



Milton Damerel Newsletter

Autumn Edition



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Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Regular Parish Council meetings were held on the third Wednesdays of June and July. No meeting was held in August as there was no urgent business and very few other matters to attend to. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 7.30pm at Milton Damerel Parish Hall. All residents are welcome to attend and observe meetings. With the permission of the Chairman, members of the public can be permitted to address the meeting. The agenda for meetings is displayed on all three Parish Council notice boards from the Thursday before each meeting.

Freedom of Information In line with the publication scheme adopted by the Council in January 2009, requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent to the Parish Clerk. Some information can be made available by email free of charge but paper copies will be charged at 10p per A4 side.

Planning There have been no new planning applications for consideration by the Parish Council since the last report.

The Annual Return and accounts of Milton Damerel Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2010 have been satisfactorily audited and certified by the Audit Commission. Copies of the annual return have been displayed on all three notice boards in turn over the last few weeks.

Grants Applications approved at the end of 2009 are due to be paid out in September 2010 and organisations within the Parish are invited to submit grant applications for 2011, in writing, to the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor by 17th November 2010 for consideration at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on that date. Applications should be accompanied by a copy of the organisations most recently 'audited' accounts.

Speed Limits Following the County review of speed limits there are to be no changes to the speed limits through Milton Damerel. The Parish Council put forward suggestions to DCC highways to help self enforcement of speed limits. Highways are to look at the replacement of any missing 40mph 'repeater' signs. They also suggest that community speed watch in conjunction with the neighbourhood police team could be a very beneficial way of helping to tackle community speeding issues such as ours.

Highway Issues Sadly, despite being lead to believe that improvements to verges to make pavements along the A388 was a definite possibility we are now informed that it would be too expensive and therefore there are no improvements that Devon County Council can support at this time.

The Parish Council has been informed by the County Rights of Way Officer that the proposed diversion of footpath No. 21 from Waldon Farm will not now go ahead and the original route is being reinstated. It is noted that the Public Footpath sign at the start of the route has now been erected.

Part-night Street Lighting Devon County Council have advised that they intend to introduce part-night street lighting by switching off two lights at Venn Green and three at Beech Park between 12.30am and 5.30am each night. The lights on the A388 will remain lit all night. Residents along the affected roads have already been notified.

Temporary Road Closures The road from Town Farm to Milton Mill Cross will be closed from 6th to 8th September for remedial works by May Gurney. Alternative routes will be sign posted. Major road works including cable under-grounding in Torrington will close the A386 from Limers Hill towards New Road from 13th September for approximately three weeks. The diversion route to cater for large vehicles will be sign posted via Hatherleigh and Holsworthy through Milton Damerel to Landcross.

The Holsworthy Motor Club are holding their Roger Pole Taw & Torridge classic reliability trial, on Sunday 12th September. Approximately 50 cars and 40 motorcycles will be taking part and will come from Abbots Bickington, in the afternoon, on to the A388 at Shop Cross, turning left for Stibb Cross on their way back to Clovelly.

Roberta Jackson,
Parish Clerk,
20th August 2010



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mikaela Cook, daughter of Laurie & Christine Cook of The Meadows, Strawberry Bank, on her wedding to Sion Rofe at St Mary Magdalen Church, Launceston on 7th August.

Bill & Valerie Carter of Great Derworthy who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5th October 2010.

To Joanne Carter of Derworthy Cottages who recently celebrated her 40th birthday.

To Peter & Ida Birch (nee Burrow of Whitebear Farm), now of Hertfordshire, who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 15th October 2010

To all young people (and possibly some not so young) who have completed their GCSEs, BTECs, NVQs, 'A' levels, Degrees, etc., "**well done**" ... we hope your hard work will have brought you the results you need to move on to the next stage at college, university, apprenticeship or job. **We wish you every success!**

To Bradley Howells, of Glencoe, Venn Green, who was awarded Junior Boy in the recent Tarka Group Young Farmers' Rally



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Farewell and best wishes to:

Bob & Doreen Ward who have moved from Woodland Villa and are now living in Holsworthy

Mark Watts & Kate Bayliss who have moved from 2, Fore Street

A warm welcome to:

Jim & Mel Richardson who have moved into Mount Pleasant, Crossways

Kate Laubscher, Sam and Finlay who have moved into Shadows, Venn Green.

Trevor Chambers, Tracey Slocombe & Zac Loader who have moved into 2 Fore Street.

Peter & Jane and Will Jury who have moved into Valley View, Milton Town



OUR SYMPATHIES

For those who been bereaved recently including:

Walter & Shirley Elkins, Paul, Debbie, Lenni, Molly and Naomi on the sad & sudden death of their daughter and sister, Kerry.

The family of the late Raymond Strike who lived at Albatross, Venn Green.

Edgar Harris, on the loss of his sister, Miss Mary Harris, who until recently lived at West Wonford.



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Chapel News – September 2010

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 contact shown at the foot of the page.

REV MEG SLINGO – We hope many residents of the parish had the opportunity to meet our Minister, Rev Meg Slingo, at the Fete in August. Early in September, Meg, with our support, is also planning to spend some time in the parish, and hopes to meet as many residents as possible..

“TEA & CAKE” AFTERNOONS – At the end of June, Holsworthy Rotarians, Martin Prentice, Pam Johns and Gareth Smith (of Milton) brought and displayed the contents of a Shelterbox and answered many questions from those attending. Martin also gave a short presentation on the work of Rotary with Shelterbox, describing the visit of volunteers to the base at Helston to help with packing the boxes, and how the boxes have been distributed all over the world. During the afternoon the Rotary Club received donations totalling over £200 – a good start to funding another box and its contents, which cost £490.

Our next Afternoon Tea & Cakes, with stalls, will be held on **Saturday, 27th September from 3pm**. Come along for a chat and a few calories and a little retail therapy!

