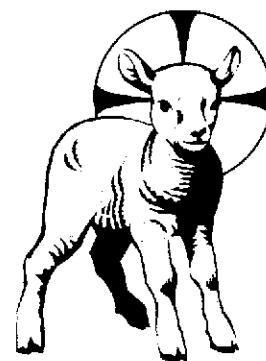
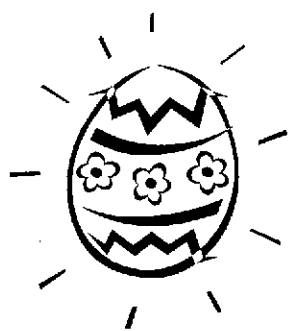


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Letters, comments, news and articles, etc., can be e-mailed to mdnews@freeuk.com or to any of us individually. Our correspondence address is Chapel View, Milton Damerel, EX22 7PB. We would love to hear from you with letters for inclusion - topical issues, features you like and also any 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 and tributes on parish residents.

Milton Damerel Parish Council

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Meetings are usually held on 3rd Thursday of each month at Woodford Bridge Country Club
For interested parties, a meeting notice and agenda is displayed on the notice board at the Parish Hall
and at Horrelsford Garage for the days prior to the meeting.

The parish council met in November and were informed by David Dyer that he would be resigning from the council with immediate effect due to his imminent house move to Somerset. Though this was expected David has been a committed member and has been our chairman for the last year. This meant that we would have to advertise two councillor vacancies. Luckily the Newsletter were able to include this news, minutes before going to press. By January I had received three applications. It was nice to see that we had people interested and willing to offer their time and skills. There have been times in the past when there has been little interest for positions on the Parish Council.

In December we did not hold a meeting, Business was quiet though we had to get together to wrap the presents of sweets that Father Christmas was to give the children at the garage. Father Christmas did a fine job meeting the children and their parents. I had difficulty dragging him away when my young pony, Magnet, who was pulling the Sleigh, started to get impatient. Father Christmas looked well though he must have been working too hard as he appeared to have lost a lot of weight. We will have to feed him up for next year!

In January Rose Haynes and Richard Piper were co-opted to the council. We look forward to meeting them at our next meeting. Planning applications were also discussed for the 8 new houses at Town Farm and Bluebell Cottage Abbots Bickington. Members also congratulated Grace as Newsletter representative for organising the very successful Snowman competition. It got excellent coverage in the local papers. We will all look forward to this event next year. (Hopefully).

Anne Binns



CONGRATULATIONS!



- To Norman & Flo Griffin of Millrose, Venn Green, who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on 17th December
- To Ken Parnell of Kenmar, Venn Green, who celebrated his birthday on 10th January
- To Charles Bellew of Bluebell Cottage, Abbots Bickington, who celebrated his 70th birthday on 30th January
- To Mary Harris of West Wonford, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 31st January
- To Dorothy Wooldridge of Mandor, Venn Green who celebrates her 90th birthday on 24th March
- To Stephen Dunmore of Fore Street, who celebrates his birthday on 10th April
- To Rose Haynes of Higher Grawley, who celebrates her 60th birthday on 23rd April
- To Bill Honey of Gratton who celebrated his 91st birthday on 18th February
- To Derek Pickering who celebrated his birthday on 18th February
- To Jasmin Wrighton of Northtown who celebrated her 5th birthday on 18th February



GOOD-BYE & WELCOME

Goodbye

To David & Christine Dyer who have moved to Dulverton in Somerset

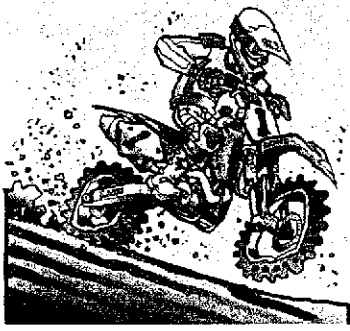
& a warm welcome

To Les & Linda Keefe who have moved into Mentmore Lodge, West Wonford
To the Lewis family who have moved into Twinaways, West Wonford

An inadvertent decision

There were three people hanging on to a rope that came down from a helicopter. There were two men and one woman. They all decided that one person should get off because if they did not, the rope would break and everyone would die, no one could decide who should go. So finally the woman gave a really touching speech, saying how she would give up her life to save the others, because women were used to giving up things for their husbands and children, and not receiving anything in return. When she finished speaking, both men clapped.

**"From Bursting at the Seams,
Killy John and Alie Stibbe,
Monarch Books."**



Sports Roundup

Well Done Lawrence Harper

Who came 6th in the Club Championships, Summer series 2005, with Cornwall Schoolboy Scramble Club, against 35 competitors. This was his first year in the Juniors, 65cc and so, with all due credit, he also took the "Best New Rider" trophy for 2005. He narrowly missed the Nationals, our fault, we went on holiday and missed one of the qualifiers! He went on to take 4th overall in the Autumn Series with mere points between the first 4. He had his first mechanical gremlin of the season in the Winter series costing him 2nd place overall when his chain snapped and he missed out on a whole race points. He has still managed 4th

overall in the Winter series. Now he should have another full year in the Juniors but I have obviously been feeding him too much as he has grown out of his bike. It would be too dangerous for him to continue riding it with his knees up under his chin! So he has had to go up another group and into the Small Wheel 85cc's. Here he is in with the bigger, even more experienced boys. The Big Wheels and the Small Wheels often race together which is quite scary, the age group is varied Lawrence being the youngest at 10 the oldest being 15. This age group seems to be the most wild, no fear and lots of testosterone to hurl around the track! Lawrence is looking forward to the start of the season, his new mount being another Suzuki. **Good Luck Lawrence.**

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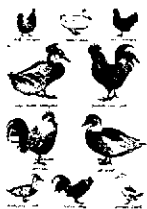
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Deadline for Poultry Owners

Poultry owners with more than 50 birds need to register them with DEFRA by 28th February 2006. Farming Minister Lord Bach said the register is essential to prepare for any outbreak of avian flu.

