

MILTON
DAMEREL

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100 YEARS AGO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 1900

*Present J. Lang, Chairman, J. Slee, W.G. Penbale,
R. Gifford, J. Fallow and H.G.P. Sanders*

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.

Moved by J. Slee, seconded by J. Lang that the footpath at Glibs be put in repair.

Moved by F.G.P. Sanders seconded by J. Lang that a committee be formed to get the work done to consist of J. Slee, R. Gifford and W.G. Penbale.

Also to inspect the footpath leading from Down Farm to East Wonford and report to next council meeting.

Moved by R. Gifford, seconded by J. Lang that the clerk write to the District Council respecting the encroachment on the Highway at Shope by Mr. William Oliver.

Signed by W.G. Penbale, Chairman

Parish Council News 2000

At a meeting held on 24 February 2000

Councillors present were Messrs.P.Reed,
J.Prouse,C.Bellew,D.Poole and Mrs.J.Elliott and Mrs.R.Watkins.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.P.Palmer

The re-cycling pavillion has arrived on site and will be in use very soon,
watch for the leaflets advising of materials suitable for re-cycling.

Further to the Community Appraisal last year, it is apparent that many people
would like to join various clubs i.e. gardening, photography, painting and
drawing, rambling etc.

If anyone is interested in organising and running a group please contact a
member of the parish council.

The clerk was instructed to order a plaque for the Millenium Yew.

Fund raising for the millennium celebrations will begin on 1st April 2000 with
a Wine and Wisdom quiz and a Sponsored Walk is planned for 20 May 2000.

Signs have been put up at Wonford unofficial tip warning people against
tipping on this site as it is an offence to do so.

The next meeting is arranged for 30 March 2000

Parish Council Members

Your ParishCouncillors are as follows: Mrs.J.Elliott (Chairperson)

Mrs.R.Watkins (Vice-Chairperson), Mrs.P.Palmer and Messrs.D.Poole, C.Bellew,
J.Prouse & P.Reed. Parish Clerk is Mrs.E.Mortimer

**MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH
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SPRING 2000**

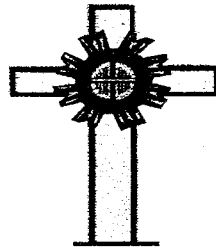
Our Minister is Rev Patrick Crow (Tel: 281262)

OUR REGULAR & SPECIAL EVENTS – to which we extend a very warm welcome and invitation to every-one

Sunday Morning Worship held at 11am at Methodist Church. We have a variety of preachers who come along and lead our services, including our Minister, Rev Pat Crow, local preachers from within our local Shebbear Circuit and others from neighbouring Circuits and Churches. Occasionally we have a congregational service, when we all contribute with our favourite hymns and readings. Also on the first Sunday of each month some of our Anglican friends join us for worship. If you would like to join us, just come along any Sunday morning, or contact one of our stewards for an introduction. Our stewards are Marjorie Colwill (Tel No: 281214), David Poole (Tel No: 261282) and Lilian Luxton (Tel No: 261355).



Our next Family Service is on Sunday, 12th March (1st Sunday in Lent); special items during the service and tea/coffee and biscuits in the Schoolroom afterwards. And on Sunday, 23rd April we will be celebrating Easter; at 11am morning service celebrating that "Christ is Risen", and in the evening at 8pm - The Easter Gospel Special.



He Lives!

Hallelujah!

Chapel Flower Plan for the next three months:

6th Feb Mrs A Piper
13th Feb Mrs D Wooldridge
20th Feb Mrs B Sanders
27th Feb Mrs D Heard

5th Mar Mrs A Southey
12th Mar Mrs W Carter
19th Mar Mrs L Piper
26th Mar Mrs W Millman

2nd Apr Mrs G Palmer
9th Apr Mrs F Hearn
16th Apr Mrs C Fishleigh
23rd Apr Mrs R Sharp
30th Apr Mrs O Turner



Sunday Club also meet at 11 am on Sunday mornings for an hour to 12 noon. We normally join together with the rest of the Church Family for the first 20 minutes of the service, and then go into the Schoolroom for various activities, including songs, drama (and dressing up), art and crafts, as well as cooking and other special projects. Sunday Club is open to all local children from c. 2 years and upwards, and to any children visiting please come along as guests to our Club. Just recently we have been pleased to welcome Bradley as a new member, and Josie, Chalade and Claire as guests. A special project at the moment is making another banner for the Church - at the special request of the young people themselves, which will be presented at Easter.

“He’s got the whole world in His hand; He’s got you and me, brother in His hand;



He’s got you and me, sister, in His hand; He’s got the whole world in His hand.”

Prayer & Bible Study - a small group of us meet once a fortnight for a topical study following questions and discussion points set out in guidance books, and to pray for our community. We are all learning - so if you would also like to learn with us, please contact Marjorie (281214) or Sheila (261466).

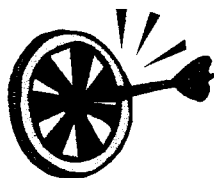
Beech Tree Planting

On Saturday 25 March 2000 at 3.30 pm a young Beech Tree will be planted in the graveyard by the young people of the Church officiated by Rev.Pat Crow. The original beech, which is much admired, is unfortunately undermining the wall and will eventually need to be replaced. Tea in the schoolroom will follow the ceremony.