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS – Over the weekend, **8th to 11th October**, we hope you will be able to join in our activities to celebrate Harvest. On **Friday, 8th October**, the chapel will be open for gifts of produce and flowers, and for decorating throughout. The Milton Monster Club will also be meeting after school. Our Sunday morning (**10th October**) Rev David Hull, Chaplain of Shebbear College, has been invited to preach. On **Monday, 11th October**, we start the evening with a Bring and Share Buffet-style Tea in the Schoolroom, which has been well supported in recent years, followed by a short thanksgiving with Mr Courtney Drew, of Holsworthy, and then the auction of produce and gifts. Please come along and join the celebrations any time over the week-end ... and there is always plenty of food for the Buffet Tea – just drop in and share it.

GOSPEL SPECIALS - We were very pleased to see many friends, old and new, for the annual visit of the Culm Valley Crusade Choir, on 25th July. The Choir brought a new programme of musical items, in addition to some old favourites, and provided us with a delightful evening of excellent music.

The next Gospel Special is on **Sunday, 5th December @ 7.30pm**. Please look out for posters nearer the time.

SUNDAY CLUB & FAMILY SERVICES – The Sunday Club continue to meet each Sunday morning, joining in with the morning service until about 11.20am, when we then go to our class. We do a wide variety of activities, including crafts, drama, cooking, songs, watch DVDs and have a good time together. Sunday Club is free and open to any children / young people who would like to come along. There is no Sunday Club on the last Sunday of the month, when we all join together for Family Service, as detailed below. Contact Sheila (Tel: 261466) for any further details.

Family Services:

26th September

Mrs Rachel Parsons

31st October

Mrs Pam Colwill

28th November

Mrs Christine Forster

Please also see Junior / Youth News for details of other activities for children / young people.

BIBLE STUDY – Our group has grown in numbers attending each week – currently, there are normally 8 of us from a range of backgrounds and age groups. We are ‘self-led’, very informal, enjoy a joke together, and appreciate the contribution each person brings along to increasing our understanding of the Bible and our faith. From September we are planning to study and discuss the Book of Daniel, in the Old Testament, written in the 2nd century BC and records a series of visions of future events. We would be delighted to welcome any-one wishing to explore the Book of Daniel with us. Contact Sheila, Tel: 261466.

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2010

| SEP | | OCT | | NOV | |
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| 5 th | Mrs Phyllis Piper | 3 rd | Mrs Grace Millman | 7 th | Mrs Eunice Hearn |
| 12 th | Circuit Service | 10 th | Harvest Festival | 14 th | Mrs Margaret Fishleigh |
| 19 th | Mrs Tracy Dunmore | 17 th | Harvest Flowers | 21 st & 28 th | Mrs Phoebe Overy |
| 26 th | Mrs Valerie Carter | 24 th | Mrs Anita Southey | | |
| | | 31 st | Mrs Gladys Palmer | | |

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING - This was held in June and in addition to the regular agenda, covering membership, appointment of officers, and reports from groups, we spent time looking at the Circuit Review completed in 2009, with particular attention to the findings and recommendations for action for Milton Damerel, and received details of a visit from District Officers, who had provided some ideas on moving forward with property matters. Many of the action points had been initiated and the property needs will be discussed further at the next Church Council.

Next **Church Council meeting** is planned for **Wednesday, 22nd September 2010 at 7.30pm** in the Schoolroom.

ALAN ANDREW – RURAL LAY WORKER – Alan has retired after several years of tireless and totally committed service in support of people of North Cornwall / North West Devon, within the Bude, Holsworthy, Shebbear, Bideford and Hatherleigh/Okehampton Methodist Circuits areas – a huge area to cover. Alan has given friendship and counselling, and visited so many throughout the area, who are extremely grateful for his help, support and caring concern through hardship and illness. He is held in high regard by associated organisations such as Farm Crisis Network. A big thank you to Alan for the quiet and confidential support he gave to so many people and families in Milton Damerel And a long and happy retirement (but probably not including farming!) to Alan and his wife, Marion.

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP OF SHEBBEAR CIRCUIT – ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

From September 2010, we are very fortunate to have the services of 4 ministers, as we will be sharing ministers with our neighbouring circuits. In addition to Rev Meg Slingo, her husband, Graham, who continues to serve in the Bideford Circuit, will also be the minister for Langtree, Rowden & Thornhillhead Chapels, and Rev Phillip Greetham will look after Putford Chapel, in addition to being based at Hartland for the Bude circuit. Rev David Morris, Superintendent Minister for the Bideford Circuit is also appointed as Superintendent for the Shebbear Circuit. Over the next 2 years, discussions will continue about the future structure and boundaries of the Bideford, Holsworthy, Bude and Shebbear circuits from 2012.

CONTACTS –

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| <p>WOODACOTT METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday, 19th September</p> <p>At 2.30pm & 6.30pm</p> <p>Preacher: Mr Trevor Johns, Bideford</p> | <p>MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday, 10th October</p> <p>11am Preacher – Rev David Hull, Chaplain, Shebbear College</p> <p>Monday, 11th October</p> <p>6.30pm Buffet Bring & Share Tea</p> <p>8 pm Thanksgiving with Mr Courtney Drew, Holsworthy</p> <p>8.30pm (approx) Auction of Produce</p> | <p>HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MILTON DAMEREL</p> <p>Sunday, 3rd October at 3pm</p> |
| <p>ST. PETER’S CHURCH THORNBURY</p> <p>Friday, 24th September at 7.15 pm</p> <p>with refreshments afterwards</p> <p>Sunday, 26th September at 6.30pm</p> <p>Harvest Holy Communion</p> | <p>BEACON METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday, 26th September</p> <p>Preachers:</p> <p>11 am Mrs Joan Down, Chulmleigh</p> <p>6.30pm Mr Ralph Human, Shebbear</p> | |

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Last year the first Garden Party in aid of the society was held in August attracting some 54 visitors with good appetites and thirsts who added a healthy amount to the bank balance.

This year the Party on August 7th was again blessed with good weather but was an entirely different story with less than 30 people attending of whom 20 were a group of visitors from Slough, fortunately most of the drinks were on sale or return but a considerable amount of food went to waste and no profit was made.