Registration forms are available on the DEFRA website or by calling 0800 634 1112

Did you know – you can write the no. 1 by using all the digits from 1-9

$$148 + 35 = 1$$
$$296 \quad 70$$

But can you write the no. 10 using only the no 9 in the sum?

Answer on p15.

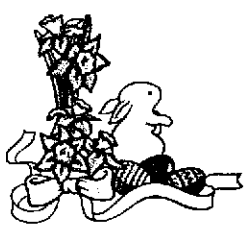
Did you know that....? On average a wife will say that she needs to spend 45-60 minutes a day in meaningful conversation with her husband, and the husband will say he needs 15-20 minutes once or twice a week. "From *Bursting at the Seams*, Killy John and Alie Stibbe. Monarch Books."

Advertisements.

Conditions of acceptance. Orders for insertion of advertisements in this newsletter are subject to the approval of the members who may refuse or alter any copy. The newsletter and its members: - a) accept no liability for any loss or damage caused by an error or inaccuracy in the printing of any advertisement. b) Shall not be liable for any loss caused by the failure of the advertisement to appear on any particular day, in any specified position or page or by its failure to appear at all, and they reserve the right to refuse to continue its publication regardless of terms and conditions of any order or contract. Trades Description Act 1968 – All traders are reminded of the need to ensure that goods offered for sale by advertisements comply with all relevant provisions of the above mentioned act.

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

The deadline for submissions of articles and advertisements for the next newsletter is Friday 5th May 2006.



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

The Youth Club

Youth Club continues with the following programme for March, April and May 2006.. Its open to any young people aged 9 years and over. Subs of 50p each club night, except when we go out on trips; and refreshments at very reasonable prices. At present the parents run the Youth Club on a monthly rota system. We have recently purchased some new equipment and would be interested in receiving any good games and equipment, which you may no longer use! Please contact us before throwing it out!

When	What	Where	Parent helpers	Please note;
Friday, 10 th March	Climbing	Whalesborough Farm	Sarah & Diane	Contact Sarah 01409 261473
Friday, 24 th March	Line Dancing with Lesley	Milton Schoolroom 7pm	Sarah & Diane	Subs as usual
Friday, 14 th April	Easter Crafts & Cooking	Milton Schoolroom 7pm	Sue (Trible) & Catherine	Subs as usual
Friday, 28 th April	Treasure Hunt. BBQ to finish	Start at Woodford Farm 7pm Finish at Grumbles, Haytown		
Friday, 12 th May	Make-up & Junk Fashion	Milton Schoolroom 7pm	Sue & Catherine	
Friday, 26 th May	Swimming	To be arranged		Parents to drive

A night out ...

Some members of the Youth Club plus families went along to the Plough Theatre to see the Youth Theatre production of the panto – "The Pied Piper of Torrington". The Pied Piper is invited in from Langtree to rid Torrington of an obnoxious smell, which turns out to be caused by the school dinners, thanks to cheap ingredients, insisted upon by the evil, greedy Town Clerk, even though Jamie Oliver and his cooks, Pru, Fanny and Delia are in charge of cooking. All principal parts were very professional with no prompting required. The overall performance was lively and kept all ages interested through out the 2 hour duration. The opinion of club members was "excellent, we really enjoyed it!"

Full-time Rural Ecumenical Youth Worker

The continuing effort to employ a full time Youth Worker for the area.... As only 3 applications had been received for this position before Christmas, it was decided to re-advertise the job, this time more locally. Interviews are being held soon and I'm told this time there are far more applicants to choose from. We look forward to telling you about our new Youth Worker in the next newsletter.

Christmas Tree Festival – Kids Sneak Preview

A new event was added to the Christmas Tree festival this year when the younger ones became the first to see the amazing display of decorated Christmas trees. The event began with crafts, making gift tags and tree decorations, which the children were able to take home later. Our minister's wife, Jan Wheeler, brought some seasonal games to put everyone in party mood. A sumptuous tea, pizzas, wedges, sausage rolls amongst other things was swerved and very quickly consumed. Then came the moment to step into the Church and take a look at the trees, about 75 of them, all decked out in fairy lights and in candle light. There were trees to make you laugh, trees to admire for their ingenious titles and others which touched the heart for their sheer beauty. After a few excited minutes with faces full of wonder, voting began in earnest, it was impossible to vote for just one tree and some of the lists extended to at least 6!! Whilst votes were counted, Scott Davidson of the Faith Mission, from Willand, led some lively action songs, told the Christmas Story, and held a quiz, young people versus adults. I think the young people won! Our old friend, Lavinia Archer, Children's Hospice representative from Launceston, came along to announce the winner of the children's vote. Surprise, Surprise! The Butterfly tree by the Sunday Club came out on top. There were many others which were greatly admired, including the Tie tree, Silent Night, the Offer-tree, the Hen-tree and Hope Joy & Peace. Both the Butterfly tree and the Musical-tree made by the Youth Club received votes over the week-end, which was very good considering about half the trees didn't get any votes. The overall winner of the whole event was Florist-tree by Mrs Phyllis Piper, a lovely, creative arrangement with flowers and candles. The next Christmas Tree festival will be held at Shebbear.

