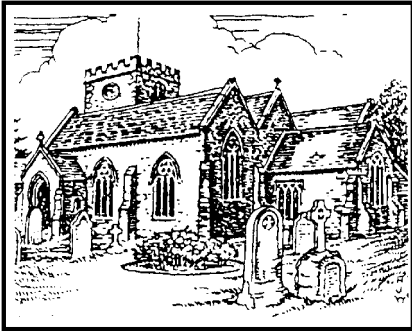
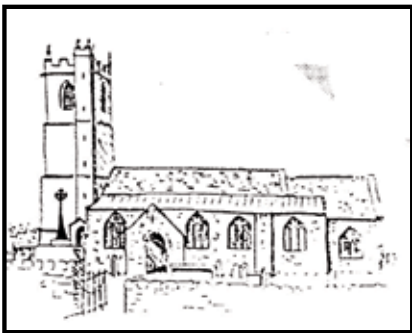


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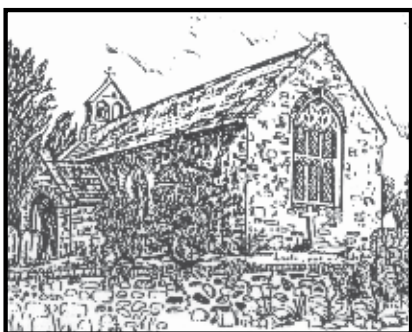
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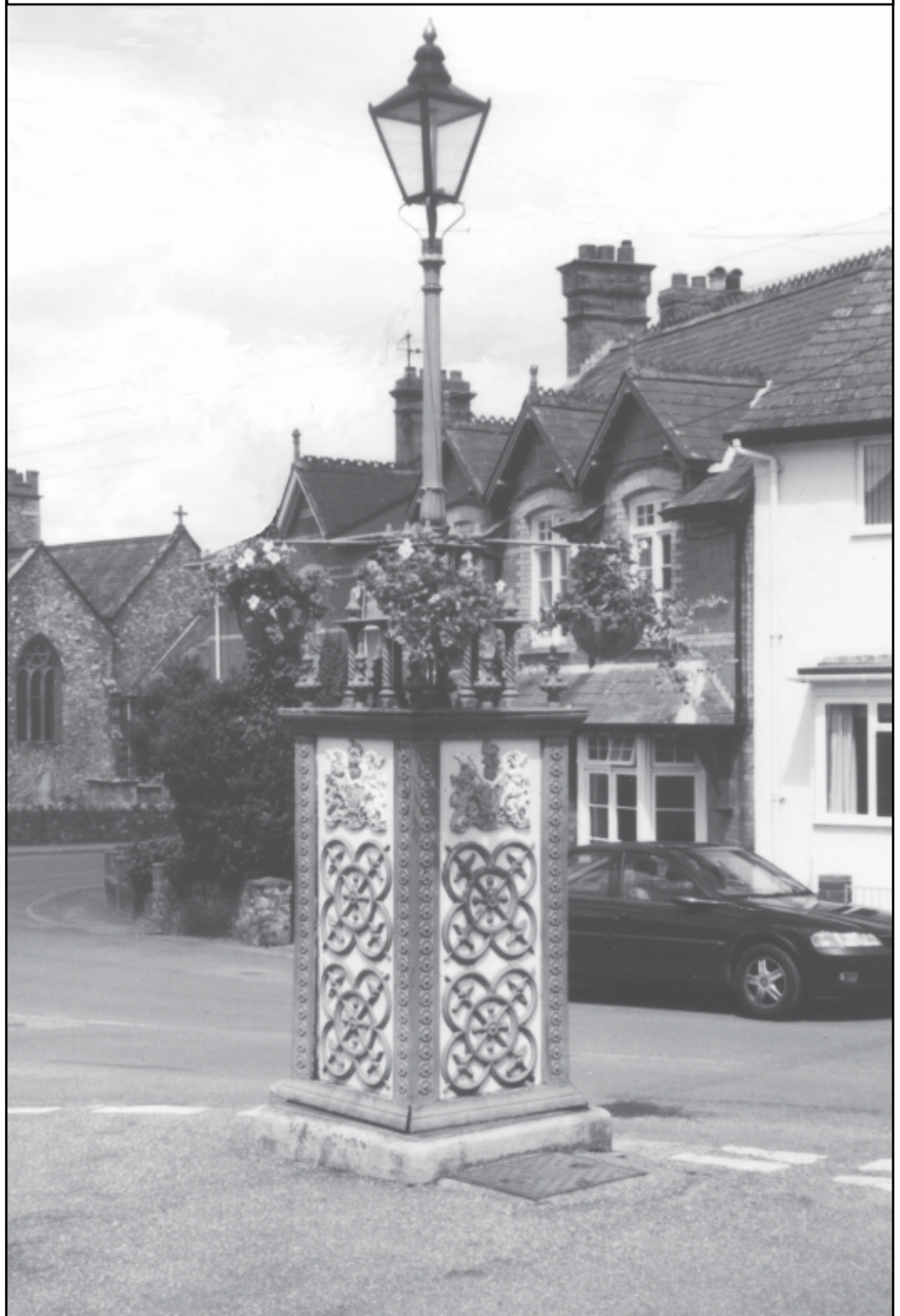