SHOW

Our next event is the Garden Show on Saturday 11th September which has 43 classes including vegetables, flowers, cooking, children's and photography in fact there is something for everyone to 'have a go' at entering and at 20p it is not expensive.

In addition to the class awards there are Trophies for what the judges decide to be the Best in Show and the largest Kelsae onion, additionally the RHS have provided us with the Banksian Medal for the person who scores the most point on the basis of 3 for a first to 1 for third.

You should have received a copy of the Show Schedule by now if not contact a committee member or pick one up at the garage, please note the new later timings with raffle draw and prize giving at 4 pm.

AUTUMN EVENTS

The first autumn meeting is October 6th when Peter Cantril of Dayspring Plants near Exeter will talk to us about herbaceous perennials illustrating his talk with samples which will be offered for sale at the end of the meeting.

November 3rd sees a visit from Robin Julian a well travelled and versatile speaker on a number of subjects including fruit and vegetables.

We meet in the Parish Hall at 7-30pm on the first Wednesday of the month and good attendances are imperative to keep the Society viable.

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JUNIOR NEWS

Monster Club

It has been a very busy, but very productive Spring / Summer at Monster Club. The vegetable garden has probably produced the best crop of vegetables yet and we have just sent the first two boxes of fresh veg to the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple. We have received a letter of thanks

"On behalf of everyone here at the Freedom Centre, thank you so much for the donation of beetroot, carrots and onions that were grown by the Monster Club children. It was lovely to receive such fresh home-grown ingredients."

Please thank the children for all their hard work and everybody who made this donation possible. Alice, our Catering Manager, will use them for a salad, which will be part of a lunch for at least 50 people using the Day Centre.

To date, this year we have had almost 6,500 'Drop Ins' and served over 6,500 meals. As you can imagine, the Freedom Centre is busy! The feeling of being part of a community often grows through sharing meals and other activities and is such an important part of Freedom's work in North Devon.

*Thank you once again,
With good wishes to you all,
Cathy Scoffield. Receptionist.*

(The work of the Freedom Social Projects can be seen on their web-site www.freedomsocialprojects.org.uk)

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to weeding and keeping the garden tidy.

Dates for future Monster Club:

Friday, 8th October - Harvest Activities
Friday, 12th November - Mural
Friday, 3rd December - Christmas Crafts

Please note: New times -- 5 to 6.30pm

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Craft Club

We have run Craft Club for three Thursdays during the summer holidays, and it has been a joy to the children and helpers alike.

The first week the children made large flags with fabric crayons. These flags are now positioned around the vegetable garden. We have also done some glass painting on jars and made paper beads and picture frames.

Thanks to everyone who has helped over the last 3 weeks.

Sheila, Tracy & Nicky.

Farmers' Market - Saturday 20th November

A date to flag up for your diary – following the success of the Farmers' Market last November, we have decided to organise another one for Saturday 20th November starting at 10.00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, running until around 12 noon. There will be a chance to order your Christmas turkey, buy some other meat, cheese, home-made cakes, willow craft, cards, gifts and plants and much, much more!

Among those having a stall will be Higher Forda Farm with their delicious cheese, Debbie Fowler with her lovely willow baskets and Christmas decorations, Lizzie's Larder with a range of delicious things, Muriel Johns with plant arrangements, Nicky Martin's tasty baking, Helen Packer with beef from her 'girls' at Petrockstowe, Lesley Self with some ideas for gifts, Peter Down with local meat, and Susan Reardon with FairTrade items, both food and gifts.

It is a big opportunity to support our local producers and craftsmen and women at a difficult time for us all, and there will be plenty of refreshments on offer to tempt you to stay a bit longer – so please do come and let us hope the weather is better than last year, but it is indoors and there will be a warm welcome!

As last year we shall be supporting SSAFA and Farm Crisis Network. SSAFA, the Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association which does so much unsung and often unseen work supporting our servicemen and women both during their service and just as importantly, afterwards. While we are losing so many in Afghanistan, many more come back in need of our support and this is a good chance to show it. Many local people will know more about the work of Farm Crisis Network amongst our local community supporting our local farmers through difficult times.

Janet Fisher, Milton Damerel Newsletter Group

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ANOTHER BAD SUMMER

Lets hope September brings some better weather as it often does though not forecast at the moment, we have been taking our holidays this month since the late 1970's and usually get the best of the sun albeit a bit chilly in the evenings.

In the garden September is a busy month with crops to harvest before the nights go cold and new planting to do, it is generally safe to expect rain at the last Bank Holiday of the year making it ideal to carry out new planting, seeding, turfing etc all of which can be tackled in the knowledge that the soil is still warm which encourages new roots to establish before the winter sets in ready for rapid growth next spring.

CHRISTMAS COLOUR AND SCENT

Bulbs start arriving in the shops from the end of August, if I remember correctly the earliest prepared Hyacinths for Christmas flowering can be brought out of the cold stores is around the 17th, these should be planted in bowls of bulb fibre and kept in a cold, dry, frost free place with no light until the buds are taller than the leaves.

Check the bowls weekly and water sparingly if the fibre has dried out.

We used to plant the prepared bulbs in large trays covering them with peat or black polythene in outdoor frames protected against frost until early December when they would be brought out and replanted into bowls to flower for Christmas and into the New Year, they will last a lot longer in cool light rooms they can be over in a day if hot.

Spring flowering bulbs make a wonderful reliable display year after year and are readily available for planting immediately or up to December though I have planted Daffs in January and they still flowered.

As a general guide the planting hole should be a minimum of three times the depth of the bulb, the hole for a daffodil should therefore be 6" deep with 4" of soil over the bulbs, I actually plant mine deeper whatever the variety, they still come through each spring and are less likely to be disturbed by deep hoeing or light digging, in pots and bowls deeper planting allows me to leave the bulbs in then plant bedding over the top of them.

SAVE OR INCREASE YOUR PLANTS.

September is one of the best months for propagating most plants. it is the traditional time for taking cuttings of bedding plants particularly Geraniums which once rooted can be completely dried out and stored in light frost free conditions ready to pot up next spring.

