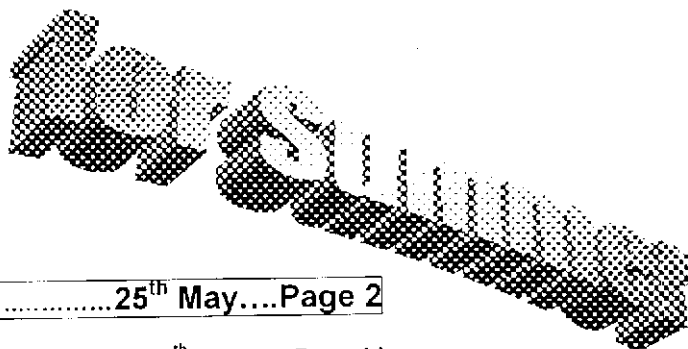


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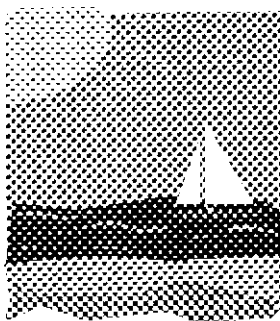
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Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be e-mailed to mdnews@freeuk.com or to any of us individually. Our correspondence address is Chapel View, Milton Damerel, EX22 7PB. We want to hear from you with letters for inclusion, topical issues,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

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

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next edition is Friday 4th August



Annual General Meeting on 25th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Please come along to hear and discuss Wind Turbines and Parish Plans – this is your opportunity to influence the way our village and area develop in the next 5 – 10 years.
We want to hear your views!

Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings have been monthly since the last Newsletter. Members have been busy with particular projects over the last few months. One of these was to represent Milton Damerel at a "Celebrating Holsworthy Parishes" event. This was an exhibition at the Market Hall in Holsworthy and was an opportunity to show what Milton Damerel has got going for it and what the current issues are. Photos of the Christmas Santa and the Snowman competition along with copies of our great Newsletter, which is a substantial publication compared to neighbouring parish newsletters. Other issues were raised, such as the need for a Parish Plan and lack of funding for this. Some grant giving organisations were present and they were able to give some useful advice. We were the only parish that made the effort to attend this event and we were pleased that we did so.

On May 25th it will be our AGM at the Parish Hall. We have invited guest speakers to speak about Parish Planning, and Wind Turbines as it has been proposed that some are erected in West Putford. We would like to encourage as many of you to attend as possible as we want you to be informed about the turbines and be involved in the development of a local plan.

Very unexpectedly Sarah Harper announced that she will be stepping down from the Parish Council at the AGM. This will create another vacancy. Please watch the notice board for details of the vacant post if you are interested in joining us, or contact me directly on 01409 261381.

A few planning applications have been received since the last Newsletter. There are usually a couple to be dealt with at each meeting. New applications have been received for East View Cottage, Woodford Farm, Egg-packing Plant and Higher Venn.

Clerk
Anne Binns

Letter to the Editor

As incomers to Milton Damerel we would like to say how interesting and informative we find the newsletter. The previous owners of our property thoughtfully left a couple of copies and we have also appreciated being able to catch up on back issues on the community web-site. We very much enjoyed the Snowman competition and were anxious to see all the entries. May we suggest, in future, that a list of entries be posted on the notice boards at the week-end of the event to be sure that no entries are overlooked by those interested in seeing them all. Also could all entries remain on display until noon Sunday.

It was great fun for all despite not having any young people in our household; we would consider entering the event should it be held again.

We would also like to endorse the comment from Sarah Harper, in the newspaper, that a Scarecrow festival in the summer would be good.

From ... Mike & Roberta Jackson
Westfields, Venn Green

Editor ... *Thanks for your comments; all very much appreciated. The good news is we hope to repeat the Snowman Competition for the Christmas holidays and will think about the Scarecrows!*



CONGRATULATIONS!

- To Members of the Milton Damerel Skittles Teams for their successes in the Holsworthy & District League
 To Patrick and Diane Stephens, of Venn Green, on the birth of Bronte., a sister for Daniella
 To Rose Haynes on successes with her Hampshire Down rams and ewes at the North Somerset Show
 – two 1st's, a 2nd, a 3rd and 5th prizes.
 To Shirley Webb on her retirement from Holsworthy Hospital and ..
 to Gillian Piper who has been appointed to succeed her.



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Good-bye and best wishes to:

- Rob, Deb, Craig, Carrie & Craig Woodhouse who have moved from White Owl Cottage. Gidcott to Boyton
 Alan Edwards & Sally Williams who have moved from East Wonford Cottage

A warm welcome to:

- Vernon, Donna, Harriet, Fraser & Alex Smith who have moved into Rouse Villa. Fore Street
 Brian, Dana & Caitlin Haydon-Sycamore who have moved into White Owl Cottage. Gidcott

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Mr Bill Braunton** of Sutcombe, who sadly passed away recently. He had been closely associated with Milton Damerel all his life. was brought up and lived in the parish for many years. with family still living here.

SUCCESSSES FOR THE MILTON DAMEREL SKITTLES TEAMS

The Ladies Team A won the cup for the highest away score for the Holsworthy & District Ladies Division 1. In addition, Mandy Walter had the highest average for the league and captained the Devon County Team. Players were Mandy Walter, Chris Cook, Mikaela Cook, Margaret Fishleigh, Rose Millman, Shirley Grills, Judith Nicholls, and Sally Nicholls.
 The Ladies Team B won the Wooden Spoon.
Congratulations to all of you!

