those 12 years and over should use adult seat belts.
- The correct child restraint MUST be used when a child is travelling in the front seat of a vehicle.
- It will now be illegal to use a REARWARD facing child restraint in a vehicle seat protected by an active front airbag.
- Seated passengers aged 14 years and over MUST use seat belts where they are fitted on Coaches, Buses and Minibuses.

There are some specific exemptions to this new legislation. These are:



- Children up to 3 can travel in a taxi unrestrained only if the correct child restraint is not available.
- Children from 3 up to either 135cm in height or 12 years old can use an adult seat belt if the correct child restraint is not available in a taxi;  
or in a vehicle where 2 occupied child restraints prevents the fitment of a third;  
or over a short distance on a journey of unexpected necessity.

Further more detailed guidance can be obtained from your BCU Road Casualty Reduction Officer or through the RoSPA website at  
<http://www.childcarseats.org.uk/law/documents/newlaw06v2.pdf>

PSCO 30103 Beverley Harvey  
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It has been a year since the Milton Damerel Short Mat bowling team had to close down. We are a rural community and this team was a good social point, I would like to try and get it reopened if there is anyone in the parish who would be interested, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Edgar Pett  
01409 261277

#### Weather or Not!

Our local amateur weather watcher has passed on the following colloquial saying for this time of the year....

Frost on November to bear up a duck. Rest of the winter, water and muck

With the early sharp frost this year I wonder if we should prepare for a particularly wet winter?

#### Memories of Milton School

I would really love to record some past memories relating to Milton School days. If you are prepared to tell of your Milton School memories, however ordinary, please contact me. Don't worry I'm prepared to put pen to paper and include them in the newsletter, all I need is for past scholars to be prepared to share their stories!

Many Thanks Sheila Daniel

#### Forget

**Forget the things in life which make you feel unhappy.**

**Forget the days of darkness and despair.**

**Why live again the days of gloom and darkness.**

**When you have memories in your heart you treasure there.**

**Soon you will meet each new tomorrow,**

**Welcome it—and greet it with a smile**

**Know each day is meant for living**

**Treasure life and feel it's all worth while**

Carrie Lovell



#### Bradworthy & District Ploughing Match

was held at Court Barton, Abbots Bickington in September. This annual event, held at different farms in the area, was supported by competitors from all over Devon & Cornwall. Simon Yelland of Holsworthy Beacon won six cups in individual competitions and with his brother, Ian, won the Young Farmers team ploughing competition for the Bradworthy club. Produce is also exhibited and a Challenge Cup given in memory of the late Bill Braunton was awarded to Robert Bentham for the best exhibit in the produce classes. Bill Braunton was the chief steward of the produce section for many years, and also, in his memory, on the day, a cheque for £250 was presented to Macmillan Cancer Support; a further donation will be made once the final total for the day is known.

#### HOLSWORTHY POLICE STATION OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 0800-1100

TUESDAY 1700-2000

WEDNESDAY 0930-1530

THURSDAY 0830-1200

FRIDAY 0900-1200

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