Those bedding plants that I have enjoyed through the summer I try to overwinter in the glasshouse but as a safeguard I also take a few cuttings now in the hope that one or other will survive to delight me next year, I managed to keep my Dahlia Bishop of Landaff last winter and it has been a wonderful display.

Most shrubs root well taken as cuttings in September, if overwintered cool but frost free they are ready to go into small pots in March then larger ones in June prior to planting out in the autumn or the following spring.

TOPICAL TIPS

Shallots and garlic can be planted in September to give a slightly earlier crop next year.

Do keep up with mowing, a lawn neglected during the autumn and winter can be mess next year, mow whenever you can at weekly intervals in September, fortnightly in October and then monthly unless the weather goes as cold as last winter, these are guides they may vary dependant on the prevailing weather.

Clean any shading off glasshouses to get the best of the autumn sunshine even if only to get rid of any damp that can encourage mildews to thrive.

Grass areas that contain wild flowers should be cut in September for a neat appearance through the winter and to encourage a good display next spring, wherever possible collect the arisings which can smother new growth.

Milton Damerel Emergency Plan

The Parish Council has set up a planning team in order to prepare a Parish Emergency Plan. It is increasingly the practice that villages and parishes have such a plan. Its purpose will be to identify risks within the community and co-ordinate action in response.

The scope of the plan will cover events where the normal emergency services may not be able to respond: prolonged isolation owing to 1963 type snowfall being the prime example. In effect, the plan will formalise the existing common sense response and community self-help process.

The members of the team are:

Gary Flack
Clifford Fishleigh
Roger Lawes – Co-ordinator
Stephen Moyse
Edgar Pett
Phillip Read
Kate Richardson – Secretary
Trevor Sanders
Gareth Smith
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The team will be collecting information over the next few weeks and will ask for input from parish residents. The aim is to complete the plan by early 2011.

The assistance of all parish residents is desirable throughout, in particular with the completion of a questionnaire – an example of which is included with this newsletter. The actual questionnaire will be delivered and collected by the planning team during September/October.

PARISH PLAN ACTIONS FOLLOW – UP



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

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



Update on affordable housing in Milton Damerel

A local site meeting was held in June, including Sue Southwell, Rural Housing Enabler, Rachel Webdell from Torridge District Council, and representatives from Drew Construction, who will be developing the Milton Town site, and a Housing Association.

The representatives agreed that the most obvious way forward would be for Drews Construction to take the project forward with the Housing Association taking over the management of the homes once they are developed. Drews Construction would draw up a sketch plan showing how the site could look and produce a financial feasibility assessment as a first step.

The sketch plan will be for houses round a village green and Highway's opinion to be sought on the suggested access for these homes, probably on the eastern edge of the site.

One major issue, which is making planning ahead difficult, is uncertainty about government funding. It is likely that grant rates for affordable housing from the Homes and Communities Agency will be drastically reduced and might even disappear for a period of time. For this reason developers will not invest in the project beyond an indicative plan until there is more certainty about funding.

Another issue was how to make the site viable. The design requirements will mean that there will have to be an element of cross subsidy on the site to make it work. In effect, there will need to be some open market houses which will help to pay for the costs of building the affordable houses. Until the financial appraisal is complete it is impossible to say what proportions (of open market and affordable houses) would make the site work.

Sue Southwell and Rachel Webdell will attend a Parish Council meeting to report on the initial layout and feasibility study, once this has been completed by Drew Construction.

Did You Express an Interest in Cycling?

One outcome of the Parish Plan was that a considerable number of people expressed an interest in some form of cycling activity centred within the Parish, together with several people indicating that they were prepared to organise and/or help with such a venture.

With formal cycling clubs already existing a short distance away, based in Bude and Barnstaple, they ably cater for the serious cyclist who is keen to be competitive in the different aspects of the sport. Also, the CTC (Cyclists' Touring Club) a national organisation, caters for more social forms of riding and has hubs throughout Devon and Cornwall.

As cycling is a sport which has a number of different formats and, as the Parish Plan questionnaire did not go into such detail, we would now like to find out specifically what it is that people would be interested in participating in locally. So that we can now try to develop this matter it would be very helpful if all the people, who indicated an interest, would please phone **Mike** on **261196** to discuss their ideas.

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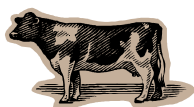
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Triumph Herald 13/60 - 1968 Part 3 The rebuild

Having only a few hours each weekend to do the refit, progress wasn't rapid but with each visit the finish line was edging closer. Restorations are rarely straight forward; jobs that should take 5 minutes ending up taking hours, parts that had been working perfectly beforehand now decide they've had enough.

Come the end of June 2009 I had refitted the wiring, fuel tank and cooling system, enough to fire up the engine for the first time in 3 years. A final check of oil, water and static timing and we were ready to go. After sorting an earth problem, the engine spun freely and ran smoothly, although all was not well as 2 problems were spotted. The first was a few small drips of water from the head gasket at the back of the engine and the second that the oil pressure light was still glowing brightly.

So it was off with the cylinder head, surfaces cleaned, new head gasket and everything was back together; this time she ran with no leaks. I was hoping that the second problem was just the oil pump not priming, but after several fruitless hours trying to get it resolved the only option was to get the car up on the ramp and remove the sump. With this done the problem was obvious; the alloy casing of the pump had fractured in several places. So a new pump was fitted, the engine re-filled with oil we tried again and this time the oil pressure light went out instantly - a huge relief. So after several lost weekends the engine was finally sorted and I could move on to the next job.

With the engine now running, there was no longer any need to push her around the workshop, as she could now move under her own power.....or so I thought. The clutch and brakes were bled, but initially I couldn't get the car in gear. It had been around 18 months since I fitted the clutch, so I assumed the clutch plate had stuck. This was partly true as wedging the clutch pedal down overnight did free it up and allow me to engage a gear, but when taking her up drive the gearbox was making some expensive sounding crunching noises.



