



**MILTON**  
**DAMEREL**  
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Edna and Sarah thank all of you, to numerous to mention by name, for your support and encouragement with the newsletter over the last year.

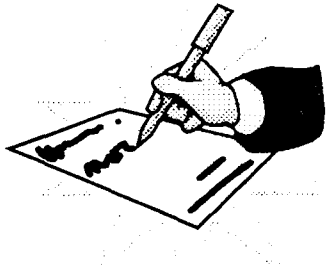
Thank you to those who have given donations, written articles, given ideas, helped with deliveries, supported table top sales and coffee mornings, to our Advertisers, sponsors, families and friends, all of whom make the Milton Damerel Newsletter possible!

This is the first anniversary of the Newsletter, We hope the first of many!

**Merry Christmas**

**&**

**A Very Happy New Year to Everyone**



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There were a few items that may be of interest I would like to tell you about.

Mr. C. Bellew raised the sad matter that we in Milton have lost two loyal members of the parish and past members of the parish council. Their services will be appreciated and remembered with affection and gratitude. Mr. John Carter had been on the parish council for some years in the past and made a large contribution to the running of the parish. Mrs. Mary Piper wife of Lloyd Piper.

Mary never ceased to support others at every eventuality. The clerk was asked to write a letter to Mrs.M Carter and Mr.L.Piper to express the sympathy felt by the parish councillors.

The wet weather has played havoc with the lanes throughout the village and the parish council has informed the highways department following each meeting about the next area in need of attention. There has been a problem with articulated lorries turning off the main road at Whitebear Cross and travelling towards Crossways only to find they are tight for room and unable to turn left or right and face a weight restriction on the bridge along the Thornbury road. The parish council understands a sign will be put up on the main road to prevent this happening.

Another accident has taken place on the road between Gidcott Cross and Thornbury Mill when a car overturned and the passengers were hurt. The clerk will be writing a letter to the highways department asking them to investigate.

A second re-cycling pavilion is planned for Venn Green near the bus shelter. The pavilion by the hall is a success and the re-cycling officer is pleased with the response from the community.

There are three items regarding planning matters.

A planning proposal to build a dwelling on land at Tor View, Venn Green was approved by the parish council.

Mr.&Mrs.Davies have been granted permission to renovate and extend existing cottage and build a garage at the property known as Kittabear.

Permission has been granted to erect at One 2 One Personal Communications tower at Hols.Beacon.

The Westcountry Ambulance Service NHS Trust and the British Heart Foundation are running a free emergency life-support training program for members of the public. The councillors met this with enthusiasm and a session will be booked; the date and time will be advertised when known.

A letter was received from Cllr.D.Shadrick regarding the Ring & Ride, door-to-door bus, asking if the parish would contribute towards funding the service. This issue is to be brought up at the next meeting when more councillors will be able to comment.

A letter has been received, once again requesting a bus shelter at Crossway to benefit the school children and those waiting for the Holsworthy bus on Wednesdays. The councillors wished to seek more advice before making a decision.

Bradworthy School of Governors asked Milton Damerel to put forward names for the election of Officer on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The clerk mentioned she had approached some of the parents of those children who attend Bradworthy School but has not been successful in finding a willing candidate.

The next parish council meeting is due to take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 in the Chapel Schoolrooms.

Just to remind you, your parish councillors are Mrs.J.Elliott (Chairperson), Mrs.R.Watkins(Vice-Chairperson), Mrs.P.Palmer and Messrs. D.Poole, P.Reed, J.Prouse and C.Bellew. The clerk is Mrs.E.Mortimer and can be contacted on 261433. That's all until next time.....Ed.

Last summer the older children visited North Wales staying in a youth hostel in the mountains close to the summit of Snowdon. The trip was a good mix of educational visits (including a Victorian town, a Victorian slate mine, a Victorian gaol and Baumaris Castle which was built by Edward the First), Physical challenges (including rock climbing, skiing and an ascent of Snowdon, which every child succeeded in doing and which is a real achievement for anyone, and particularly for 10 and 11 year old children), and fun activities (including, swimming and a day at Alton Towers on the way back).