Annual New Year Parish Family Party

On Friday, 20th January the annual party was held in the Parish Hall with MC Kelvin Issacs, who supplied music, games, etc. It was good to have the presentation of the prizes to the winners of Snowman Competition and Mrs Janet Elliott along to present the prizes. A huge supper was enjoyed by all and a draw held to offset expenses. The Youth Club and the Sunday Club each paid £40.50 out of their funds towards the cost of the party.

Sunday Club Anniversary – Sunday, 28th May

We hope to see as many as possible to support the young people on this annual occasion, when the collection is given to Sunday Club funds.

Youth & Family Entertainment

Date & Time	What's On	Notes
<i>AT THE PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE, TORRINGTON</i>	.	For more info and details of other events, contact the BOX OFFICE: 01805 624624 or www.plough-arts.org
Sunday, 5 th March @ 3.30pm & 7pm	FILM: MARCH OF THE PENQUINS (U)	French film with English voice over of the annual journey of Emperor penquins as they march single file to their traditional breeding ground.
Wednesday, 22 nd March @ 8pm	FILM: MAD HOT BALLOON (U)	Documentary about 10 week ballroom dancing following New York schoolchildren as they compete in a ballroom dancing competition. Funny & Heartwarming
<i>AT THE QUEENS THEATRE, BARNSTAPLE</i>		BOX OFFICE: 01271 324242
Sunday, 5 th March @ 1.30pm & 4.30pm	THE SOOTY SHOW	Family ticket - £26.00
Monday, 27 th March to Saturday, 1 st April	JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT	2 shows daily; 3 shows on Saturday Family ticket prices vary depending on day
<i>AT THE BEAFORD CENTRE</i>		All at The Beaford Centre, Greenwarren House, Beaford, Winkleigh EX19 8LU. Call 01805603201; e-mail: rescentre@beaford-arts.co.uk
Saturday & Sunday 20 th & 21 st May @ 10am to 4pm	WILLOW SCULPTURE	
Saturday & Sunday 17 th & 18 th June	EXPRESSIVE CHARCOAL DRAWING	
<i>AT CHILSWORTHY VILLAHE HALL</i>		Tel: 01409 254457
Saturday & Sunday 18 th & 19 th March @ 11am to 4pm	BEAFORD ARCHIVE: IMAGES FROM LATE 1800's onwards	Refreshments

OUT & ABOUT IN DEVON

WORD SEARCH & QUIZ

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A map will help you answer the following questions about the places mentioned above

1. This is on the coast, east of Budleigh Salterton
2. This is a city
3. Three feet make one of these
4. This Exmoor place gets mentioned in a famous book
5. This small village can be found on the very edge of Exmoor
6. Which is the nearest coastal place to Milton Damerel
7. This place can be found on the A3124
8. Look opposite the estuary at Northam to find this place
9. This place is only about 3 1/2 miles from Barnstaple
10. Becky Falls is quite near this place
11. The A30 by-passes this town
12. Milltown lies south and slightly east of this place

Answers on page 15



Holy Trinity Parish Church Milton Damerel



Rector: Father Michael Reynolds
Tel: 01409 253435

Services

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

Everyone Welcome

Annual Parish Carol Service

The service of nine lessons and carols was led by the Rector and Rev Tucker played the keyboard. Members of the Parish Church and Methodist Church read the lessons and a collection was taken for Cancer Leukaemia in Children, which totalled £57.07. Tea and mince pies were served after the service. Thank you to all who attended and took part.

Preliminary News

Our Rector, Father Michael Reynolds has announced his retirement in the Summer. We are sure many parishioners will wish to mark the occasion and his many years of service. Please look out for more information nearer the time. Following his retirement, Milton Damerel will be joined with the Bradworthy group of Anglican churches.

Chapel News – March 2006 Newsletter Number Thirty-Seven

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – The week-end of 9th to 11th December saw a steady stream of visitors to see the Christmas Tree Festival. Over 70 trees were on display and towards evening when all the lights were lit in the darkness it was a truly magical array. Many hours of work were put in during the weeks leading up to the festival, by David and Freda Broan, formerly of Bradford. A massive “thank you” to them, and to all who helped in any way, and to those who entered trees. The Disabled Christian Fellowship held their annual carol service in the midst of the trees on the Saturday afternoon and the week-end was closed with carol singing on the Sunday evening. Next year’s festival will be held at Lake (Shebbear).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB UPDATE – This small group meets on the last Monday afternoon each month 2.30pm till 3.30pm, except each quarter, starting from this March, there will be no Monday afternoon meeting but a Saturday coffee morning. Please see the separate article about the Children’s Hospice South West.. The programme for the April and May meetings will be publicised nearer the time.

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. The December service was a family carol service, during which a collection was taken for National Children’s Homes; this amounted to £92.