There was no alternative and the gearbox had to come out. With the gearbox removed and the clutch off the problem was obvious, the springs on the friction plate were clipping the four bolts holding on the flywheel. I had fitted heavy duty spring washers to these bolts which reduced the clearance, so these were replaced with standard items, the gearbox went back in (eventually) with help from Steve & Roger, this time the gears could be selected smoothly and without any undue noises.

Later that day it was bugging me why the clearance was so tight on these bolts. Some delving through old parts catalogues made me realise that the bolts should not have had washers at all, their presence was actually dangerous as it could potentially cause the flywheel to work loose - not

good. So I reluctantly took the gearbox out again for the second time, removed the 4 washers, and put everything back, hopefully for the last time in a long while!

In between engine and clutch problems the rest of the refit was progressing slowly but surely and she was looking more and more complete. The last big job was to get the new hood fitted, a fiddly job, but after a couple of attempts Steve and I managed to get it looking presentable. With the hood now on it did highlight how poorly fitting the frame was, so off it came until I could source a better one from EBay. This took a few weeks to source but by early December 2009 the hood was back on and things were better.

She was finally ready for her MoT and a slot was arranged for 22nd Jan 2010. Some smaller jobs remained to be completed post-MoT.

So 42 years after being first registered and 1,240 days since being taken off the road Bluebell was back on the road and looking as good as new.

There's still a few bits to do, the front seats are in need of replacement, the hood and frame still need fettling, and a few minor parts obtaining - restorations are rarely ever completely finished!

I would like to thank Steve for all his hard work in getting the car looking so good, for his willingness to help out without question and for the use of his facilities. Thanks also go to Roger for his help along the way and for pulling me up the hill with his tractor when it was too icy for my Mercedes. Also a big thanks to Michele for letting me escape for a few hours almost every Saturday and Sunday for nearly a year!

You can read more at www.triumphherald1360.co.uk



Devonshire Folk Tales

In late July we went to Holsworthy Library to hear Michael Dacre, a storyteller from North Tawton, tell some Devonshire folk tales. He was promoting a book of the same name, but he just stood and told tales, which is a real art. There was, of course, a Devon cream tea in the interval! . For us as newcomers to Devon it was a fascinating evening and there are certainly some roads not too far from here that we would hesitate to drive down on a dark winter's night. He told a story about the church at Bridgerule where apparently a candle is walled up after a young girl had a very nasty experience with a young man! If you should chance upon this book, and the library will of course have one, it is well worth a read - just be careful of candles and read it in the daylight!

Janet Fisher.



FETE 2010



Despite the bad weather on the morning of the fete and three groups of entertainers cancelling the day before, this years fete still proved to be popular with the locals and attracted a lot of holiday makers and people from outside of the parish.

This year we were allowed on the field so we made use of this with welly wangling, 'tossing the bale', children and adults races and also the ever popular pet competitions.

The indoor competitions were well attended so thank you to all that entered, and also those who gave up their time to come in early and judge. Thanks also to everyone that generously gave of their time and donated to the fete, with special thanks to Sara Lawes for making the scones and running the cream teas, to the Black Farmer for donating the sausages to the BBQ, to Steve for providing the ice cream and also to Margret Fishleigh for baking and donating the cake.

Last but not least to Roy and Isabel Fairbrother (mum and dad) who came to stay for the weekend and ended up running stalls at the fete.

The profit this year is around £265 as there's a little more to come in. Any monies made will be put towards next years fete to make it bigger and better, see you there!!

Unclaimed raffle prizes

The following telephone numbers have unclaimed raffle prizes, if you're a winner please call 261775 to find out what you have won and to arrange collection. Any prizes not claimed by 15th September will be re-entered into next years raffle.

Sweets / Chocolate etc.: 261877, 261178, 01805 601251, 261365, 261760, 261310

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The Bickford Arms, Brandis Corner

We have been fans of the Bickford Arms since we moved down here but often eaten almost alone and the food was quite pricey although always very good. We went last evening and could not believe the car park which was full! We had booked a table on the previous evening and apparently got the last one which was a surprise. The place was full of families and friends, and we actually ate in the restaurant as a sort of overspill, which was also full. Speaking to the new landlady who took over in May this year, it was felt that the food before was too expensive and certainly it was much more reasonable than before, although there was less choice on the blackboard above the fireplace. We both had the Pea and Ham soup, made with fresh peas, which was delicious and piping hot on a damp August evening, and then the Beer Battered Fish, a favourite from before, although I was torn about having the Vegetarian Wellington on red cabbage and green beans which a lady on the next table had and was raving about. The service was quick, efficient and friendly and we shall certainly return more often than we have done in the past! It is advisable to book now certainly and especially on a Friday or Saturday night – they were advertising live music for this Saturday as well. Janet Fisher.

A little encouragement for those of us that find any reason not to do the housework.....

Dust if you must:

A house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture.

I can't tell you how many countless hours that I have spent CLEANING!

I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect - "in case someone came over".

Then I realized one day that no one came over; They were all out living life and having fun! Now, when people visit, I find no need to explain the "condition" of my home.

They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun!

If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice.

Life is short.

Enjoy it!

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better, to paint a picture or write a letter, bake a cake or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time, with rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, A flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go - and go you must - You, yourself, will make more dust!

(I dare not attribute its source, although one reference suggests it was first published in The Lady magazine in 1998. An internet search shows it is frequently used in social and poetic networks, without a source attributed)

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MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL NEWS

Charity No. 281123

As always, the hall is available for hire, £5 per hour with Kitchen. £10 per session for the Skittle Alley. We do have our AGM on 8th September 7.30pm. All welcome, especially new Committee Members. At the AGM our hire charges may increase! The damp problem in the kitchen, has been dealt with and we hope it has been cured. The Committee have repainted some of the walls inside the hall. The windows in the Skittle Alley have now been replaced. We received a donation from M D Fundraising Group. The monies received was used towards the cost of new cutlery.