The Mens Team A were the winners of the league Holsworthy & District Mens Division 1; they also won the Westaway Cup (for "knock-out"). Geoff Huxtable won the W. Old Cup for the highest individual average score in the league for the season; and four of the team – John Rogers, Colin Larkworthy, Geoff Huxtable & Ivor Gifford – played for the Devon County side. Other members of the "A" team are Bill Soby, Ron Ellacott, Mike Bridgman, and occasionally supported by Richard Mills & Roger Vanstone.
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YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

The Youth Club

Highlights of Youth Club this Spring have been a trip out Climbing, when club members and friends (about 16) had a great evening at Whalesborough Farm. Lesley and her line dancers came along to the schoolroom to put club members through their paces. Everyone looked like they really enjoyed it!!

We had lovely weather for the Annual Treasure Hunt and were pleased to welcome a new family. We walked from Woodford to Haytown and were grateful for the hot dogs and burgers prepared by Jackie at the end. It seemed a very long way across country following the river up through the woods, the scenery was superb, the muscles given a thorough work-out! **Tina and Harriet were winners of the Treasure Hunt.**

Youth Club finishes for the summer break on 28th July with the Annual Beach Party. We will re-convene in September and hopefully meet with our new full-time Youth Worker, Lizz Prangle, to gauge interest on the future of the club as numbers are sometimes quite low and members are getting older, with exams to study for, etc.

The programme for June & July:

When	What	Where	Parent helpers	Please note;
Friday, 9 th June th	Skittles	Milton Parish Hall Alley	Jackie Pett and Sheila Daniel	Subs & refreshments as usual
Friday, 23 rd June	Chip Shop Crawl & Beach		TBA	Parents needed to help and drive
Friday, 14 th July	Crafts	Milton Schoolroom 7pm	Sue Miles & Toni Sluggett	Subs & refreshments as usual
Friday, 28 th July	Annual Beach Party	Widemouth Bay (Beach 1) from 7pm onwards		Please bring contribution of food towards BBQ

Full-time Rural Ecumenical Youth Worker

Lizz Prangle will be starting her job in August. She is currently finishing her degree at Bristol. There will be a celebration week-end taking place on Saturday, 5th August at Shebbear Village Hall at 7.30pm and on Sunday, 6th August, with a special ecumenical welcome service at Lake Methodist Church, Shebbear at 11am. This will be followed by a BBQ and everyone is most welcome to come along and meet Lizz at either of these events.

We do thank all who have contributed to the funding for this worthwhile and exciting new project for this area.

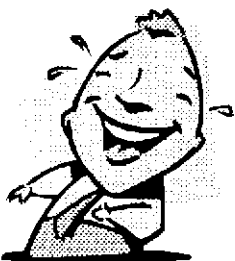
*Your support is welcomed at
THE METHODIST CHURCH on
SUNDAY, 28TH MAY at 11 am for the
FAMILY SERVICE celebrating our
SUNDAY CLUB ANNIVERSARY
Scott Davidson of Faith Mission is our
special guest.
Collection for Sunday Club*

FROZEN BANANA LOLLIES

Ingredients: 3 firm bananas
Low fat yoghurt
Chopped mixed nuts
Peel bananas, cut in half. Push ice lolly stick into each half and freeze. When frozen roll each banana lolly into yoghurt and chopped nuts. Return to freezer, freeze until firm. Remove 5 mins before eating

FRUITY COLESRAW

Mix together grated carrot, apple, finely sliced and diced raw cabbage, sultanas and peanuts with juice of an orange and mayonnaise.
* Take care that no-one is allergic to peanuts.
Let's hope we get the weather to go with the food!



What do you get if you cross a citrus fruit with a doctor? Lemon-aid!

Lemon-aid!

What's worse than finding a maggot in your apple? Finding half a maggot!

Finding half a maggot!

A river warden spotted a little boy fishing alongside a "No fishing" sign. "Can't you read", he said, "that sign says No fishing!". "But I'm not", said the boy, "I'm just washing my bait!"

Stop Press: Lawrence Harper scrapped through (his Mum's words!) to qualify for the National BSMA Motor Cross Champions semis round – unfortunately due to injury – a broken finger crucial to clutch work! – he was not able to participate in the event. *Hard luck, Lawrence.*

Exam Time & Moving On.....

To all the young people facing exams, final submissions of case-work, etc., in the next few weeks ... Good Luck and Best Wishes for good results – we hope your hard work will be rewarded. Also, if this is your last term at your school and you will be moving on to a higher school or college in September, we hope these will meet your expectations!