In July of next year we will be visiting London as we did in the summer of 1999. We will be visiting the Science and Natural History Museums, the Houses of Parliament and the Planetarium. In addition to this we will go on the London Eye, go to the theatre to see The Lion King and visit Thorpe Park theme park.

The school is very happy to welcome all of our parents into school at any time. We firmly believe that we are all working together to help our children develop effectively and as such we fully understand the role that parents fulfil. We are appreciative of the help that parents give their children at home, with homework for example. Parents further help the school and our children through their involvement in our PTA which is very active both socially and in fund raising activities. Last Easter the PTA held a "Promise Auction" which raised over £2000.

I hope that this short article has given you some idea about our school, the things that we view as important and some of the things that are going on at the moment. As I have said the school has changed and developed greatly over the last couple of years and we are all committed to continued improvement for the benefit of all of our children.

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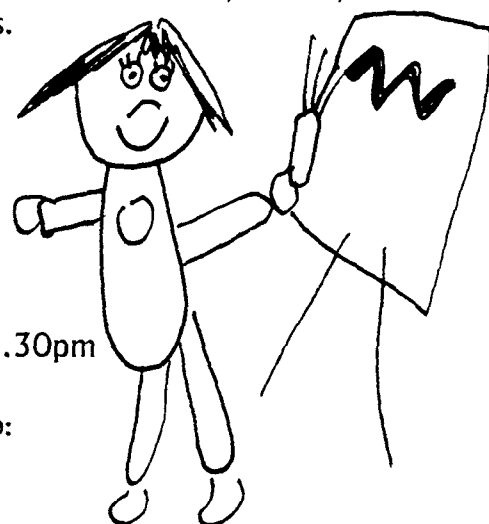
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HOLSWORTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP is open on Thursday afternoons from September to Easter at the Centre from 1.30pm-3.15pm. For more information pick up a leaflet at the Resource Centre or better still, come and see what is on offer!

FIND US AT: THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, NORTH ROAD, HOLSWORTHY,  
DEVON, EX22 6HJ.

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## OUR REPORT ABOUT YOUTH CLUB

My friend Gemma and me started Milton Damerel Youth Club in September. We meet every other Friday in the Chapel School rooms. We have made lots of new friends and we have joined in many of the activities.

In our first meeting we put on our thinking caps and suggested activities we would like to do. We play games and there is a tuck shop too!!!

Firstly there was keep fit, this was lots of fun. We were really tired. Next we all joined in painting. The other Saturday we went roller skating and played badminton at Torrington Sports Hall. At the end we had lots of bruises but we had a fun time.

If you are 9 or over come and join in, it's great fun! I'm especially looking forward to going to Super Bowl and having a go at bowling and Quasar Laser.



By Alice and Gemma

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## HUNTING WITCHES!

Those of us living in, and around the Strawberry Bank area, on the eve of October 31st. were visited by some gruesome old hags, their familiars and other ghastly fanged monsters, even a Transvestite (presumably from Transylvania!)



On their travels to gain 'treats' woe betide those who didn't come up with the goods. I heard that these little spooks filled wellies and any other available receptacle with Ghoulish Goo and sprayed windows/paths with Psychic Plasma, not to mention the foul fumes from the little phials. (A word of advice to the monster with the stink bombs - The idea is not to smash them in your own home! You know who you are!)

So be warned, and prepared, next year they may fly further afield. Wicked Wonford perhaps, Headless Headweir or even Ghostly Grattons in search of sweet fulfillment!.

On a more sensible note this ancient festival combines elements of both Christian and Pagan traditions. The Christian being the eve before all Saints Day when Christians remember those who have died and celebrate their lives. The ancient Celtic festival 'Samhain' signified the end of one year and the beginning of the new year. The time between dusk 31st Oct' and dawn of 1st Nov' was a very auspicious and dangerous time as doors to the other worlds could be passed through easily by spirits. Fires were lit at

dusk to drive off evil spirits. Perhaps that's what we will have to do next year in the Strawberry Bank Area !

## The Mystery of Glibs

By George Harris

The word "Glibs" appeared in the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 January 1900. It is a word, which has perplexed me for more than twenty years so it is time to unravel the mystery if that is possible.