We have had an inspection by Torridge Licensing Office. A minor "offence" was pointed out. We failed to keep the Licence or a certified copy, on the premises. Also non-compliance with Licence conditions. A Log Book needs to be kept at the Hall to record monthly test/checks on Emergency Lights and Fire Extinguishers. We were also advised to keep an Accident Book and have a Hirers Agreement drawn up. We were advised to change the name on the Licence to MILTON DAMEREL PARISH HALL COMMITTEE and include provision for Regulated Entertainment on Sunday, which was not previously stated. The above have all been dealt with, with exception to the Hirers Agreement, which will be drawn up, once agreed at our AGM.

EVENTS REPORT.

COFFEE MORNING Thursday 17th June 2010. Hosted by Mary Carter at Moor View. A lovely pleasant morning out in the sun. Profit £212.35. Thank you, to all who came and Mary and her helpers.

WALK AND PASTY SUPPER 17th July 2010. Christine and John Buckpitt, Moor View Farm. An enjoyable walk on farm fields and lanes. Thank you Christine and John and also Bill David and Valerie Carter for being able to walk in their fields.

FUTURE EVENTS

AGM 8th September 2010. 7.30. New committee Members welcome.

COFFEE MORNING Thursday 9th September 2010. 10.00am to Noon. Hosted by Peter & Lesley Self, at Tor View, Venn Green. Bring & Buy, Raffle. All welcome.

WHIST DRIVE Friday 24th September 2010. 8.00pm £2.00 per person. Please come along if you like to play Whist.

BETTLE DRIVE Friday 22nd October 2010. 7.30pm Family Fun, table game to suit all ages. £1.50 Adults £1.00 Child.

WINE & WISDOM Friday 19th November 2010. 7.30pm for 8.00pm. £5 per person, teams of 6. Couples and singles are welcome. Please come along, we can make up teams on arrival. **PLEASE BOOK** Lesley 261 294 or Mary 261 248.

Regular Events at the Parish Hall.

Milton Damerel and District Over 60 Club. 1st Tuesday of each month, 2.30pm. New Members Welcomed. A social afternoon. Enquiries Mrs Iris Fry, 261322.

Linedancing. Every Tuesday, 7pm to 9pm. Small group, more members welcomed. **Our charge is now £2.** Enquiries Lesley Self, 261 294 or Mary Carter, 261 248

Milton Damerel Gardening Club. 1st Wednesday of each month (February to June and October to December). 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Enquiries Mr Bill Wrighton 261 738. Email: mdgs1@live.co.uk

Milton Damerel Parish Council Meetings. Usually 3rd Wednesday of each month. 7.30pm. Enquiries, Parish Clerk, Mrs Roberta Jackson, 261 196.

Skittles

Milton Damerel Men and Ladies, also Thornbury Men Skittles team, play for the Holsworthy Skittles League at the Parish Hall. Thornbury Men Skittles Team were Runners up in the Holsworthy League, John Hocking Cup.

Milton Damerel Ladies Skittles A Team, were the winners of Division 2, for the Holsworthy League, this season. Milton Damerel Ladies Skittles B Team once again took the Wooden Spoon. Holsworthy League won the Devon County Cup and Mandy Walters, who plays for the A team was one of the 6 players.

Milton Damerel Mens Skittles A Team, were the winners of Division 1, for the Holsworthy League, this season. They were also the winners of the Launcells Cup. Jeff Huxtable won the W. Olde Cup. He and Colin Larkworthy also played the Devon County Game.

HALL BOOKINGS & Treasurer:- Mrs Lesley Self 01409 261294 (If not available any of the following numbers).

Chairperson:- Mrs Mary Carter 261 248. Secretary:- Mrs Sara Lawes 261 105.

Our Linedancing group is now quite small and we have nearly decided to give up. The charge has been increased to £2 and after Christmas it will alter to 1 hour 30 minutes, 7.30 to 9.00. If you like a little bit of chat and some exercise, why don't you give it a try. Its all good fun and quite easy to learn.

Please, Please, Please, **MILTON LADIES B TEAM** are still desperate for a 6th player (Yes we who took the wooden spoon) to play regular in the Holsworthy Ladies Skittles League. We play every Thursday and start Thursday 9th September until March, from 7.30 to 10.30, depending on whether we are home or away. Please ring Lesley 261 294 or Sara 261 105 if you are interested. Please do not worry if you have never played, just come and give it a go and enjoy the evening out.

LINE DANCING
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Tel: Lesley 261294 or Mary 261248

Putford W.I.

The WI met in June in the Chapel Hall where they were welcomed by Mary Martin in the absence of the President, who was recovering from an operation. During the business part of the meeting, we discussed the competitions for the forthcoming show at Woolsery and Holsworthy. Our speaker for the evening was Sandra Huxtable on flower arranging. Members brought along their own flowers and after doing an arrangement herself Sandra watched as we did our own arrangements, giving advice where needed. Sandra was thanked by Kath Stevens and was then asked to judge the arrangements and the winners were Kath Stevens, Mary Martin and Lorna Dawe, all with 9 points. Flower of the month winner was Lorna Dawe, hostesses were Marion Wooldridge and Kath Stevens.

For our July meeting we travelled to a pottery at Peters Marland where the owner, Mrs. Helen Bailes showed us some very interesting pieces including planters, fountains, candle holders, teapots and other items she had made. She showed us how to make them and we all had a go and made a dish to take home. Helen is a founder member of two co-operative galleries, one at Torrington and the other in Barnstaple where she sells the ceramics. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and to finish off the day we stopped at Stibb Cross pub for a meal.

The meeting in September will have a talk by Mrs. Potter, a hospital chaplain, and in October a talk about willow baskets. The Annual meeting will take place in November. All meetings take place on the 2nd Monday in the Month at 7.30 p.m. in Putford Chapel Hall. All are welcome and further information can be had by contacting Lorna Dawe on 241279.

The Friends of Putford School Association

Thank you: We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make this years Cider & Pasty Walk another great success!

Thanks to everyone who helped us in the kitchen / stewarding or for donating food / prizes. Special thanks to those who don't even have children at the school & yet still gave up their time to help - we couldn't have done it without you!

Last but definitely not least, a BIG thank you to Dave & Mandy Walter, Steve & Shirley Grills & Rob & Belinda Walker from 'The Gallery' at Putford who made all our walkers feel so very welcome at the 3 cider stops and finally to Marg Atkins (Gnome Reserve) for arranging this years route & stops.