Family service can be a fun way to worship!! 2006 family services got off to a good start when Mr Roy Harris of Torrington came along and led our first for this year on Sunday, 29th January. The topic was “The Church Family” and Roy did his best to include all ages together in worship with hymns and songs being chosen by the church, a drama script which included 7 of the congregation across all the age groups, plus bible readings and prayers being led by the congregation, and a new song learnt by everyone, when we all linked hands around the church. Roy made the point that the young are not the church of tomorrow, but very much part of today’s church, and not to be undervalued.

Family services are planned as shown below – please feel free to come along and join us:

Sunday, 26th March

Mrs Jan Wheeler from Shebbear,
this will be a special service for Mothering Sunday

Sunday, 30th April

Mr Phillip Parsons from South Petherwin

Sunday, 28th May

Mr Scott Davidson from Faith Mission
this is the annual Sunday Club Anniversary

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Normally meets every Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom; open to all Christians of any denomination. **We are planning a 6-week LENT study, starting on Monday, 13th March.** The study is entitled **“Live your Faith”**, with contributions, on an audio tape, by Fiona Castle and her late husband, Roy, amongst others. 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:

Saturday, 25th March at 10.30am Coffee Morning & Stall for Children's Hospice South West

Sunday, 26th March at 11am – Mothering Sunday with Mrs Jan Wheeler.



Sunday, 16th April Easter Sunday:

11am Easter Morning Service with Mr Trevor Sillifant

7.30pm .Gospel Special with Reflections from Copplestone.

Saturday, 13th May from 10am at Rowden – "Pray without ceasing – 24 hours

Sunday, 14th May at 11am at Lake – Circuit Rally, with Jenny Edwards, National Chairman of Disabled Christian Fellowship

Sunday, 28th May at 11am Sunday Club Anniversary

CHAPEL FLOWER PLAN for the months March to June							
MAR		APR		MAY		JUN	
5 th	Mrs Phoebe Overy	2 nd	Mrs Grace Millman	7 th	Mrs Niggy Southey	4 th	Mrs Valerie Carter
12 th	Mrs Mary Carter	9 th	Mrs Joanne Carter	14 th	Circuit Rally	11 th	Mrs Gladys Palmer
19 th	Mrs Anne Poole	16 th	Miss Rosemary Daniel	21 st	Mrs Petula Sanders	18 th	Mrs Eunice Hearn
26 th	Mrs Lillian Luxton	23 rd	Mrs Gwynneth Johns	28 th	Mrs Sheila Daniel	25 th	Mrs Margaret Fishleigh
		30 th	Mrs Phyllis Piper				

CHURCH COUNCIL

At our February meeting we were still looking for a volunteer to be our church secretary, (please see advert). Reports on the continuing work of each of the clubs were noted and we were delighted that the Ecumenical Youth Worker appointment is imminent. On property matters the new noticeboard was on view, and new offering bags (for collections, etc) designed and made up by Tracey Dunmore and Sheila Daniel. The quinquennial report on the condition of our property has not been received, so the work programme on repairs, etc., will be discussed at the next meeting. We are also looking into how we can give better inclusiveness during worship and services for disabled and wheel chair bound persons – enabling them to sit with family and within the body of the chapel.

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);



The Methodist Church needs a Church Secretary.

Does this type of voluntary work interest you ? The role includes attending the Church Council meetings, (approx. 4 per annum), taking the minutes, typing up and circulating to the members. Sometimes there is some correspondence to be initiated and sent out on behalf of the Council, normally after discussion with the minister or stewards. Ideally, you should have empathy with the Christian faith, but there is no requirement to be a member of a Church. If you are able to assist us, our Minister or one of the stewards will be pleased to discuss.

Milton Damerel 50 years on

(First written in 1951 by Seymour Marks on behalf of the Parish Council, updated in 2006 by Lizzy Kirby for the Parish Newsletter)

In 1951 Mr Seymour Marks made a survey of Milton Damerel and his findings were recorded in a booklet. There were a number of chapters. The first covered the Parish as a whole, with 6 more taking walks along routes of interest and finishing with a summary of the people and facilities.

50 years on we thought it would be timely to see how much life has changed or indeed what has stayed the same. To do this we will compare each chapter, try and update them by researching and comparing the facts and also by rewalking the most interesting routes.

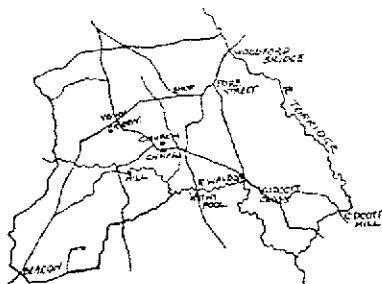
We would love as many people as possible to get involved so whether you have lived here all your life, have recently moved to the Parish, are young or old, we really want you to be part of this "snapshot" in history.

How can you get involved?

There are many ways. Over the next few newsletter issues we will be reprinting the 1951 booklet, updating the published facts and collating new information. We will also recreate the main walks starting with an easy and gentle walk on May Bank Holiday which will start at the top of Gratton Hill and end at Strawberry Bank with a Pasty and Cider lunch in the Parish Hall. (Please see details below for more information). You can also help by telling us your memories and anecdotes of the Parish past and present, or letting us know interesting facts about your homes.