The confusion arises from more than one source; firstly the word is spelt differently by different people. In 1840 William Routley spelt it "Glibbs", at other times and most noticeably in the Parish Council minutes in the early 1900's the parish clerks seem to have spelt it as pronounced, thus Glebbes, Glebes & Glibs, two of which suggest a close association with Glebe, which will generally be accepted as "land assigned to the incumbent of a parish as part of his benefice and to the endowment of the church".

Secondly, the word Glibbs appears to have more than one meaning. In the half century of Parish Council minutes it was always used as the name of a field in which there was a public footpath stile, which needed repair or replacement. However in the tithe schedule it appears to mean much more than the three small fields totalling just over four acres and occupied by Thomas Mounce, and this aspect we must examine more closely. Two decades later these three small fields would almost certainly have become part of Town Farm, then 230 acres and farmed by John Braund; Earl Stanhope, the owner kept an estate record showing every field and its cropping to ensure that tenants kept within the permitted tenancy conditions.

It is reasonable to expect "Glibbs" to be there, but it is not.

The 1841 census, which I have not seen, might not show a "Glibbs" even though at some time a dwelling existed there as evidenced by a covered well in a hedge bottom and a small quantity of coal ploughed up when this pastureland was newly ploughed during the war years. The possibility of a 'lost' village also has to be

ruled out because the total acreage of Tom Mounce's four acres plus a bit more than seven acres for the twenty-six other tenants gives an area that could not possibly be lost in one hundred and sixty years.

The next census in 1851 does not list a Thomas Mounce so he may have died during that decade because it lists Grace Mouncey, his wife, with a daughter Sarah and son Thomas aged 9. Grace is listed, a widow aged 40, formerly a house servant but now a pauper living at Woodford Bridge Lane.

When put together some entries in the parish register give useful information in respect of Tom Mounce and his family and show that it was unlikely that he was living at Glibbs although probably farming the fields. For other reasons too the story portrayed is quite interesting. My analysis of the appropriate entries are that Thomas Mounce (Mounce & Mouncey are interchangeable) was a son of John and Elizabeth Mounce of Waldon, baptised on 12 Feb 1793; was married to Grace Jenkyn on 26 Nov 1815 and their daughter Elizabeth was baptised on 18 Feb 1816 at which date her parents were living at Little Derworthy, Thomas then being described a labourer. Grace Mouncey of Venn Green was buried on 10 November 1834 aged 47. On 14 July 1836 Thomas Mounce, a widower, married Grace Braund a spinster of this parish. A son, John, was baptised on 19 November 1836, Thomas then being classified a farmer living with Grace at Venn Green. This John Mounce is listed in the 1851 census as a farm servant living at Venn. It is thus reasonable to suppose that in 1840 Thomas was farming these four acres at Glibbs along with some other fields near to Venn Green.

To further establish the 'wider' meaning of Glibbs it is necessary to look at the 'tithe schedule' and some of the background before the 1836 Tithe Act. This Act required all land to be surveyed and two maps of the parish made; one to be kept in the parish for reference and the other for

## **OUR HALL**

The Hancock family were among many people of the parish who wanted a parish or a church hall where dances and concerts could be held.

It was decided to collect from within the parish and sometimes beyond, money to build a new hall. At that time travel was not as easy as it is today, very few parishes had their own hall and villagers got excited about having one of their very own in Milton.

The period was the late 1920's. Parishioners held different views as to where the hall should be built; some thought it should be somewhere along the A388 main road, some favoured Venn Green and others favoured Milton ~Town in the church area.

The night came when a decision had to be made and since it was a parish matter the meeting was held in the schoolroom. As expected the church people were there in force, together with some outsiders, but there were no Methodists who were very much against the idea. Nowadays, happily, both denominations are very much united in the parish.

After a lot of deliberating, Mr. Norman Hancock of the Crossways declared, "I will give the land", and so the hall came to be built in the position it is to the pleasure of some and displeasure of others.

Building works began. The Slee family were responsible for the masonry work and Cyril Ridge did the carpentry.

It was in 1929 that the hall was completed and opened to the public.

The church ran the hall and as time went on it deteriorated to a rather bad state of repair with the church stating that there was no money available for the upkeep or to finance necessary repairs and improvements. After a period of 50 years the hall was eventually sold to the parish for a figure of £1,000. Some of the parishioners made loans to finance the purchase and were paid back at a later date. There was an opening ceremony in 1981 attended by Rev. Kenneth Mcleod and Mrs. M. Mcleod. The hall was taken over by a committee for the running and upkeep, some of the original committee members still attend meetings regularly and contribute to all aspects of management.