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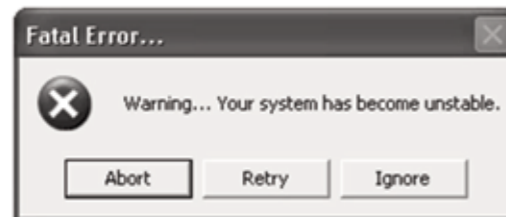
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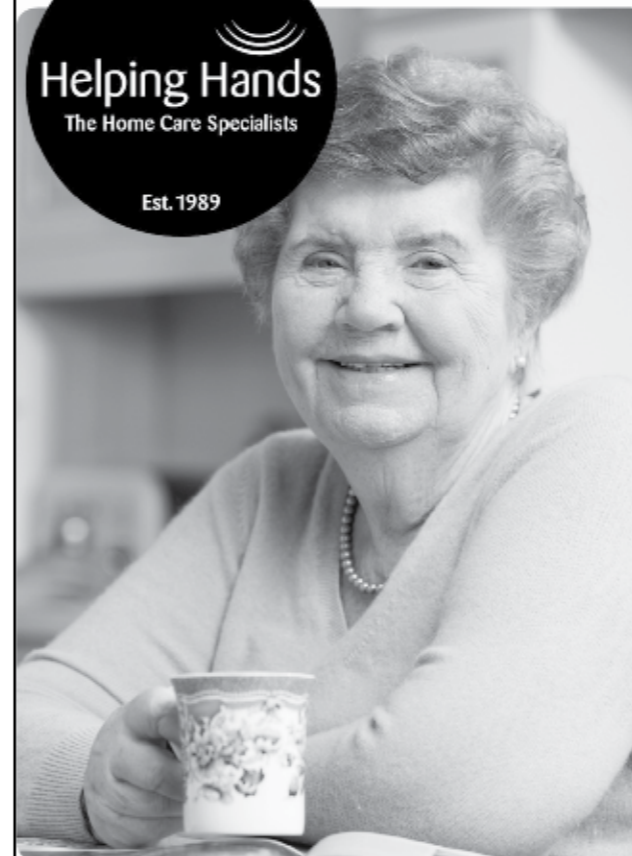
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SERVICES IN THE UPPER CULM VALLEY MISSION COMMUNITY

February & March 2016

'To love God and to love our neighbours'

Visitors to, and residents of the area, are most welcome at the services throughout the Mission Community.

To discover more about our Church Community, photos, news, links, and a useful 'what's on' calendar, visit our website www.culmkirks.co.uk

HC = Holy Communion; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; FS = Family Service;
FC = Family Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints
Thursday 4 th Feb				10.30am Mothers' Union Service. All welcome.
Sunday 7 th Feb	10.30am FS	No service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW
Ash Wednesday 10 th Feb	11.30am HC & Imposition of ashes	No service	6.30pm HC & ashes	7.00pm HC & ashes
Sunday 14 th Feb	11.15am MP CW	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW	3.00pm at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 21 st Feb	11.15am HC CW	No service	3.30pm EP BCP	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 28 th Feb	11.15am HC CW 6.30pm Iona Service	3.30pm EP BCP	10.00am FS	8.00am HC BCP
Mothering Sunday 6 th March	10.30 FS	No service	10.00am FS	10.00am FS
Sunday 13 th March	11.15am MP CW	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW	3.00pm at Methodist Chapel
Palm Sunday 20 th March	11.15am HC with Liturgy of Palms. Procession from Parish Hall & Passion Gospel	No Service	3.30pm EP CW	9.30am HC with Liturgy of Palms
Monday of Holy Week 21 st March				7.00pm HC CW
Tuesday of Holy Week 22 nd March	7.00pm HC CW			
Wednesday of Holy Week 23 rd March			6.30pm HC CW	
Maundy Thursday 25 th March				7.00pm Joint Eucharist
Good Friday 26 th March	12.00pm Readings & Reflections			
Easter Day Sunday 27 th March	11.15am HC CW	9.00am HC BCP	7.00am Ecumenical Sunrise service at Gray's Lane. 10.00am FC CW	10.00am HC CW

Regular Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays at 10am Morning Prayer at All Saints, Culmstock

From Thursday 18th Feb, Holy Communion Thursdays at 11.30am (during lent) at St Mary's, Hemyock.