We hope you enjoyed the Youth Club/Sunday Club Millennium Party and will want to come along again. We were sorry that some were “under the weather” and had to miss the party because of the winter ailments, but hope this event will be equally as brilliant!

The Youth Club meets fortnightly on Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Schoolroom. Any young person aged 9 years and above is welcome to come along – why not come along? There is a small subs charge of 30p each evening that we meet in the Schoolroom. The programme for the next two months is:



Friday, 3rd March - Special Guest - Mrs Merritt and her dog. Dog training and how to care for your dog.

Friday, 17th March - Cinderella's Millennium Ball, Visit to the Plough Arts Centre, Torrington to see this performance. More details nearer the date.

Friday, 31st March - Skittles Tournament, at Milton Parish Hall Skittle Alley.

Friday, 14th April - "Makeover" plus something special for the boys to be arranged.

The Club also has table tennis, table football, darts, badminton, etc for club games nights. In the summer time we go out on trips, play sports, have beach bar-b-qs etc. Do support the club - it is parent run - it is there for your benefit and it's a cheap night out with plenty of fun. Contact nos: Diane (01805-601435) or Sheila (261466).

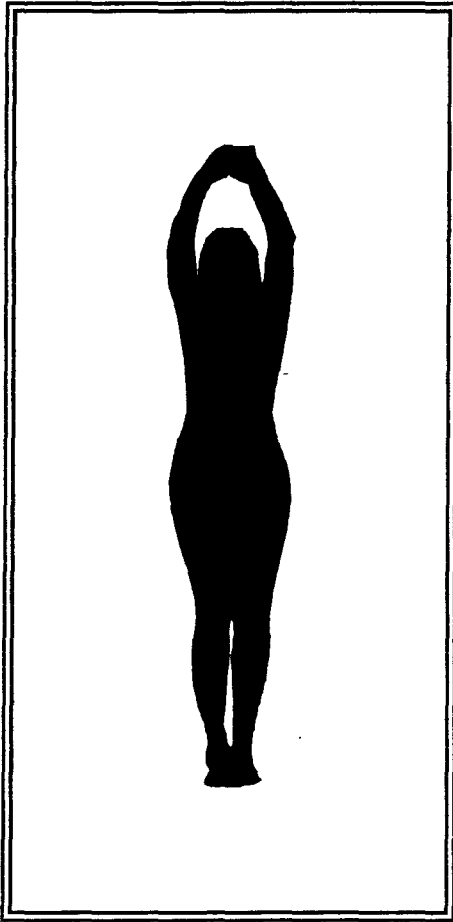
Join with people from all over North Devon for a presentation of **Millennium Hopes & Dreams** on Friday 14th or Saturday 15th April at the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple. Watch out for more publicity.



We pray regularly for the needs within our locality - for those who are unwell, sad or anxious - and thank God for good times and happy occasions.
"Praise God in all things" "Give your burdens to the Lord; He will carry them....."

Roger Daniel (Tel: 261466) is our visitor - and would be pleased to call on any-one who is lonely or ill, or would just appreciate a visit. Also within the area we are fortunate to have Deaconess Anita Hart (Tel: 281901) a Rural Worker, financed by the Methodist Church, able to offer understanding, support and empathy to any-one in the North/West Devon area.

STRETCH AND TONE



Is there anyone interested in Stretch and Tone sessions? A gentle type of exercise!

These will be held either in the Chapel Rooms or the Parish Hall, probably on a Monday evening 7pm-8pm. The cost per session would be £2.50 payable on the night.

At least six people are needed for each session to make it viable for the teacher to travel to us.

Several have already expressed an interest in this activity but a few more names would be appreciated before going ahead and booking.

If you are willing to have a go telephone Sarah Harper on 01409 261473 and leave your name and telephone number. We will get back to you when we know exact dates and places, also look out for posters.

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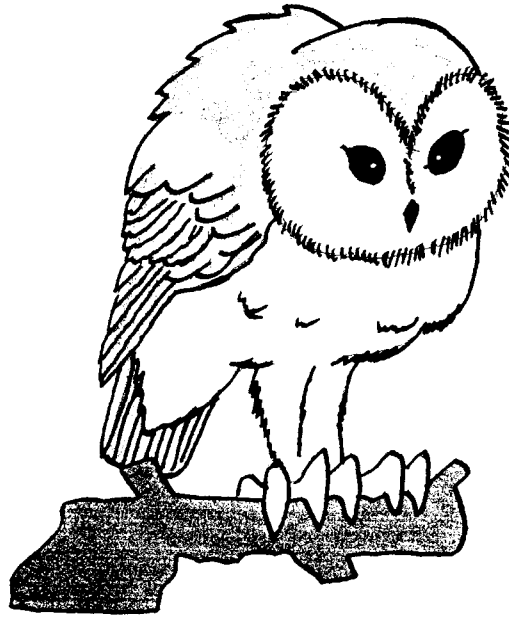
OUR YOUTH CLUB

On Friday February 18th we had a visit from a man called Roy who has lots of owls, he even brought some owls with him. There were two little barn owls and one big eagle owl.