The skittle alley is still well used and hopefully will be for some time to come. Various activities take place in the hall with short mat bowling being a big contributor, meeting approximately twice a week during the winter months. Line dancing is a new idea which may interest a few more participants in the future. The hall is now, as it has always been, available for private bookings, whether it is used for Weddings, Christenings, children's birthday parties or jumble sales it is there for all of us to have the benefit of.

It is now just over 70 years since the hall was built originally and the committee find themselves in the position of having to face replacing the end wall that is open to all the worst weather. The cost is quite considerable and a grant will be applied for to help with the finance, the rest falls upon the hall funds. Fund raising events yield about the same amount of money in this year 2000 as they did nearly 20 years ago in 1981. To keep the hall running in good order depends on the generosity of all parishioners, we all use it sometime or other, please support the committee when you can to ensure a long life to a cherished asset of this parish.

## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTH

Congratulations to Stephen and Nicola Poole of East Wonford Farm on the birth of their baby daughter Lucy Ann.

### BEREAVEMENTS

It is with a heavy heart we report the deaths of three members of Milton who have passed away recently. John Carter of Moorview and Mary Piper of West Wonford Farm were both born and lived in Milton all the years that followed.

Keith Boyse of Karlavian has also passed away.  
*All will be sadly missed.*

**THANKS** Just a few words to say thank you to everyone in and around Milton Damerel who sent their best wishes to Mum (Dorothy) after she fell and broke her hip. She was quite chuffed at everyone's kindness. Recovery is slow, but she is coping well.

Many thanks,  
Peter and Lesley Self.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

MILTON DAMEREL PARISH SEEK  
AN AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR  
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

If you think you could take on the task and would like details of what is involved please telephone the current area co-ordinator Mr. A. Miller on 01409 261465

### CRIMEWATCH

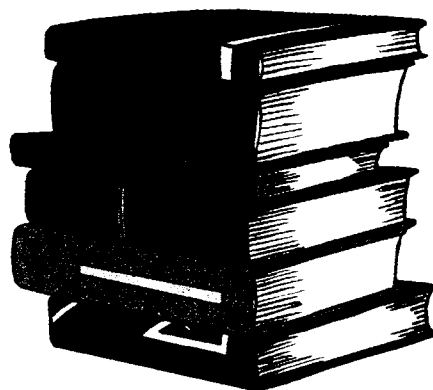
The latest crime figures have arrived. Offences recorded in the Holsworthy Police Area for the period 1 Jan 2000 to 30 Sept.2000 amount to 171, of those, 5 crimes were reported in Milton Damerel. By far the biggest crime reported is theft from motor vehicles, so make sure you lock up and keep valuables out of sight or better still remove from the vehicle completely.

Wise words, thank you to WPC4017 BROWN

## THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Well done all you people using the Mobile Library, especially those using the Crossways stop. It is such a busy little stop that we may be upgraded to a visit every two weeks instead of monthly. Keep up the good work and I'll keep you posted.

The next visit to The Crossways is 19th December 15.20-15.45 all other stops on the time table apply on this date. Time tables can be acquired from the mobile library itself or Holsworthy main library.



The Mobile library can be contacted on 0831 168397

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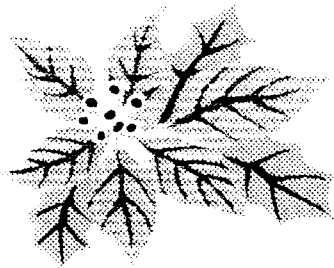


*The Annual Village Carol Service* will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> December in the Methodist Church. As an "important person" may have more homes to visit this year on Christmas Eve, and may decide to start the rounds a little earlier, the service will be at 4pm, and will be followed by tea and mince-pies in the Schoolroom. A special note for Children – would you to come along dressed as one of your favourite Nativity characters – a king, a shepherd, Mary, Joseph, an angel, a lamb or one of the stable animals? Come along dressed up and add to the Spirit of the occasion. The collection taken at the service will be donated to NCH Action for Children.