Youth & Family Entertainment

Date & Time	What's On	Notes
AT THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE, TORRINGTON		For more info and details of other events, contact the BOX OFFICE: 01805 624624 or www.plough-arts.org
Tuesday, 30 th May to Friday, 2 nd June Tuesday & Thursday @ 2pm Wednesday & Friday @ 5pm Saturday 3 rd June @ 8pm	FILM: ICE AGE 2 (U)	
	ALMA FLAMENCO Felipe De Algeciras & Carmela Romero Flamenco Dance	Also Flamenco Dance Workshop (Beginners) 3 – 4pm £6.00 Guitar Workshop 4.30 – 6pm £10.00
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th June @ 8pm	THE WIND THING Hilariously funny Songs & Sketches pursuing the facts about Wind Farms	Plus Wind Energy Debate after Thursday night's performance, including Ricky Knight of the Green Party.
Friday, 16 th June @ 8pm	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM with the Cygnet Company	In the Walled Garden at 1646. Bring seats and blankets.
Wednesday, 21 st June @ 7.30pm Thursday 22 nd & Friday, 23 rd June @ 1pm & 7.30pm	North Devon College Performing Arts Students present MASQUERADE	
Friday, 30 th June @ 8pm	GA GA Tribute to the band Queen	Advised to book ASAP
Saturday, 1 st July from 7pm – 10pm	A fund-raiser for the Plough SPEED THE PLOUGH 7	In the Walled garden of 1646. In the Plough if wet. If you join the Plough Supporters Group you save money on every film, live event and in-house workshop for the year!
Tuesday, 11 th July to Sunday, 16 th July @ 7.30pm	TORRINGTON TALES A Community Play by Local Writers	In MARQUEE on the OLD BOWLING GREEN, Torrington Commons Saturday Matinee @ 2pm Sunday @ 6pm
	AUGUST ART WORKSHOPS	For details of art workshops for young people throughout August, call the box office.
Wednesday, 23 rd August @ 8pm	Cornwall Song Writers present UNSUNG HEROES The Story of the Lost Garden of Heligan	

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HATHERLEIGH FESTIVAL
13th – 16th July
Children's entertainment/ street theatre /live music & jewellery workshop. Details on www.hatherleigh-festival.co.uk

BIDEFORD FOLK FESTIVAL 21st-27th August
www.bidefordfolkfestival.co.uk

Beaford Arts Summer Events
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Puppet Craft (part of Appledore Arts Festival) at Appledore Primary School Hall on Saturday, 3rd June at 3pm for over 7yrs, including adults.
Family Ticket £20. Tel: 07813 865478

CRAFT MARKET JUNE 11th 10 am to 3pm
BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET
25 Craft-makers sell their products + Jazz from Mike Westbrooks' Village Band project
11.30am Make a Shaker or Didgeridoo with Babel Fish who will perform at the Queen's Theatre at 1pm
All for free!

Phyllis Piper writes.....

RAW PIPER & SONS

**** 30th ANNIVERSARY ****

One day in 1975, Alan said to me that he was thinking of starting up his own business.

Having seen an old Bedford lorry at Beam Quarry in Torrington, it was pulled from the hedge and with no working engine it was towed to our home where the restoration work began. This was not an easy task as there was no workshop and the repairs were started outside of our home or at the roadside.

The day of reckoning soon arrived and off to South Molton went the vehicle for its MOT Test. Smiles to our faces as we were handed the Certificate – it had passed

On 19th July 1976 we set out in business. The first 3 years were spent working for the Council until unfortunately came the cutbacks and Alan was put off hire.

We purchased some land from the family to make a small yard with 2 bays and started to sell some building materials consisting of one load of sand and one load of chippings.

Alan would go out working in his lorry and I was left in the yard to load customers with a very old tractor and front loader.

On went the years working hard until we could afford to purchase a new 10 tonne lorry.

More and more customers began to arrive so we started to increase our stock and introduced concrete blocks and cement.

We had to obtain a bigger and more robust loader which was an old orange Weatherhill – it was hard to start and often had to be parked on a slope to enable it to be bump started. In many cases this would fail and sometimes our helpful customer would give it a push or a pull with their tractor or truck.

When our 2 sons left school they both started working for the business. This was when we got our first forklift truck and what a relief, no more loading concrete blocks one by one by hand.

When Mark obtained his HGV licence he drove a 10 tonne Dodge Lorry, this left Richard at home to help around the yard and carry out more repairs. I was the recovery for any roadside repairs and would travel in an old Morris pick-up with my spare wheel and tool box, often getting lost along the way.

I enjoyed making deliveries in my Transit pick-up and sadly had to give it up when Alan fell ill. I now became overnight nursemaid and Kingpin of the business stepping into Alan's shoes. With the help of our sons, good friends, neighbours and understanding customers we pulled through the trauma and successfully built up the business.

Then along came another Knock, the "Foot and Mouth" - this widely affected our local farming customers and to this day things have never been the same.

We have now increased our stock offering Coloured and various sized Chippings, Ocean fine, Rough and Silver Sands, Top Soil and many other aggregates. Something for every customer be it Farmer, Builder or Gardener.!

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My time is now spent in the Office answering the telephone, taking orders, preparing Invoices/Statements and assisting customers.

In the future Alan and myself are looking forward to a well deserved retirement, to put our feet up and enjoy the rest!

Milton Damerel & District "Over 60" Club

Our first outing of the year was to Plymouth where forty four members and friends enjoyed the day. The Barbican, the Hoe and the shops were all visited. Two lady members took a boat trip around the Harbour, some young visitors climbed Smeaton's Tower, whilst older members watched a Brittany Ferry going out to Santander. Refreshment stops were made at Tavistock on both the outward and return journeys. The weather was mainly fine.

The AGM on 2nd May was well attended when all the officers and committee members and auditor were re-elected unanimously.

Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 2.30 pm. New members are welcome, if more details are required please ring Mrs P Overy, 261332

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Milton Damerel .. 50 years on

(First written in 1951 by Seymour Marks on behalf of the Parish Council, as set out below in original text, ... now updated in 2006 for the Parish Newsletter, additions in bold italic text --- following a community walk from Gratton Cross to the Parish Hall. Also including information from another historical record – "History of Milton Damerel 1906-1970" written by Cecil C. Stidwell.