The Parish

The best way to start making our survey of Milton Damerel seems to be to journey to every corner of it and record all that can be seen or heard. This will give a broad picture of the roads and buildings within its boundaries that can be filled in at leisure. But before starting our journeys let us look at the parish as a whole.



In 1951 Seymour Marks wrote : Milton Damerel is roughly shaped like a winged sycamore, the centre being Venn Green to Milton Town, with a wing enclosing Gidcott to the east, the other wing embracing West and East Wonford and Down on the west. It is 4,415 acres (1792ha) in extent, if waste, roads and water are included. It has one main road running more or less along the northern boundary, with a secondary road roughly parallel from Gidcott Mill through Gratton, Milton Town and West Wonford to Chapman's Green. There are several subsidiary roads branching from these two principal roads which we will discover as we travel.

As far as we know in 2006 none of these facts have changed.

Seymour Marks continued : In 1893 a Local Government Act was passed creating the local authorities of today. The chief of these is Devon County Council, its area being divided for easier working into Rural Districts. Milton Damerel in 1951 was in the Rural District of Holsworthy which consisted of two persons elected by each of the 21 parishes of the District. **Nowadays Milton Damerel is in the postal district of Holsworthy and Rural District of Torridge.** Each parish within the District is under obligation to hold at least one annual parish meeting for every elector in the parish to attend, and if there are more than 300 such electors, they must elect a Parish Council. Milton Damerel has such a Council consisting of 7 councillors (including representation from Abbots Bickington), who elect a Chairman amongst themselves. The first Parish Council was elected on December 4th 1894 when John George Jollow was made Chairman. The records show that on 4th December 1950 (exactly 56 years on) the Councillors were WE Gifford, CRH Heard, CJ Slee, CC Stidwell, EG Taylor, J Thorne and GGD Watkins. **On 4th December 2005 (exactly 111 years on), they were C Bellew, D Dyer, J Elliot, S Harper, M Kirby, G Millman and G Piper.**

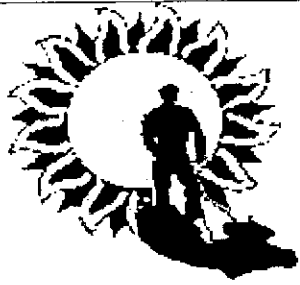
The duties of the parish council have not changed much since the 50's although many provisions such as washhouses are no longer relevant. Nowadays, the parish council acts more in an advisory capacity informing the County and District Councils in matters such as planning, housing, footpaths and highways issues. In 1951 the Parish Council was authorised to spend no more than 1d. in the £ without permission from a higher authority. The amount of rates in 1951 was 9s.6d for the half year. **Council Tax has now replaced this and I am sure you all know the amount. Parish Precept is currently £600 per half year.**

Join us in a gentle Cider and Pasty Walk on 1st May 2006 starting at 10.30am from Gratton X to the Parish Hall via Strawberry Bank.

Cost £3.00 Adults £2.50 Children to include a Homemade pasty and glass of cider or soft drink.

Everyone is welcome young and old, including pushchairs, wheelchairs, electric carriages & roller skates. The walk will be gentle and slow and we hope to compare the landscape now to that documented 50 years ago, exploring the history and recording the changes. It would be helpful if you could book a place on the walk so that we can arrange parking, catering and transport to ensure that everyone enjoys the walk whatever their ability. Please contact Grace on 261251 or Lizzy on 261440 for more information.

We hope to meet at 10.15am at the Parish Hall where transport will be arranged to take you to Gratton X or alternatively at Gratton X at 10.30am where parking has been arranged. We expect the walk to finish at the Parish hall at approx 12.00.



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THE GARDENING YEAR COMMENCES

After what I read was the coldest winter for at least 10 years it is finally time to at least start planning the new gardening year if not getting stuck into some of the tasks that can be tackled before better weather and the spring growth starts.



After a couple of months of rest grass has now started to grow again and regular lawn mowing should recommence, during March a feed and weed can be applied, either a proprietary product such as Evergreen or Toplawn but for more economy apply Growmore fertiliser which not being so rich in nitrogen won't make the grass bolt followed by a treatment of Verdone or Supertox which are easily applied with a watering can and kill lawn weeds most effectively.

Where moss is a problem you can apply lawn feeds including a moss killer or use lawn sand containing sulphate of iron, do remember to apply lime after you have raked out the dead moss to discourage regrowth.

Old well established clumps of herbaceous perennials should be lifted and split during the early part of March keeping only small healthy pieces from around the edge which can be replanted in the same place, moved or given away.

If you intend to carry out any new planting now is the time, you can plant out of containers at any time of the year but early spring gives new plants the chance to make root before the onset of summer enabling them to produce some new growth later in the year. If you plant Rhododendrons or Azaleas be sure to get the top of their roots level with the surface of the soil, as Percy Thrower told me some 40 years ago they can become flower shy if planted too deep.

I know beds and borders look better for being forked over but often this does not suit the plants who do not like their roots being disturbed a prime example being Paeonias who positively hate a fork anywhere near them, instead try loosening the surface with a hoe or mulching with compost, bark, wood chip etc.

Always follow the instructions on the packet but a lot of seeds can now be sown given the protection of a greenhouse, spare room or propagator, some F1 hybrid seeds are very expensive and difficult to germinate so consider buying young plants instead these are often no dearer than the seed.

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Stoney Broke!