*Christmas Boxes* – a big thank-you to every-one for the gifts and Christmas Boxes for children in Eastern Europe. I am sure we have all had fun in finding items to go in the boxes and pray that the children and young people who receive them will equally have fun using the items in their boxes.

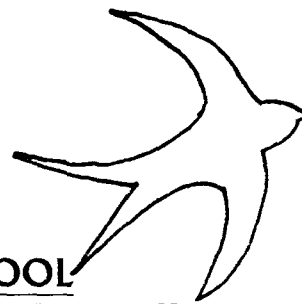
Chapel Flower Plan for the months of December through to March:

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Mrs D Colwill	7 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs R Daniel
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs J Carter	14 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs C Clarke
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs D Poole	21 <sup>st</sup> January	Mrs A Johns
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs L Luxton	28 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs A Piper
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Flowers		
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs D Woodridge	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs W Millman
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs B Sanders	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs G Palmer
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Miss R Daniel	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs F Hearn
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs W Carter	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs L Luxton
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*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. We meet at 11 am on Sunday mornings for an hour to 12 noon. Contact Sheila (Tel:261466) or Lillian (261355).

It has been a pleasure recently to welcome new members to Sunday Club and Youth Club. Please don't be shy about making contact or coming along – there will be newcomers like yourself enjoying new friendships. A wide range of activities are used - singing, painting, cooking, drama, banner-making just to mention a few.



## **BRADWORTHY CP SCHOOL**

The following article was written by Mr Richard Stephenson, Headmaster of Bradworthy CP School.

Last Friday (10th November) the school was visited by Mr John Burnett our local Member of Parliament and a senior representative from the Education Authority. Our school roll has grown greatly over the last three years and we are in dire need of extra teaching space. Mr Burnett has committed himself to the support of our buildings programme and we are all confident that the school and it's children will be benefiting from additional class space as early as our next school year.

Over the last three years the number of children who come to our school has greatly increased, from 92 in the Autumn of 1998 to over 130 this January. From September of this year we have been teaching the children in five classes for the first time and this has meant that we have been able to cut greatly the number of children in each class and this is of obvious benefit to everyone and not least of benefit to the children's development. However, despite the fact that nearly £1000 has been spent setting up and equipping the new class, it is not desirable to be teaching them in the school hall and this is not a long term solution. It is of great importance to the school and our children that we have extra, permanent, class space as soon as possible and it is to this end that we have canvassed the support of Mr Burnett.

I am very happy to be able to report that the school has been placed high on the Education Authorities list of priorities and that we should now be benefiting from new class space next year. In January the County will find out how big it's allocation from the government will be and at this point we will meet again to finalise the development at Bradworthy.

This is an important time for all of us at Bradworthy School, we have come through a difficult patch where the whole school staff has changed, where we have created a extra class and where we have had to cope with very large classes. Despite these difficulties the school has been making great progress, as recognised by OFSTED when they inspected us last year and as shown by our greatly improved SAT results over the last two years, and we feel that we are well placed to go from strength to strength.

Our aim is that Bradworthy Primary School, by working in partnership with parents and the community, will be a happy and enriching learning environment. We hope that by celebrating the children's achievements, helping them fulfil their potential, respecting their differences and encouraging kindness, consideration and respect, we will foster self-esteem and provide a sound foundation for their future life.



*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 autumn will be discussed at the next club night on 15<sup>th</sup> September, Come along with your ideas. Contact nos: Diane (01805-601435) or Sheila (261466).*

We are delighted that Mrs Jan Wheeler has attended some of the Youth Club meetings and assists the helpers.

*The Youth Club / Sunday Club Party.* Parents, family members, friends and in fact any-one and every-one is welcome to come to this Annual Party, which this year will be held in the Schoolroom on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2991. Sunday Club members traditionally meet together for tea at 5pm, but at 7pm the doors are open to every-one. In previous years we have had surprise visits from the "Spice Girls" and even "Steps" so who knows who might pay us a visit this year?! There is no charge, but please bring along a plate of food to share for the supper. Hope to see you there.