GIDCOTT TO WHITEBEAR CROSS

[The 1951 record did not mention the stretch of road from Gidecote Cross to the foot of Gratton Hill.]

We follow the bus route straight up the hill, at the top of which is Head Weir on the left. *Head Weir was built in early 1920 and now includes the workshop for a Devon country furniture business.*

This part of the road shows more clearly than anywhere else the general slope of the land from the high main road on the north to the river boundary on the south. *Whilst the topography has not changed, a new feature, the wind turbines at Bradworthy are now visible from the top of the hill.*

Gratton village consists mainly of the headquarters of the local threshing machine, associated with which is a repair shop for agricultural machinery. The residence was once a bush inn, where a bush was hung over the porch when a supply of beer had been brewed. Apart from the permitted drink with food at the hotel, the nearest tap today is at Stibb Cross, four miles away. *The description of village for Gratton now sounds extravagant, perhaps small hamlet is more appropriate. The threshing proprietor also had a reed comber affixed to his machine for combing wheat (used for thatching houses). There are now more local facilities for drinking, including the Woodford Bridge Hotel and Country Club, and public houses at Woodacott and Shebbear.*

There is, on the right, a cottage with garage once used for a milk lorry,

The first motor-car in Milton Damerel was bought in 1922 by the man who resided here; he also had a passenger bus known as the Gratton Queen, from which he would remove the top and use the bottom for haulage work. He did a weekly trip to Holsworthy Market on Wednesdays with passengers and was also the first man in Milton to collect milk churns and take them to Torridge Vale. An old petrol pump remains by the entrance to the property – now a feature painted red.

lower down the hill a farmhouse, *which is no longer a farmhouse but more akin to a cottage, and is occupied by a gardener/handyman.*

(continued on next page)

Rich Leek Tart.

	For tart	Cook leeks gently in butter until soft
For pastry	2 ½ lb leeks	Add eggs, cream & most of cheese
	3 beaten eggs	Salt & pepper to taste - nutmeg
8oz Flour	2oz butter	Pour into pastry case, sprinkle on remaining cheese
4oz lard or butter..	½ pint soured or single cream	Cook 15 mins on 200C; then a further 35 –40 mins
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beyond the bridge over an unnamed stream two cob cottages.

Possibly one on each side of the road. One is no longer there, but a photograph has been received recently which was found in a book "The Heart of the Country" by James Robin Ravilious with a foreward by Ronald Blythe.

A new house was built in the 1970s, named Brook House, adjacent to the site of the old cottage. Rose Cottage on the south side remains.

and then three modern bungalows. Netherleigh, Aveleigh and Crossways. *After the 1914 War the members of one family, the Hancocks, built these bungalows; one was occupied by a man (presumably one of the family) who had a hut in which he repaired watches and clocks. Another occupant of these bungalows gave the ground on which the Church Hall (now known as Parish Hall). There are several new properties in this area – a house and three bungalows.*

The road to the left we will explore another day, neither will we pass the thatched cottage on Strawberry bank, which would take us over Fish Pond Stream (here known as lake), up Chapel Hill, past two reconditioned cottages to Milton town. It will be more convenient to follow the bus up the hill past the two cottages on Mount Pleasant to the Church Hall. *Also up this hill there are now 3 more bungalows, two on the left and one on the right, and Mount Pleasant is now a single residence and a plumber/heating engineer operates his business there.*

The Church Hall was built and opened in 1930. Previously church meetings of any size had to be held on the Chapel premises, and as this was not always convenient, a meeting took place at the Rectory, at which Mr Richard Hancock offered to give the necessary land, and substantial offers of money were made. After an estimate had been obtained, it was decided to proceed. A site was chosen, and the building erected on a foundation laid by Mr James Slee. The skittle alley was added later. By means of an annual bazaar and other social events, Mr Norman Hancock, as Treasurer, was in a very short while able to hand over the Hall to the Rector free of debt. The grate and chimney were paid for by Mrs Mills of Woodford Hall, the total cost of the Hall being about £500. *The Parish Hall was renovated and refurbished in the 1980s and now has a Management Committee under the chairmanship of Charles Bellew.*

Apart from skittles, dances and whist drives, the Hall is not used to any great extent, although during the war it was the official first-aid post. *And was used as an overflow classroom for the primary school (to accommodate increased school numbers due to evacuees) which was located at the Methodist Church until 1972. The Hall is now used for skittles, line dancing, wine & wisdom, whist drives, table sales and other community events.*

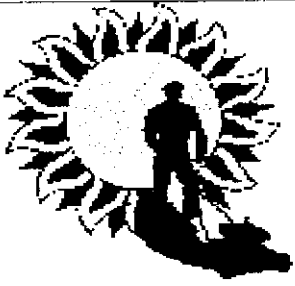
This is where our official walk ended with a homemade pasty and glass of cider lunch.

The original walk continued towards Whitebear Cross on the main road and we have updated the details:

A bend in the road leads to Whitebear, why so called no one knows. At one time it was a flourishing hamlet, now a single farmhouse. The Ordnance Survey records "Site of Mansion", but it is not known why.

There is a cottage on the corner and the farmhouse is home to two families.