Following a number of complaints, Devon County Council Highways Department have issued guidance on obstructions placed on or near to a public highway.

You must not place any object within 18 inches of the mapped highway (Where the edge of the highway has eroded over time you must measure from the original edge not from the newly created one).

This covers any obstruction such as dustbins, fences, plants, trees & stones and contrary to popular belief, it makes no difference if they are brightly painted and in the case of trees, plants and bushes you must take into account the species height and spread when making your calculations so that when it is fully grown it will still be more than 18 inches from the edge of the highway.

If anyone is injured as a result of an obstruction that you have placed by the highway **you are legally liable** so be warned because in this day of compensation mania you could end up stoney broke.

PUPPY WALKERS?

My family recently lost our much loved dog. The house seems very empty without him. Wanting to be a responsible dog owner, before taking on a new puppy, I would like to know if there are any dog lovers in Milton Damerel, Strawberry Bank Area who would be happy to puppy walk/visit whilst I'm at work. I hope to have another Cocker Spaniel which are known for having a lovely temperament. Please contact me if you are able to help. Telephone Juliette Brown 01409 261737 evenings and weekends or Sarah Harper will be happy to take a message on 01409 261473



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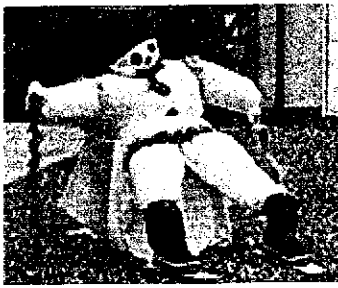
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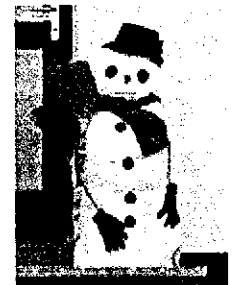
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The Milton Damerel Gardens' Snowman Competition was a big time "first", not only in the village, but by the publicity given to the competition by the Holsworthy Post and the North Devon Journal. It captured the media's attention and was fully supported by allocation of photographers for the afternoon. The entries were of a with everyone of the snowmen, (or should I say to be p-c-, snowpersons), being individual and on different themes. The



local postman, and many others, thought at night-time. Most were very carefully One could even be grateful to DEFRA – Thank you to every-one who competed, Bellew and Janet Elliott for graciously We do hope that many of you travelled



the bride was very eerie, particularly, at dusk and crafted and made use of a wide range of materials. the white boiler suits had good use, after all!! to those who kindly donated prizes, and to Charles judging the entries.



around the parish to see the entries .. and thoroughly appreciated them. We were really blessed with a week-end of fine weather ... although snow was conspicuous for its promise but no show! Should we plan it again for next year? Please give us your ideas on how we could improve the festival.

Jasmin Wrighton from Northtown was the overall winner with her entry "Duchess of Damerel"

Devon Limerick Competition

The newsletter team thought it would be fun to have a limerick competition with Devon as the subject i:e it must include some type of reference to a place in Devon.

A guide to writing Limericks.

- It must have five lines
- Lines 1 & 2 are longer lines that end with a rhyme
- Lines 3 & 4 are shorter lines that end with a rhyme
- Line 5 is a longer line that rhymes with line 1 & 2

For example:

There was a young lady from Milton
Who had a great passion for Stilton
She shouted so bold
Oh! It's covered in mould
Her cheese had a furry green Quilt-on

Closing date for all entries is 30th April 2006 and can be sent by:-

e-mail to mdnews@freeuk.com
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or handed to any of the newsletter members
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Thanks

Penny from Horreelsford Garage would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Draw in aid of the Childrens Hopsice SW

The top prize - a DVD player was won by

Sara Robinson
of Shebbear.

Congratulations

Children's Hospice South West Open Day

This year nine of us took the opportunity to go along to the Children's Hospice Open Day on Saturday, 21st January. The weather was beautiful with bright sunshine. We parked as usual at the Fremington Army camp and did not have to wait long for the shuttle mini-bus to take us over to the Hospice. There we were greeted at the door as we signed in. We were able to hand in two donations: £300 collected at the Horreelsford Garage, in the collecting box and from the proceeds of the Christmas Draw; and, just over £65, being the contents of the Chapel collecting box, raised mainly at the Friendship Club bring and buy stalls. Guides were on hand to give us a tour of the building and we were fortunate to see much more of it this year as no children or families were in residence, and all the decorating had already been done. This year is the 10th Anniversary of the Hospice and the cook was busy in the kitchen preparing for a special re-union of staff to take place the following day. If you have ever visited the Hospice you will know what an uplifting place it is to visit. Beautifully decorated with some very thoughtful homely touches and amazing wall hangings, needlework, embroidery, patchwork and so on. Everything is done to make it a home from home for the families and terminally ill children, who are cared for. The feel of the place is a very positive one, with nothing being overlooked. The tour finishes with a walk around the Narnia garden with sound effects and water shoots, some of which can catch you unaware and give the unsuspecting a slight shower!!

As we walked to the refreshment marquee we commented on how thankful we should be at having healthy children, but also that such a wonderful place exists for those not so fortunate. In the marquee, we met with Eddie Farwell, whose late wife, Jill, had been, with him, the main driving force in getting the hospice off the ground, after two of their children had terminal illnesses. The nearest hospice for them to go to, at that time, was in Oxfordshire, a very tiring and difficult journey for them to make. Eddie told us how the new hospice near Bristol is well underway and should be ready by the end of the year. It is hoped to have open days there during November, so watch this space, we may be holding another trip!