*Church Council* – At a recent meeting we were able to review progress with property matters, including repairs needed to the ceiling in the Boardroom, lobby windows, the church paths and the cottage chimney. The quinquennial inspection had also identified some further areas of work or "to keep an eye on" over the next 5 years. We also agreed that an area near to the new beech tree could be used for the interment of ashes and memorial plaques. It was agreed to make a donation to the cost of producing the parish newsletter. In addition to the planned events publicised above, it is also proposed to have a *week-end exhibition* on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> March 2001, to include photographs and memorabilia. More information on this after Christmas! Also a series of sessions on *banner-making* on alternate Wednesday evenings after Christmas, and the fortnightly meetings to alternate between Milton Damerel and Rowden chapels. If you interested please look out for more publicity.

#### *"In Memoriam"*

October proved to be a very sad month for our village and congregation, with the loss of two of our stalwarts – *John carter and Mary Piper*. Both had widespread interests and these were recoded in the addresses at the service. These few words are appreciations from us.

John had been connected with the chapel throughout his life and served in several offices. He had taken a particular interest in the upkeep of the property, which is evidenced by its current condition. Whilst more recently he had "retired" from office, we really appreciated his counsel in so many ways.

Mary had also been connected with the chapel throughout her life, always willingly and cheerfully helping with all of our special events, and over the years with Youth Club activities. She will be remembered for her many kindnesses, most of them unknown except by those who received them.

We continue to uphold their families in our prayers and thank God for their lives and friendships. We also very gratefully thank their families for the generosity in asking for donations in lieu of flowers to be shared between the North Devon District Hospital and the Chapel.

*We pray regularly for the concerns within our locality – for those who are unwell, sad or anxious – and thank God for good times and happy occasions.*

"Give your burdens to the Lord; He will carry them....."

"Praise God in all things ....."

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 a Rural Worker, Alan Andrew of Moortown, Shebbear (Tel: 281321), financed by the Methodist Church, and able to offer understanding, support and empathy to any-one in our communities in the North/West Devon area.

## CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

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There is a charge of 50 pence which goes  
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Lesley kindly provides tea and coffee.

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## *LINE DANCING* *at Milton Damerel Parish Hall*

A year has now passed since we few started Line  
Dancing. Two new 'girls' joined us early spring  
and although we are still a small group we are as  
keen as ever!

We are a happy group, no way professional and  
beginners would be welcome.

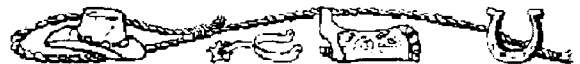
A pleasant evening out is always enjoyed.  
So, if you fancy giving it a go or just want to  
watch, why don't you join us for a  
**LINE DANCING SPECIAL**

on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30  
onwards.

A FREE evening for ALL, fetch a drink, as if  
you do join in you may get a little thirsty!

See you there.

Lesley, Sally, Doreen, Sue, Linda, Mary & Pam



Received Tithe by composition for Woodford Wood, also for Bridge Coppice belonging to Jacob Hammond. R. Walter Rector. [It is worth noting that all these

faggots and sticks would have been carried by packhorses].

1787 Compounded for the Tithe for corn on Gritten at Wheat 5s, Barley 2s. 6d, Oats 2s.

The evidence we need to look at from the Tithe Schedule occurs in two places, both referring to the same owners and properties. That given in the summary is sufficient for our purpose.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Occupier/s</u>	<u>acres roods poles</u>			<u>Property name</u>	<u>Tithe ch.</u>		
Rev. John Gains						£	s	d
Copplestone	Thomas Mounce&others.	1	0	11	Joneys	2	8	
" "	John Hutchings&others.			3 24	Noplace	2	8	
Earl of Devon	George Hill	183	1	10	Buttermoor	8	19	9
Earl of Devon	Tom Mounce	4	0	10	Glibbs	7	4	
Earl of Devon	Francis Ayre			1 17	Glibbs	1	6	
Earl of Devon	Emmanuel Sanders			36	Glibbs			
Earl of Devon	Hugh Oxenham			3 2	Glibbs	1	6	
Earl of Devon	Harris & Osborne			1 29	Glibbs			
Earl of Devon	Samuel Hopper			2 4	Glibbs	1	6	
Earl of Devon	Samuel Sanders			1 38	Glibbs	1	6	

This list continues with twenty more names of occupiers all under the heading of Glibbs plus one more not under glibbs as below.