Seventy or eighty years ago there was open waste on both sides of the road, a meeting-place for young people to gossip and old people to drink cider brewed in the house now used as a shippen. Opposite to this house were half a dozen cottages, the last vestige of which disappeared about 1892. In one of them was sold tallow candles, treacle, and such-like small goods. Talking of candles, three-quarters of a century ago artificial lighting was limited to a lamp shaped like an earthenware candlestick, the top being a shallow reservoir for sperm oil, from which hung a wick that gave little light but much smoke. This was succeeded by a tin lamp with a narrow tube at the top to support the wick, it burnt benzoline. Tallow candles remained in use until quite recently. The road climbs another slope past Park View, a modern residence on a farm, one field of which is lent by the farmer as the playing-field for Milton Damerel Football Club. *No longer is there a Milton Damerel Football team. Beyond Park House, towards the junction with the main road, 6 bungalows have been added and in 50 years the number of residences have doubled along the walk from Gidcott Cross.*



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SUMMER FINALLY ?

That was the latest that I can remember trees leafing up for a very long time still it should now be safe to plant out tender plants though I can remember a frost on the morning of the 1st. of June which wiped out several hundred boxes of bedding plants but that was over 30 years ago.

Personally I take a risk and start planting out in early May and all being well my runner beans will be well up their canes by now, if yours aren't in yet it is not too late and it is often worth sowing a late batch so if we do get a long summer you can continue picking beans until the first frosts.

Before planting anything you should ensure that your ground is reasonably weed free, often the most effective and certainly easiest way to do this is with an application of Glyphosate often called 'Round Up' this is a very safe chemical which only works through the foliage and biodegrades on contact with the soil so as soon as it dries on the foliage you can plant through the weeds which will gradually die away.

Once ground is clean covering the soil with a mulch will reduce the number of weeds, hold in moisture and looks very decorative whether you use gravel, wood chip or bark which I feel is the best when put on around 35mm. [1.5"] deep, you will need to apply a feed occasionally as bark locks up nitrogen preventing some of it getting through to the roots.

I plant lots of bedding plants for that wonderful show of summer colour and like to try new varieties but only in limited quantities and in unimportant places in case the results do not match the breeders claims, often plants that look wonderful in the brochures are growing under protection and can become flower shy when they are planted outdoors, just the opposite of Fuchsias which grow well enough under glass but only flower well when they are out in the fresh air, I was disappointed with double flowered Impatiens ' busy lizzies ' which I did not feel flowered profusely outdoors.

If you haven't already done so then it is time to put shading on the glasshouse, to make this an easy task I apply ' Coolglass ' with my pressure sprayer but mix it in a bucket then pour it into the sprayer through a pair of tights to filter out any bits that might clog the nozzle, most of us grow tomatoes in the glasshouse but have you tried Aubergines, Sweet Peppers and Chillie Peppers all of which are very easy and if room allows how about some of your own sweet and juicy Melons.

Bill Wrighton MIHort.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Parish Church *Milton Damerel*

Rector: Father Michael Reynolds
Tel: 01409 253455

Services

Holy Communion taken by Father Reynolds on 4th Sunday every month at 11.30am
Everyone Welcome

Preliminary News – Revisited!

Our announcement in the last newsletter about Father Reynolds impending retirement was premature! Our apologies – we are delighted to report that Father Reynolds has delayed retirement and intends staying on for the time being, and therefore no changes are imminent.

Church AGM was held recently and all officers will continue in office for the next year.

Abbotts Bickington Church

Songs of Praise at 6.30pm on
Sunday, 23rd July.

All very welcome.

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Cider & Pasty Walk
starting from Bluebell Cottage
from 4pm to 6pm on
Saturday, 29th July.

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Chapel News - June 2006

Newsletter Number Thirty-Eight

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.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS –We were delighted to welcome "Reflections" from Black Dog, near Crediton. "Reflections" consist of 28 members, mainly young people with a sprinkling of older ones too, who presented songs and sketches with the message of Easter in mind. It was lovely to see such a good number in the chapel on such a special occasion.

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. Please see the separate article about the Children's Hospice South West.

Our latest speakers were Mrs Niggy Southey of The Beeches, on 27th February, who told us of her trip to Vietnam to visit the young boy she sponsors. This was Niggy's first trip in an aeroplane and it was a wonderfully uplifting story. Niggy has written a full account of the visit, we hope to serialise in future Newsletters! Mrs Pam Colwill of Whitstone was our speaker on 24th April, who told us of the work she's involved with in the Holsworthy Methodist Circuit, plus work with young people at Whitstone. Pam was also wonderfully healed when someone prayed for her some time ago. Again another really encouraging afternoon. Future dates:

Monday, 31st July Guest: Mr Brian Down, who with his wife, Olive, has recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Some good advice for a happy marriage, perhaps?

Monday, 28th August TBA.

Saturday, 30th September Coffee morning for Children's Hospice South West at 10.30am.

SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES

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

Unfortunately Mrs Jan Wheeler was unable to take the Mothering Sunday service. However, this was then shared by the congregation, who chose favourite songs and hymns, tested their bible knowledge with a quiz, and bunches of flowers were given out by the children at the end of the service. Mr Phillip Parsons led the April service; it was good to see such a great attendance for this. Phillip's theme was "God giving and keeping His Promises in our lives".