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Looking to the Future

I thought Easter was early last year – and it's even earlier this year – 27th March. This means that the season of Lent, which is the six weeks leading up to Easter – which is traditionally a time of reflection and abstinence in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection - begins very soon on Ash Wednesday, 10th. February.

It is also a time for study and learning in the Church, and this year, we will again have a series of Lent Study Groups open to all, focussing our thoughts on the Ten Commandments. (Please find details of the course and groups in our churches).

Jesus' summary of the Ten Commandments, was that we should First love God with all our being, and secondly, love our neighbours as ourselves. We will have a chance to explore more about what this means in our groups.

But this summary of Jesus is a sound basis for our Christian living, and representatives from all our parishes have used this as the basis of our Mission Action Plan which will be presented to our churches at the end of January.

In the Anglican Diocese of Exeter all parishes have been grouped into Mission Communities. Our Mission Community is comprised of the three parishes of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock. And we are called to work and co-operate in the best interests of the mission of the Church in our area. Each Mission Community is called to produce a Mission Action Plan to outline how this co-operation might be worked out in the local context. This comprises of a Mission Statement (see right) together with a plan of how we might implement our aims. Copies of these will be available in each of our churches.

The Church of England, like most other churches, is facing many challenges today. You may have read of falling numbers, fewer clergy and diminishing resources - financial and human. This is not the same across the country – and I think our churches, in some respects, do not reflect the degree of crisis elsewhere – but life does not get easier, and we need to plan and prepare for the future, seeking to find ways which draw us more closely into the will of God and respond with a deep desire to see his Church grow and flourish.

Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) is designed to help us do that – and our Mission Statement focuses us first on God – so we need to attend to that which builds us up as his disciples – prayer, worship and fellowship, in order that we are better able to do what we are called to do - serve others as Christ calls us to do.

This is an on-going work, and members of our churches will need, with prayer and reflection, constantly to review, change and update our plan as things move forward and develop.

May God bless us all as we venture into this New Year, and enable us to be open to all that he might teach us.

Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

We are a group of four Anglican Churches in the Upper Culm Valley: Culmstock, Hemyock, Culm Davy Chapel and Clayhidon.

Our Mission Statement

To love God and to love our neighbour

Loving God : Seeking to put God First

We seek to do all that we can to build up our community, through gathering together for :

- Worship
- Prayer
- Teaching/Discipleship
- Fellowship

Loving our Neighbour : Serving Christ in Others

We serve Christ in being open to his presence in every human being by :

- Helping those in need
- Reaching out to our local community
- Supporting mission, justice, equality and peace throughout the world

We aim to help our Mission Community to grow by:

- Praying and worshipping together
- Developing provision for Christian education and discipleship
- Developing children's and youth work
- Forming a pastoral visiting group
- Bringing together a social planning group

And by:

- Creating a Mission Community Planning Group which will plan, help to implement, and review our MAP

Easter 'Sunrise' Celebration



Again this year, all being well, Christians, and indeed anyone else, from all the churches are invited to celebrate Easter together at 7.00am on Easter morning at a location just off Gray's Lane, Clayhidon, from where, weather permitting, we may be able to see the rising sun. (If you don't

know where that is details will be available at each church). This will be followed by breakfast (St. Mary's Hemyock Church Rooms) for which you will need to sign for in one of the churches if you would like to come.

This will be a very informal act of worship to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus, present in and amongst us. It will consist of readings, songs and prayers led by members from our churches. We will gather around the Easter Fire!

It is wonderful to have an occasion when people from all our churches can all gather and praise God together.

It might seem a bit early for some (the clocks go forward) but it will be well worth the effort! See you there?

David

Christingle Service

Faces of young and old shone when Christingles were distributed at Hemyock's annual service in aid of the Childrens Society.