Earl of Devon 0 2 Pound [for straying cattle]

Finally we should see whether the Manor Court records for the 19<sup>th</sup> century give confirming evidence of where the 26 tenants lived in the parish. Given below is the standard format and procedure followed with some explanatory notes for readers whose memory of the 'history of the Manor' has become a bit hazy.

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the Tithe Commission; and that a valuer, or commissioner, be appointed to apportion the tithe which was a money payment- really an annual rent charge- instead of payment in kind, an example of which could be taken from the cornfield; where before the Act the rectors' man stuck a leafy twig into every tenth stook and they were the rectors' property thereafter. The new system made a money payment due to the rector based on the value of wheat, barley or oats and the church no longer had need of tithe barns and all the hassle associated with its collection.

The survey of Milton was done by Robert Heard of Dulverton and the valuer was William Routley of Kilkhampton who practiced law in Holsworthy and is described as an 'attorney at law' in the 1850 Whites' Directory.

Exemptions from tithe were very few; they included the glebe when farmed by the rector; some private roads do not seem to have a tithe charge; houses and cottages occupying less than a quarter of an acre were usually free but in Milton there was an exception-William Rattenbury the owner of four cottages and gardens and one house apart from the farmhouse at Ley where he lived was apportioned a tithe rent charge on all four cottages, but not on the one house even though none of them occupied more than a quarter of an acre. A parish history would record that the Rattenburys, or a few of them, were often at odds with those in authority so the obvious question to pose is - who had the ear of William Routley?

It is interesting to see just how the parish acres tot up 160 years ago, the schedule gives the following:

The whole parish of Milton Damerel contains by estimation 3274 acres or thereabouts the whole of which are subject to the payment of the tithes.

The whole quantity of land within the said parish cultivated as arable land is by estimation 2938 acres.

The whole quantity of land within the said parish as meadow or pasture is by estimation

106 acres 3 roods.

The whole quantity of land within the said parish as woodland is by estimation 154a-1r.

The glebe lands when not in the hands of the owner are subject to tithe and amount by estimation to 75 acres-the whole of which belongs to the Rector.

The gross rent charge payable to the tithe owner in lieu of tithes for the parish of Milton Damerel in the County of Devon is £375.00.00.

Value in imperial bushels

Wheat 7s-0¼d, Barley 3s-11½d,

Oats 2s-9d.

Some additional background of tithe payments made in earlier times is given in memos written in the Parish Register by past rectors.

**Memo** By custom there is due to the Rector at Easter bacon and eggs from several parishioners which I have collected three different times once by Abraham Rowe, twice by Nicholas Jefford, the clerk in the years 1752 and 1755.

**1762 Memo** Last year received tithe in kind from Richard Dymond of part of Gitcot Wood Rinds sold for 6 shillings the acre.

Faggots and Poles likewise for Gaydon Wood bought by Henry Allen and for Knots' Wood and Birchen Park, all wood due in kind. W.E. Rector [Walter Elford].

**1762 Sept.** I had two hundred faggots tithe out of two thousand part of Broad Park coppice sold to George Walter....3 Dec and half of sale out of 37, four larger sticks out of forty, the remainder to be taken down next year. Rinds to be paid in kind if the Rector chooses.

**1786** was paid the Tithe in kind for corn tilled on Gritten by mutual consent.

R. Walter curate.

## Manor of Milton Damerel

The Court Leet or View of Frankpledge with the Court Baron of the Rt.Hon [the appropriate Earl of Devon] held in and for the said parish of Milton Damerel on [date given] in the ? year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord [or Lady] [the Reigning Monarch].  
(Often) the name of the Steward representing the lord-of-the-manor.

### JURY and HOMAGE

A list of twelve tenants of the Manor and naming a foreman [Then followed the business of the Courts and it would always include all or some of the following]:-

We the Jury and Homage above having been duly sworn as usual, do present Mr. ?? to be sworn Reeve of the said Manor for the ensuing year.

Mr.?? came into court and was duly sworn.

The same procedure was adopted for the Tythingman and the Beadle.

Then followed the recording of Alienations of property from one manor tenant to another who before being admitted a tenant of the manor was sworn to fealty.