Sunday, 25th June

Mrs Jan Wheeler from Shebbear

Sunday, 30th July

Mrs Rachel Parsons from South Petherwin

Sunday, 27th August

Mrs Rosemary Brown from Okehampton



Milton Methodist Church
SUNDAY, 28TH MAY @ 11am
Family Service celebrating the
ANNIVERSARY of the SUNDAY CLUB
Guest: Scott Davidson of Faith Mission

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 this topic with us – an opportunity to discuss issues of faith together. Notes will be supplied for the studies.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday, 28th May at 11am Sunday Club Anniversary

Sunday, 30th July at 7.30pm Gospel Special with the Withey Family

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months March to June					
JUN		JUL		AUG	
4 th	Mrs Valerie Carter	2 nd	Mrs Grace Millman	6 th	Circuit Rally
11 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer	9 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy	13 th	Mrs Mary Carter
18 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn	16 th	Mrs Valerie Harris	20 st	Mrs Anne Poole
25 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh	23 rd	Mrs Ruth Sharp	27 th	Mrs Lilian Luxton
		30 th	Mrs Marjorie Colwill		

CHURCH COUNCIL

At our March meeting we were pleased to see that the new notice-board had been installed on the railings outside. The quinquennial report had been received and whilst there were no immediately urgent items to be attended to, it was agreed to check on woodworm infestation, to have some minor electrical works completed, ensure unsafe headstones in the graveyard were made safe, and follow-up some general repairs needed to windows, roofs, etc. In respect to looking at access in the main chapel to accommodate all who come to worship, we decided that before making changes we should find out how our local community wants to see the chapel develop and meet needs. We will be seeking views on this over the summer months. The post of church secretary remains vacant.

For further information contact:

Rev David Wheeler, our Minister on Tel: 281262 (or via the stewards). Alan Andrew, Rural Lay Worker, on Tel: 281321. Our Stewards: Marjorie Colwill (Tel: 281214); Sheila Daniel (Tel: 261466); Lillian Luxton (Tel: 261355);

Newshounds wanted

Are you a dynamic Newshound? Don't worry if you are not. Are you interested in joining the team who compile the Newsletter. We need folk who are willing to give a little of their time to write articles, etc. and generally put the Newsletter together. About 4 meetings a year, plus delivery. IT Skills would be useful, but not essential (and do not worry if you do not have a PC). Telephone Grace 261251 or any other member of the team if you could be interestedwe'd love to hear from you.





Thank-youI would like to say a big thank-you to all those in the village who sent cards and enquired after my well-being during my recent prolonged stay in Barnstaple and Exeter hospitals. The visit from David Wheeler and the good wishes and card from members of Milton Methodist Church were particularly appreciated. Hopefully, I will be able now to put this traumatic 5-week period behind me. Thank-you all again. From Edith Scott, Gratton.

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST The coffee morning held in the Schoolroom in March for the Children's Hospice SW raised over £60. £58.55 was taken in the cash box and money was also donated in the collection box. We hope you come along and support the next coffee morning to be held on Saturday, 24th June, again in the schoolroom, from 10.30am to 12 noon. Please come and support this worthwhile cause -- the organisation receives no government funding for this tremendous service caring for terminally ill children. Reports are that the new Hospice near Bristol is on target for completion later in the year. It should be open to visit during November.

PUTFORD WI

The February meeting took place in the Methodist Chapel Hall. After being welcomed by the President, Liz Darling, and discussing the business side of the meeting, two of our members, Mary and Kath, showed us how to make spirelli greeting cards. We all had a go and when we had finished, we were all pleased with the results. Winner of the competition for a 6" fruitcake was Marion Wooldridge and the winner for a gift card was Mary Martin. Flower of the month winner was Liz Darling. Hostesses were Mavis Lewis and Liz Darling. The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Wooldridge. Putford came third in the competition at the group meeting held at Woolsey. For our March meeting our speaker was a lady from the Salvation Army. She spoke of their work providing meals for the homeless, their work on the streets and the hostels where people could spend the night. They also do a lot of work in disaster areas providing clean clothes, food and shelter. It was a very interesting meeting. She was thanked by Pat Chandler. The winner of the competition, a winter photo was Pat Martin. Flower of the month winner was Lorna Dawe. Tea hostesses were Marion Wooldridge and Rose Wooldridge.

With Regret.. we have to report that Lizzy Kirby has decided to resign from the Newsletter Group, because of her many other commitments; we are very sorry about this, as Lizzy has led the editing, layout and printing tasks involved with the newsletter and we have been very grateful for her contributions and expertise. I am sure she will continue to support us with articles and ideas, and, we wish her every success with her other ventures. Thank-you, Lizzy.

Putford WI
Sunday, 9th July
Car Treasure Hunt,
Cream Teas, Stalls, etc
to be held at Brambles,
Dunstaple Farm, Holsworthy Beacon.
Cars start from 2.30pm
Teas from 3.30pm
Proceeds to
Great Ormond Street Children's
Hospital and local charities.
Every-one welcome.

BRADWORTHY YFC

We've had a busy time over the last few months, mainly due to taking part in the Tarka group pantomime competition, with our production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" on 18th February at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude. We came 2nd, beaten by Clawton YFC, with Buckland Brewer YFC coming 3rd. We held a pantomime night for charity on 10th March. Again at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude, raising money for Holsworthy Hospital and North Devon Hospice, splitting the proceeds 50:50. We raised a total of £1,264, which we are very pleased about as they are both such worthy causes. Events we have coming up in the months of May and June include: Clay Pigeon Shoot, Golf at Ivyleaf, Charity Skydive for Marie Curie Cancer Care, Sutcombe Disco on 16th June, Mountain Boarding at Ivyleaf and the two cheque presentations! Anyone wishing to sponsor the Skydive event on 4th June, come along to an event or join Bradworthy YFC, please contact me on 07813 674069 or 01409 241382. Thanks....Phil Merrett, Chairman