With the amount raised we have been able to buy new books for KS2, outdoor play equipment for the nursery & KS1, a new book case with reading rug & funded the lunch time gardening club.

Forthcoming events: In early November we are planning to hold a "**Christmas Shopping Evening**". Everyone will be very welcome to come along & browse a selection of stalls displaying crafty items & unusual gift ideas. There will be a draw & refreshments too!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to have their own table to display their wares on that night, please phone Kay on 01409 261214.

(Further details on this event to be displayed nearer the time.)

Many thanks to you all for your continued support.



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Neighbourhood Watch Report

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS VEHICLE ? A **white van**, make uncertain, and thought to have the registration number **V146 LBF** has been seen at a number of properties in the Parish, with the occupants, 3 to 5 males, acting in a suspicious manner. When challenged these people have made a rapid “get away”. It is a possibility that this is the same vehicle which has also been involved in a number of thefts and break-ins in nearby villages. The police would very much like to know the whereabouts of this vehicle and anybody with any information should contact them on 08452 777 444 quoting case reference 402 of 15 August 2010.

With the security of outbuildings and other property becoming evermore important, the police have brought to our attention a reasonably priced padlock which has recently come onto the market. It has a built-in 110dB siren which is activated when the lock is tampered with and requires the key to turn it off. The lock is weather-proof, security key operated, supplied with batteries and comes with a 1 year warranty. It is priced about £12 and if anybody would like to inspect one, or need further information, please contact Edgar.

We have been advised that the annual delivery of the Exeter Yellow Pages will be commencing on 31st August in this area. Where possible these books should be put through letterboxes or handed to the occupants. However, if you see a directory left outside in a conspicuous position and feel that this is advertising the fact that there is no one at home in the property, please take the directory in and pass it to your neighbours when they are home.

Vehicle crime continues to be a significant factor in the number of crimes committed in the North Devon area. Whilst it is pleasing to note that this type of crime has fallen by almost 19% over the 3 months April to June, compared to the same period last year, we can still do more. Many of the vehicles stolen, which include cars, 4 x 4s, quad bikes and tractors had been left with their keys in the vehicles which makes them an easy target for the opportunist thief.

More and more, whether it is by phone or online, we are all being targeted by scams trying to get us to reveal our bank account details. Often these can appear to be quite plausible reasons, such as wanting to make a refund of an overpayment or the like and the caller does come across as genuine. However, please be on your guard against any request to divulge bank or credit card details. Genuine businesses which you have been dealing with should not be contacting you to request this type of information and such requests should be politely declined. You can always call the firm back using your own contact number to clarify a situation. This type of bogus phone call should be reported to the police on 08452 777 444, as soon as possible, with as much detail as possible. Online service providers have their own systems in place for dealing with scams.

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PCSO 30103 Beverley Harvey & PC 4936 Andy Moakes

MILTON DAMEREL & DISTRICT 'OVER 60's CLUB

The Club coach outings this summer have been:

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| 18 th May | - Widdecombe-in-the-Moor | 15 th June | - Truro |
| 22 nd July | - Dartmouth | 17 th August | - Exmouth |

And bookings still being taken for a visit to **Minehead via Exmoor on Tuesday, 21st September**

Our usual meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) in Milton Damerel Parish Hall at 2.30pm. New members welcome. Details from Mrs Iris Fry (tel 261322), Secretary, Mrs June Vanstone (tel 261285), Treasurer, or Mr Les Yelland, Chairman.

From PCSO Raquel Rowe...

It was lovely to be back on the beat and it was good to see several people at the village fete.

For information:

I would like to advise people to be aware and vigilant of the thefts and burglaries that had occurred in recent weeks (20/6/10-17/8/10). It will be a good idea to have a security light and a good secure padlock. The following incidents that had been reported to the Police were as follows:

Burglary in Hollacombe:

- Quad bike – Yamaha Kodiak- green
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Identity marks are stamped on the Tubular section of chassis on the right hand side as you sit on it under the plastic.
- Electrical control box for controlling equipment attached to the quad bike.
- Thick heavy duty gloves made of leather (black/white)

Remember:

The theft of possessions occurs to obtain cash or items that can easily be sold on. By marking your possessions you will deter thieves, decrease the opportunity for it to be sold on and increase the ability for thieves to be caught.

More information can be found at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/marking

Theft in Cookbury:

- Lead from cut up electrical cable
- 2' metal bar

Burglary in Black Torrington:

- Red Honda generator 20I petrol suitcase style
- Stihl MS341 Chain saw
- Stihl MS 250 Chain saw
- Stihl SS90 Strimmer

Theft in Chilsworthy:

- Copper Piping

Burglary in Ashwater:

- Weather beater horse rug
- Light weight horse rug green, red trip patch on tail blue line.
- Thermalex horse rug burgundy navy blue lining
- Green imago stable horse rug olive white lining
- Two imago rugs 1x light blue/dark blue
- Red Rambo horse rug

Theft in Ashwater:

- Ifor Williams trailer

Burglary in Sutcombe:

- Ifor Williams cattle trailer
- 600 litres of white diesel
- Quad Bike

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- Topical

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Cobnut Banbury cakes

Preparation time: less than 30 mins

Cooking time: 10 to 30 mins

Makes about 10 cake

Ingredients

- 80g/3oz Cobnuts husks removed, roughly chopped
- 100g/3½ oz Damsons stones removed, chopped (or use the same amount of chunky plum jam and reduce the quantity of sugar)
- 50g/2oz Demerara sugar
- 50g/2oz Raisins
- 75g/2½oz Currants
- 75g/2½oz Shredded suet
- ½ Lemon, juice only
- 1 Apple, cored and finely chopped
- splash damson gin (or Sloe Gin, whisky or brandy)
- 50g/2oz Lean red meat, such as beef or venison, very finely chopped
- Flour, for dusting
- 250g/9oz Ready-made Puff Pastry

Caster Sugar, for sprinkling

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5.
 2. Place all the ingredients, except the flour, pastry and caster sugar, into a bowl. You can use the mixture straightaway or leave in the fridge for the flavours to develop.
 3. Roll the pastry out thinly on a lightly floured surface. Place dessertspoonfuls of the filling mixture onto the pastry, widely spaced apart, then cut squares around the mixture.
 4. Scrunch the pastry up around the filling and press the edges together to seal, trimming away any excess pastry.
 5. Turn the pastry parcels over so that the join is on the bottom and gently press down to flatten slightly. Score the tops of the parcels with a sharp knife.
- Place the parcels onto a baking sheet and bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes, or until golden-brown. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with caster sugar while still warm. Once cooked, eat within a day or two, reheating for five minutes in a warm oven before eating

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Advertisements

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

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is 19th Nov 2010

WHAT'S ON ..