A WAY YOU AND I CAN HELP:

The two hospices budget for the next 2 years is £15 million, so obviously every penny raised is desperately needed and counts. Starting on **SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH from 10.30am to 12 noon**, there will be a 3-monthly **Coffee Morning** held at the **Schoolroom** (by the Methodist Chapel). Call in and have a cup of coffee and support the stall. The money raised will be for the Children's Hospice South West. If you feel you would like to help with making coffee and being on hand to welcome people, please phone 01409 261466.

Do you need a gardener or handyman?



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BAKED CABBAGE WITH CREAM

My grandmother used to make this recipe to tempt me to eat cabbage. She succeeded as it is delicious!

1lb cabbage 1/2 tspn paprika
1/4 pt single cream 1 tspn sugar
4 tbsps toasted breadcrumbs
1/2 tsp salt 3oz grated cheese

Wash and drain cabbage, then shred it finely.

Place in buttered heatproof dish and cover with the cream mixed with the sugar, salt and paprika.

Top with the breadcrumbs mixed with the cheese and bake on bottom shelf at 350° Gas Mark 4 for 45 minutes.

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Leek, Potato and Bacon soup.

Ingredients

300g/12oz leeks, washed and finely sliced
300g/12oz potatoes, peeled and sliced
150g/6oz lean and chopped bacon
700ml/1 1/4pt stock (preferably fresh chicken stock, but chicken or vegetable stock cubes can be used)
290ml/1/2 pint milk
fresh ground black pepper
cream (optional)

Method

1. sauté the potato, leeks and bacon in a pan, until soft but not coloured.
 2. Add the stock and cook until the potatoes are tender. Liquidize.
- Return to the pan and add the milk. Add the cream if desired.

Vegetable soup.

Ingredients

55g/2oz unsalted butter, cubed
1/2 carrot, peeled and diced
1/2 celeriac, peeled and diced
1/3 leek, washed and sliced
splash of white wine
290ml/1/2 pint vegetable stock
1 tsp tomato purée
1 large field mushroom, chopped
dash of Tabasco
55g/2oz stilton, cubed

Method

1. Gently melt the butter in a medium pan and fry the carrot, celeriac and leek for 4-5 minutes, or until soft.
2. Stir in the wine, then pour in the stock. Bring to the boil and then reduce the heat.
3. Add the tomato purée, mushroom and Tabasco. Simmer gently for 10-12 minutes.
4. Stir the stilton into the soup and heat for a further 1-2 minutes.
5. Remove from the heat and ladle into a soup bowl. Serve.



Water Name Recipes from Rose

High Flying Spy



Fly tippers beware.

Devon County Council have a new weapon in the fight against fly tipping. They are taking to the air to find and fine the criminals intent on blighting our beautiful countryside.

There are literally thousands of tonnes of waste being dumped illegally each year with anything from cars to xmas trees being left in the most obscure places.

There are plenty of recycling centres and tips who will take your waste and turn it into something better or dispose of it appropriately and we would urge anyone who sees any fly tipping offences to contact

DCC Highways on
01342 383329

Putford W.I. news from Lorna Dawe

The December meeting of the W.I. was held in the Methodist Hall. After being welcomed by the president, the speaker, Mrs P Vanstone, who came at short notice, gave a wonderful demonstration of Christmas flower arranging. Winners of a competition for a savoury snack were Rose Wooldridge and Liz Darling. Tea hostesses were Sue Street and Margaret Wooldridge. We also had our Christmas Dinner at the Hoops Inn, Horns Cross, which everyone enjoyed. We exchanged presents and the cup for most points in the competitions over the year was presented to Mrs M Martin. Mrs M Lewis (Past president) was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her many years as president. Our January meeting took the form of a party with a bring and share supper & a quiz organised by Rose. Everyone brought along their hyacinth bulbs, which we planted in October to see which had grown most. The winner was Viv Talbot, with Marion Wooldridge 2nd. If anyone would like to join us, we meet on the second Monday of the month in the Chapel hall at 7.30pm.

Do you know your ordnance survey reference?

"Lives are lost unnecessarily because of poor signage and a lack of area knowledge" says a spokesperson for the emergency services dispatch centre. "It is often difficult to pinpoint country locations and even when we have house names, you will be amazed at how many homes are completely unidentified which means ambulances lose valuable time asking for directions. Ordnance Survey references can be vital particularly for the air ambulance and we would urge all householders to know their reference and write it somewhere permanent near to their phone."

To find out more log on to www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

Or plot your home on Landranger sheet 190

The Parish Hall Committee thank everyone for their support for the fund-raising events in the last quarter. The Wine & Wisdom raised £299.15, the Whist Drive brought in £48.50, and the Coffee Morning at Peter & Lesley Self's raised £73.50. Please support the events arranged for the next three months

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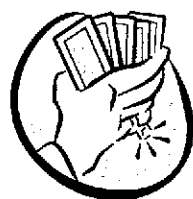
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WHIST DRIVE

Friday, 10th March 2006

7.00pm for 7.30pm

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Milton Damerel & District "Over 60" Club

The club dinner was held at Country Cousins, Westward Ho! On 13th December 2005. Members and friends/supporters enjoyed a delicious meal of a high standard. Afterwards they went to Barnstaple to do shopping and see the Christmas decorations and lights, which ended a good day out. Four members went to the Lions of Holsworthy New Year lunch which was very good.