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SW
COFFEE MORNING BRING & BUY STALL
Saturday, 24th June 10.30am - 12 noon
Milton Schoolroom



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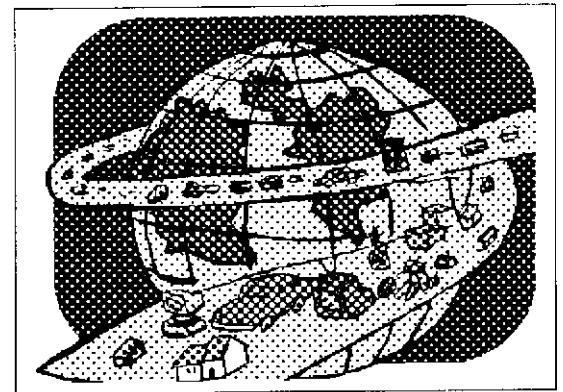


*HAPPY HOLIDAYS
WHERE WILL YOU BE
SPENDING YOURS?*

**SOME OF THE WORLD'S FAMOUS
HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS**
Can you unjumble the words to find the
place names?

1. NET FFIEEL ROWET
2. NOLDEG TEAG DREIGB
3. JAT LHAAM
4. POOLSCAIR
5. LOCSSOMEU
6. WOTRE FO NODLNO

Answers on Page 14



WORD-GRID

Find the following words in the grid below:

AIR LAND PLANTS LIGHT
STARS NIGHT DAY MOON SEA

There's another two words hidden in the grid, can
you find them? Answer on Page 14

Word grid

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PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall Committee report that recent events have been well supported with the Wine & Wisdom evening realising £213.69 profit and the Whist Drive raising £49 profit.

Parish Hall Painting Week 26th – 30th June

As you may have noticed the outside of the hall has been painted and we now wish to improve the inside.

Any volunteers willing to help, please telephone Lesley 261294 or Sara 261105.

“What a fine opportunity to show your skills and have fun!!”

Countryside Walk

being organised for

Saturday, 17th June from 2pm

Light tea to finish...£3.

Donations to Macmillan Nurses

Watch for posters

or

telephone Christine 261593 or Lesley 261294

ANSWERS for Page 13

Word Grid – 2 more – HUMAN and BEINGS

Holiday Attractions: 1. The Eiffel Tower 2. Golden Gate Bridge
3. Taj Mahal 4. Acropolis 5. Colosseum 6. Tower of London

LURCHER & TERRIER SHOW

Lurcher and terrier racing

At Moor View Farm, Milton Damerel

On Sunday, 28th May starting at 1.30pm

Organised by Tetcott Hunt

Bar & Barbecue in attendance

Devon Limerick Competition.....

We think that you must all have forgotten the deadline for the limerick competition ... we have none to print except this anonymous offering

**“The newsletter team run a mile
To make your newsletter reach
you in style**

But we need you to say

What would make your day

**So please help us make it
worthwhile”**

So please take the hint and let us have your comments and views on the material in the newsletter, or write a letter to the Editor to stimulate discussion!!

NEWSLETTER FINANCES!

The Group is pleased to report that we have received, again, very generous support during the year to 31st December 2005 and the accounts are presented below.

	£	£	£
Receipts during 2005:			
Advertising		138.00	
Personal donations.....		33.00	
Grant – Parish Council.....		80.00	
Spring Variety Concert Proceeds	174.65		
Coffee morning.....	43.60		
Building Society & Bank Interest	1.96		
		471.21	
Payments during 2005:			
Photocopying.....	225.06		
Parish Hall – 50% share concert	87.32		
		312.38	
Net surplus for the year...			158.83
Funds in hand at 1st January 2005:			
Building Society Account.....	270.81		
Cash held	57.99		
Cheque to be banked	92.00		
		420.80	
Add net surplus		158.83	
Funds in hand at 31st December 2005		579.63	
HSBC Treasurer's Account	497.77		
Cash held.....	81.86		
Note: Photocopying cost of £84.45 for December 2005 Edition outstanding at 31 st December 2005.			

Letter from a concerned resident Many villages have signs asking motorists to drive carefully through their village. Milton Damerel, however, has no speed limit signs, which some misguided people take to mean they can drive up to 60mph in the lanes. Anyone who has experience of these lanes will know that this is not possible or desirable. The roads are extremely narrow, badly maintained, have quite a few blind bends and the volume of traffic has increased considerably. However, despite this there are still those who persist in driving for too fast especially in my area of Gratton Hill. As a result one of my cats was run over, during the Easter period and sustained horrific injuries, losing a back leg, a broken paw and other injuries to his front paws. He is still receiving treatment from the vet and the bill is coming up to £1,000. The person who did this must have known that he/she had hit something as he is a big cat, but he/she did absolutely nothing – no knock on the door, no note even – just left the cat to suffer until my husband found him. Perhaps this driver was exercising their “freedom” to drive up to the speed limit or perhaps just did not care. I can quite understand why local residents put up signs, as children and animals (however well supervised) are unpredictable. Good, careful drivers will take all these factors into account when driving especially through inhabited places. The accident has not improved my own recovery after my long stay in hospital.
Edith Scott Gratton.

Baby lambs raise money for charity.

When Lizzy Kirby decided to allow the public to come and learn about, as well as feed the orphan lambs on her farm in Milton Damerel in return for a donation for the Children’s Hospice SW Babe appeal, little did she know how successful it would be. She currently has 11 baby lambs in her care and feeding times are scheduled for 1pm and 5pm each day and they will need to be bottle fed until the end of May.