The eagle owl was very fierce and kept on hissing.

We were allowed to hold the owls. He also brought some Jousting equipment and showed us how to use it. We were also allowed to hold it.

We had a good number of people, there were over 20 including some new members and visitors.



By Lizzy Daniel.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately due to winter ailments the community coffee morning has had to be cancelled during January and February but 'all being well' will re-start on Thursday 30 March 2000 at 10.30 a.m. The coffee morning is open to anyone who would like to come along and have a sociable time meeting new and old friends and neighbours.

Anyone wishing to help organise this event monthly or occasionally, please come forward as help is always appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS !

To Ken and Pat Parnell who celebrate their Golden
Wedding Anniversary on 18 March 2000
Very best wishes to you both

BIRTHS

Since the first edition of the newsletter four new babies with family connections with Milton Damerel have been born

Tia Rae Woodhouse born on 17 December 1999
A daughter for Jim and Tracey, sister to Ben and Chloe

Harrison Andrew Palmer born on 22 December 1999
First born son to Andrew and Karen, grandson to Roy and Pauline Palmer and great-grandson to Mrs.G.Palmer.

Beverly Ruth Sharp born 7 January 2000
Fifth child of Jeremy and Ruth Sharp of Lower Grawley Farm

Samuel Lewis Cleave born 21 February 2000
First born child to Nic and Steve

Congratulations to you all

On Tuesday 14 March in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m.

Please come to a

Sponsored Knit-In

to raise money for the North Devon Hospice. If you would like to take part please bring along a pair of knitting needles size 8 (4mm) and some double knitting wool.

Cast on 20 stitches and knit as much as you can in two hours with a break for refreshments about half time. Any money raised either by sponsors or donations will be added to the £38.00 collected by the 60's club members and sent to the Hospice along with the knitted lengths which will be made into blankets. It is all in a good cause and a chance to meet friends.

PLANTING OUR MILLENNIUM YEW

Our young yew tree is from the Linton Yew in Linton Churchyard, Herefordshire and is thought to be over 4,000 years old, alive at the time of Christ. A true millennium tree. The yew tree becomes a symbol of the spiritual life with its dormant periods and then its coming to life. It also stands for the risks and threats to our environment which we have created. In planting this tree we express our hope and vision for a better future. The official tree planting ceremony is due to take place in the Parish Church on Sunday 9 April 2000 at 3 p.m.

The invitation to attend is open to everyone and it is hoped many of you will come along to this parish event. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The tree was offered by the Conservation Foundation three years ago and the parish council were keen to apply for a piece of history. Bearing in mind the risk to grazing animals the councillors considered the churchyard the most appropriate planting place in the parish.



W.I.

The Newton St. Petrock Womens Institute meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Baptist Sunday School Room, Newton St. Petrock. Each month a speaker is invited and many and varied subjects are covered throughout the year. If you would like to come to any of the meetings as a guest you will be most welcome. For more information please contact Sylvia Fowler 281261

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr. Anthony Miller is the area Co-ordinator and can be contacted on 01409 261465

Church Coffee Morning

The Annual Church Coffee Morning took place in the Memorial Hall, Holsworthy on 16 February. Father Reynolds expressed thanks to all those who helped with organising and running the event and for all contributions large and small. Although barely three months has passed since the 1999 coffee morning, a profit of £178.18 was made to boost Church Funds.

Dates for your Diary

- 11 March 2000 Dance to Simon Inch in the Parish Hall
Entrance £3.50 including supper 8-12.
Proceeds to Parish Hall.
- 14 March 2000 Sponsored Knit-In 2 p.m. Parish Hall
in aid of North Devon Hospice.
- 18 March 2000 Table Top Sale Sellers 1pm Buyers 2pm
Entrance 50p in aid of Parish Hall and
Devon Air Ambulance.
- 1 April 2000 Wine and Wisdom Look for posters
with details. In aid of the millennium
celebrations.
- 9 April 2000 Planting of the Millennium Yew in the
Parish Church at 3 pm.
- 20 May 2000 Sponsored Walk Leaving hall at 2 pm.
Return to the hall for refreshments.
In aid of millennium celebrations.
- 27 May 2000 Cream Tea and Table Top Sale in the
hall, proceeds to the parish hall.

- Mondays Short Mat Bowling in hall
STRETCH & Tone to be arranged
- Tuesdays Dog Training Contact Debbie Merritt
261404
- Wednesdays Line Dancing - Just come along and
join in
- Thursdays Ladies Skittles
- Fridays Youth Club in the Chapel Schoolrooms

Please Can You Help !

Any businesses wishing to advertise or any individuals wishing to support the newsletter, please let us know as soon as you can.

The newsletter is the best way to reach all members of the community and needs your support. Help is also needed with distribution as a wide and scattered area is covered.

TABLE TOP SALE

Please support the newsletter table by making a donation or perhaps bake a cake!

Every little helps, although we give our time, printing costs have to be met.

Grateful thanks to the following sponsors who have made this publication possible.

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