The first club meeting for 2006 was on 7th February and took the usual form of a "take and share" tea. Before eating there was music in the form of CDs and tapes, supplied by a member.

Our next meeting is on 7th March. New members are welcome.

Meetings are held in the Parish hall on the first Tuesday of the month, arriving from 2pm for 2.30pm start.

Tea and the bring and buy stall from 3.30pm ish!

Temptation -Temptation usually comes in through a door that has been deliberately left open.

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Answer to word search P 5

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| 3. Yard | 4. Oare |
| 5. Upton | 6. Clovelly |
| 7. Beaford | 8. Instow |
| 9. Gunn | 10. Manaton |
| 11. Okehampton | 12. Ilfracombe |

Answer to quiz on page 3

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Did you know?

The largest no that can be written with 3 digits is $9^{(9^9)}$. Noone knows exactly it's value but it begins with 428124773, would have 369 million digits and take years to read!

Information from the Bude, Holsworthy and District Citizens Advice Bureau;

- Q. I am up to my eyes in debt and it is causing me a great deal of stress. I have heard that I could go bankrupt and wipe the slate clean. Is this true and would you recommend it?
- A. Firstly there may be a number of options for sorting your debts out that could be better for you than going bankrupt. You should make an appointment with a debt advisor at a Citizens Advice Bureaux who will be able to give you some expert advice on what may be your best option.
- There are advantages and disadvantages in filing for bankruptcy. The pressure is taken off you because you no longer have to deal with your creditors. An official called the Official Receiver takes control of your money and property, and deals with your creditors. You will be allowed to keep household goods and a reasonable amount to live on. Normally after a year you will be able to make a fresh start and in most cases the money you owe will be written. **However**, it costs £460 to go bankrupt and while you are bankrupt you will be unable to apply for more credit. If you own your own house it will usually have to be sold and you may lose your car and any other luxury items. In some professions people who have been made bankrupt may not be able to carry on working. Bankruptcy is never private; you will be listed on the Internet and it may even be published in your local paper. Some debts such as court fines and student loans will never be written off.
- If you need more help and information about your situation, go to your local CAB or visit their advice site at www.adviceguide.org.uk

Bradworthy YFC Newsletter.

This is the first newsletter of 2006 and I'd like to say happy New Year to everyone, hope everyone had an enjoyable Xmas, better late than never.

We have had quite a few events to enjoy over the festive season, carrying on from the end of November, Lewdown YFC kicked off the start of the Tarka Xmas Challenge with their annual Xmas poultry bingo on the 28th, the evening went well as they had quite a lot of locals and young farmers, think it was a bit of a fix that one of their members won first and second prize on the cash bingo, unless it was just his lucky day. On the 30th of the month several of Bradworthy members ventured up to Creally challenge, the evening consisted of everyone running round and working up a bit of a sweat, well done to everyone who made up a team to take part in the challenge, Bradworthy A came joint fifth.

December 2nd Devon County had their Holly and Tinsel Ball at Exeter Uni this year, as we all know it was a change of venue, would be grateful for those people to send me a text regarding comments about this evening as County would like comments into how other people rate the venue etc.

On Wednesday the 7th December I organised a bowling night at Harlequins, I was expecting about 40 people, in fact I had nearly 70, a great night had by all. It was good to see a lot of the younger members from Woolsery and Buckland Brewer, as the majority cannot drive.

For anyone interested in going to Winkleigh Discos it is advisable to get there before 11pm as they do not let anyone in afterwards as we found out at the previous disco, I should ask Phil for a lift as he should know the directions extremely well.

Friday 16th was our Games and Quiz night which was held at Sutcombe village hall as part of the Tarka Xmas challenge, overall there was approx 45 people in teams of 4 or 5 for the odd few. Many thanks to everyone who came, I hope they enjoyed themselves.

Bradworthy Xmas meal was held at the Red Post inn on Wednesday the 21st, this was a pleasant evening enjoyed by everyone, the food was excellent and for my opinion I couldn't fault the staff either.

Thursday 22nd I had arranged to go carol singing in Deer Park Nursing Home in Holsworthy.

Friday 23rd was Buckland Brewer's Quiz night at Buckland village hall, on the 28th about 15 of Bradworthy's members ventured to the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple to watch the pantomime Aladdin, according to comments was very good.

Lewdown YFC have finally released their excellent nude calendar, I give a lot of credit to them for doing this as all the sponsors they receive for the publishing of the calendars and all calendars now sold are profit towards their chosen charity CLIC. Please let me

know if you would like to purchase one, I have already bought one so people can have a look at my copy, the cost is £6, this may seem a lot but this is what most of you pay to get into a night club. So please every little helps.

We are planning to organise a charity parachute jump sometime in April, we would like to know how many people are interested in taking part, you do need to be under 15 stone and the minimum amount which needs to be raised is £350 each. The nearest place which we can do, this would be at Honiton. Please contact Phil if you are interested.

Also I was thinking of booking a visit to Winkleigh cider, this would be joint with Clawton, would be able to organise a bus there and back but please could you contact me if anyone is interested so therefore I know what size bus is wanted.

Thanks
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