“I didn’t realise just how much people would enjoy the experience. The idea only came about because some of the lambs had been very poorly and needed a lot of TLC and I had seen details of the Babe appeal for the CHSW Charlton farm project and thought it would be appropriate to raise money for them. Lambs are particularly good animals for children because they like endless amounts of attention, tolerate most things, don’t bite or scratch and love to have races. I have had a lot of bookings and have had people from as far a field as Australia and everyone has left here feeling that they have done something really special.”

Thanks also has to go to Mole Valley in Holsworthy for donating some of the milk powder, Bridgmans at Down View for donating some of the feeding equipment and to the public for their immense generosity.

There is still time to come and see the lambs. You can call at the farm shop “Lizzy’s Larder” in Milton Damerel on Saturday, Wednesday & Friday between 10am & 5pm or Sunday between 10am and 1pm for ‘playtime’ or if you would like to join in at feeding times you can call in each day at 1pm and 5pm (booking advisable) until the end of May. (The farm is located 1 mile from the A388 Milton Damerel and is normally signposted from Chapmans Green)

For more information or to book a feeding place please call Lizzy on 01409 261440.

Lizzy’s Larder

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Saturday 9.30_{am} to 5_{pm} Sunday 10_{am} to 1_{pm}

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Bank Holiday Monday 10_{am} to 6_{pm}

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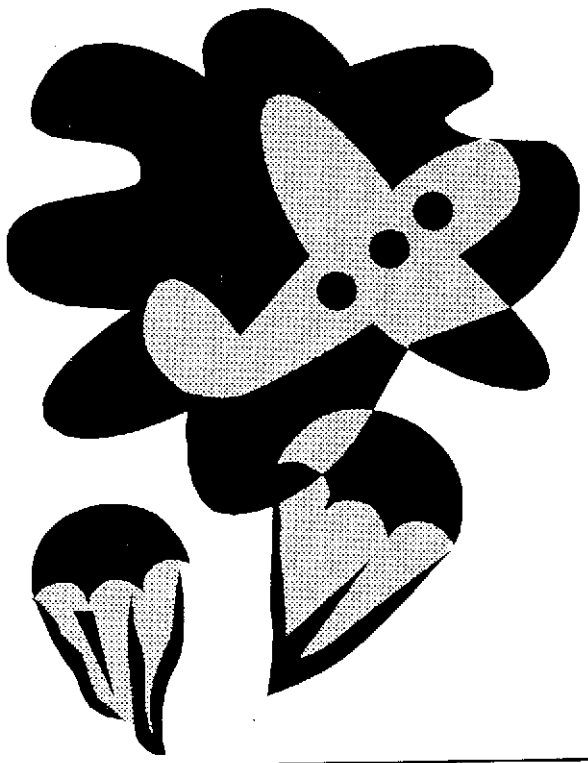
We now have a large range of bedding and container plants as well as hanging baskets and planters to suit all requirements.

You can also relax in the company of our baby lambs and when the weather is fine you can have a light lunch or proper cream tea in our pretty tea garden.

Real Food from a Real Farm Shop

Milton Damerel 50 years on

We have planned another walk to take another section of the walk completed by Seymour Marks for his record compiled in 1951. This time it will be an evening walk, **on Friday, 7th July starting at 7pm** to walk from Chapman's Green, through West Wonford to Milton Mill and on to the Parish Church, where we hope the Church will be open for visitors, and then to the Methodist Church, which will also be open for visitors, to end with a Barbecue. If weather is inclement we will use the Methodist Schoolroom. We suggest that walkers, if they wish to leave cars at the Methodist Church, meet there by 6.30pm, for a "taxi" service to Chapman's Green. As previously nothing arduous in the walk – just a casual summer's evening stroll. A minimum charge of 50p each just to cover the cost of photocopying the extract from Seymour Mark's publication. The barbecue, hot dogs, burgers and drinks, will be priced separately on a "pay as you eat" basis!! The Parish council have suggested we should use these walks to do "a tidy" of our village roads .. so those willing please bring suitable gloves and carrier bags to collect rubbish we find along the way. Please ring 261251 for any further information – posters will be displayed nearer the date. Look forward to seeing you there!



Parachute Jump for Charity

By Samantha Clarke

Originally I was meant to jump on 18th March, which was my birthday, but due to the weather being too windy I was unable to go. After many further attempts I finally jumped on Sunday, 7th May 2006. I travelled up to Dunkerswell Airfield near Honiton to carry out the jump. There was a beautiful clear blue sky and it was lovely and warm. I was given a jump suit and put into my harness that would be attached to the other person. I was then taken out to a small plane with only enough room for myself, the person jumping with me and the cameraman. We soon took off and I waved to the people watching me.

It took about 25 minutes to reach the height required of 10,000ft. The views were spectacular, I could see the South coast, Isle of Wight, Lundy island and even Wales! The door was then opened and I was shuffled into the doorway. When I had got into the correct exit position the person attached to me rocked us out of the plane. The adrenaline rush was incredible and it felt fantastic to be just falling freely. It was very quick and the parachute opened and then I enjoyed the scenery and was spun around by the person I was strapped to. It felt like the best roller coaster ride ever. I would certainly recommend it to anyone. I have raised £530 up to now for Children's Hospice SW.

Great stuff, Sam ... what's next??

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