.....a selection of local events in the **Holsworthy** and neighbouring villages....

| WHAT? | WHEN? | WHERE? |
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| Comedy “ Waters of the Moon” Stylish comedy by N C Hunter, located in Dartmoor | Thursday, 9 th – Saturday, 11 th September Thursday, 16 th – Saturday, 18 th September @ 7.30pm | H.A.T.S Theatre, Holsworthy Tel: 01409 253826 www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk |
| Devon Historic Churches Day Two churches walk from Bradford to Cookbury followed by cream teas at Cookbury church | Saturday, 11 th September | Black Torrington, St Mary Open all day. Soft drinks etc Bradford, All Saints Open all day. Refreshments |
| Newton St. Petrock male Voice Choir | Sunday, 12 th September @ 7.30pm | Lake Chapel, Shebbear |
| Cinema – Films Robin Hood | Wednesday, 15 th September @ 7.30pm For info on films for the autumn contact: films @holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk | Holsworthy Memorial Hall Tel: 01409 254185 www.holsworthymemorialhall.co.uk |
| Farmers’ Market | Saturday, 2 nd October 10am to 1pm | Black Torrington Village Hall |
| The Messiah by Handel | Saturday, 2 nd October @ 7.30pm | Bodmin St Chapel, Holsworthy |
| Music at St Mary’s – Devonian Brass | Friday, 8 th October @7.30pm | Black Torrington. Tickets from Kate Innis 01409 231234 Sheila Grabham 01409 231209 £5.00 in advance; £6.00 at door, incl. Delicious refreshments |
| Barnstaple Male Voice Choir | Saturday, 30 th October @ 7.30pm | Bodmin St Chapel |
| Verdi’s Requiem All day workshop, followed by performance | Saturday, 6 th November @ 5pm | Bodmin St Chapel, Holsworthy |
| Newton St. Petrock Male Voice Choir | Sunday, 14 th November @ 7.30pm | Black Torrington Methodist Chapel |
| Carols for All with David Robinson & the Pyworthy Choir | Saturday, 18 th December @ 7.30pm | Black Torrington Methodist Chapel |
| Contacts for other events / venues in North Devon | | |
| Appledore Book Festival - | Saturday, 25 th September to Sunday, 3 rd October | www.appledorebookfestival.co.uk |
| Films, Live Events – Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Regular & Special Workshops for Children and Adults | | The Plough, Torrington Box Office: 01805 624624 www.plough-arts.org |
| Drama, classical music, opera, children’s shows, popular music (including rock, jazz, folk and roots), contemporary dance, ballet, amateur shows, visual arts and community events | | Queen’s Hall Theatre, Barnstaple Box Office: 01271 324242 www.northdevontheatres.org.uk |

What's on Diary

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| FRESH | 5 September | 4pm | 6 |
| Parish Hall AGM | 8 September | 7.30pm | 18 |
| Coffee Morning | 9 September | 10am | 18 |
| Milton Damerel Ladies B team bowling | 9 September | 7:30pm | 19 |
| Gardening club garden show | 11 September | | 17 |
| Holsworthy Motor Club drive past | 12 September | | 2 |
| Harvest Woodacott Methodist | 19 September | 2.30pm & 6.30pm | 6 |
| Over 60's club Minehead via Exeter trip | 21 September | | 20 |
| Church Council meeting | 22 September | 7.30pm | 5 |
| Whist Drive | 24 September | 8pm | 18 |
| Harvest St Peters Church | 24 September | 7.15pm | 6 |
| Harvest Beacon Methodist | 26 September | 11am & 6:30pm | 6 |
| Harvest St Peters Church | 26 September | 6.30pm | 6 |
| Afternoon tea and cakes | 27 September | 3pm | 4 |
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| Harvest MD Holy Trinity | 3 October | 3pm | 6 |
| Harvest St. James, Abbots Bickington | 3 October | 3pm | 6 |
| Monster Club - Harvest Activities | 8 October | 5pm | 8 |
| Harvest MD Methodist | 10 October | 11am | 6 |
| Buffet Bring & Share tea MD Methodist | 11 October | 6.30pm | 6 |
| Thanksgiving MD Methodist | 11 October | 8pm | 6 |
| Auction of Produce MD Methodist | 11 October | 8:30pm | 6 |
| Bettle Drive | 22 October | 7.30pm | 18 |
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| Monster Club - Mural | 12 November | 5pm | 8 |
| Wine and Wisdon | 19 November | 7.30pm | 18 |
| Farmers Market - MD Parish Hall | 20 November | 10am | 9 |
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| Monster Club - Christmas Crafts | 3 December | 5pm | 8 |
| Gospel Special | 5 December | 7.30pm | 4 |

Regular Events

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| Line dancing | Tuesdays 7-9pm |
| MD & District over 60's Club | 1st Tuesday of each month |
| Coffee, cake and company, Shebbear | 1st & 3rd Fridays |
| Shebbear Circuit Choir | Tuesdays 7.30 -9pm |
| Coffee morning - Holsworthy Beacon Methodist Church | Last Thursday of each month 10am |
| Gardening club | 1st Wednesday of the month 7:30pm |
| Parish Council meetings | 3rd Wednesday of the month 7:30pm |

Always check on location by visiting the page number as not all events are in Milton Damerel

Missing local events?

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

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