Deaths of tenants were then recorded and their successors to the property were expected to come into court at the following manor court for swearing fealty and to pay any monies due from 'life'

fees or heriots, if any were due, before being admitted a tenant of the manor.

The last entry was usually a statement that the Court continues all former presentments not yet withdrawn or complied with, particularly the Tenants formerly presented but not yet admitted.

Signatures or X of all twelve Jurymen

Explanatory notes:-

**Court Leet or View of Frankpledge** usually refers to a manor court where records of Alienations of properties, and deaths of tenants are made. They were also competent to deal with public nuisances and petty offences.

**A View of Frankpledge** regulated the working of the Tithing – a vill of ten houses whose inhabitants were responsible one for another.

**Alienation** is simply a transfer of property either owned or tenanted.

**The Court Baron** was the property of the lord and was a private jurisdiction.

The main business concerned the rights of the lord and of the tenants: the management of the commons and wastes; the appointment of a reeve who represented the parish and collected the lord's dues. The Court Baron was also concerned with land transfers, escheats and dower administration whenever these occurred.

**Homage** was a ceremonial pledge of loyalty by the Jury. The lord or his representative, in accepting the homage warranted protection to his tenants.

**Fealty** is the oath of allegiance to the Crown made by incoming tenants.

**The Tythingman, or Constable, and the Beadle,** or Poundkeeper were appointed by the Court Leet.

One important paragraph from the Manor Court held in 1819 says that “Mr. Francis Fishleigh, Mr. Richard Allin, Mr. John Littlejohn, Mr. William Priest, Mr. John Slade and Mrs. Grace Fishleigh came to this Court and were admitted Conventiounary Tenants of their respective Waste

Pieces of Land and on part of which they have severally erected cottages, and were sworn to fealty. Doubtless there were several such entries over a long period of time and certainly, sufficient in number to account for the twenty-seven ‘Glibbs’ tenants in 1840.

The mystery of Glibbs has been unravelled without actually finding any examples of its use beyond our parish. Glibbs are those small areas of land in the parish, formerly waste on which parishioners had built dwellings and entered into a lease agreement with the lord of the manor who claimed ownership of all the wastes. This claim was being challenged by the early 1800’s when Rev. Walter now Rector of Northam, after purchasing the manor of West Wonford, or part of it, gave his tenant Paige permission to enclose half an acre of the waste. An explanation was demanded as to how it came about that his tenant had enclosed ½ acre of the lords’ waste. Rev. Walter claimed that his purchase included the wasteland. I do not know the precise outcome but the small field is still there so it is probable that Rev. Walter’s title was good. By mid century other owners had pressed claims for what they perceived to be their right to the wastes adjoining their land which must have led to a situation in which the returns to the lord of the manor did not cover the costs associated with running the manor. The parochial unit, the manor, had become a weak link in the wider scene and before the end of the century had been replaced by a County Council, District Councils and Parish Councils.

One question remains – why choose the word Glibbs?

Perhaps William Routley had a sense of humour when after repeating the word ‘glebe’ quickly several times got ‘glib’ and said, “that’s it, we’ll call them glibbs”!!

A dictionary says of glib – fluent, rather than sound and sincere.

I’ll settle for that until a better explanation can be found.

## Milton Damerel Sports

### Short Mat Bowls results

Milton Diamonds beat Milton Moles home 39-28

Milton Moles beat Milton Diamonds home 42-39

Diamonds lost Holsworthy Cup Match 42-33

Diamonds beat Bradworthy Pickwicks home 47-36

Diamonds lost away to Holsworthy away 70-29

Diamonds lost home to Stratton Blues home 39-40

Milton Moles beat Sutcombe home 51-38

Milton Moles beat Stratton Yellows home 46-24

Milton Moles lost to Bradworthy Peewees away 33-36

Milton Moles lost to Merton in Cup Match

0 SKITTLES

0 George Jenkins

0 Memorial Cup

0

0 Winners

0 Ashwater

0 Score 299

0

0 Runners-up

0 St. Giles A&B

0 Score 293



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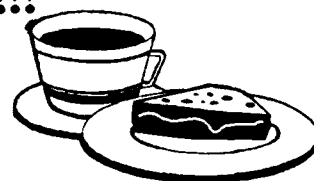
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DOGS

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