Led by Rev David Burton the parish church was full with well over 200 people. Readings and prayers were given by the Lay team. During the service a short video was shown and Hemyock School choir entertained.

Christingles depict Christ as the Light of the World and after all had been handed out a circle was formed around the church and with lights out the first verse of Away in a Manger was sung.

Work, Rest and Play?

Are you one of those people who remember all the ads on television? If so you'll recall the Mars ad that had monks swinging up and down on bellropes. However, if this is your idea of how ringing is conducted then I'm afraid you're ever so slightly wide of the mark. Lots of people have some rather "interesting" ideas about the subject, both for tower bells and handbells, so the Ringers of the three parishes are having an "Open House" session to give people the chance to get to see what it's all about and how and why we do it.

This will be on Saturday February 13th at the Ringing Room at St Mary's Hemyock from 10am till 1pm. This is on the ground floor, the ringing room at Clayhidon and Culmstock are both upstairs. Why not come and satisfy your curiosity? A warm welcome awaits.

And to start off your "education" a few facts about tower bell ringing:

- It's for all ages! You'll find ringers as young as 6, and a couple of years back a Devon ringer rung for his 102nd birthday!
- You don't need to be super strong! York Minster tenor bell (weighing just under 3 tons) has been rung to a peal (about 4 hours ringing) by a young lady who only just meets the weight limit for giving blood (7stone).
- You do not need to be able to read music. It does help to be able to count to 6 (8 in Culmstock!) and have a sense of rhythm.
- It starts friendships! Most of the Hemyock band came together to ring in the Millennium. Now when was that...?

Everyone is welcome to join us for our

Mothering Sunday

Family Service

Sunday 6th March, 10.30 am,

St Mary's Church, Hemyock

Singing, story, craft, snack and more.



Your favourite toys will be welcome, too!



Organised by St Mary's and Culm Davy

Gentle reminder...

Could we please ask that if you are leaving items in the church or church room for other people to collect, that you leave a note saying who it is for. This will save the embarrassment of the Charity Shop selling someone else's present!

Thank you for letting us spend your cash!

The volunteer staff at St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop want to thank everyone who has supported them over the the past year by donating items for sale. This leads us to thank everyone who has supported us by buying the donated goods. This in turn enables us to spend some of the money raised on maintaining our ancient (830 years plus) Parish Church Building for future generations. It also enables us to give some away to other local groups or organisations that help the village.

This year we'll be making our donations during the Shop's opening on Saturday February 6th, during the second half of the session. So why not come along and find out who your money is helping this year. And if you buy something whilst you're there then next year we can do it all over again!



Everyone is welcome
to our short



Family Service

Sunday 7th February, 10.30 am,

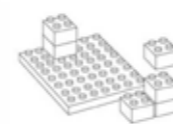
St Mary's Church, Hemyock

Come and see who went through the roof!

Singing, story, craft, snack and more.



Oh, and we would like you to show us one of your favourite toys!



Organised by St Mary's and Culm Davy

St Mary's Church, Hemyock Weekly Lent Lunches in the Church Rooms



Soup, bread & cheeses with tea/coffee

**Ash Wednesday,
10 February at 12.30pm**

**Lent lunches will continue on
Thursdays: 18 & 25 February
& 3, 10, 17 & 24 March.**

**Donations for Potter's Village, Uganda
and Jenny Green (working in Bradford)**

Everyone Welcome!

Hemyock Christmas Fair

St Mary's Church and Culm Davy Chapel Hemyock Christmas Fair held at the Parish Hall was a tremendous success raising, after expenses £1,050 being £150 up on last year.

Opened by the Rev David Burton the highlight for many children was a visit from Father Christmas who distributed gifts bringing smiles to young faces before they made their way to the pocket money stall and the table where they take part in craft activities. Busy throughout the afternoon folk could be found queued to buy cakes and savories from a huge selection, tickets were bought for the main raffle with numerous prizes; handicraft, plants, books and seasonal gifts were snapped up, and laughter heard at the water or wine tombola. Teas were served in the Forbes Lounge and music was supplied by Ron White throughout the afternoon.

The people who worship at the Chapel always have a wonderful assortment of items and this year was no exception - books, bric a brac, cakes and savouries, puzzles and CD's could be found amongst the huge array along with their traditional raffles raising a further £525.

The Iona Community South West England
To Live the Gospel

A regional gathering open to all
Saturday 27th February 2016
11.00am to 4.00pm

The Mint Methodist Church, Exeter

Invitation This day is for anyone trying to live out their Christian faith and who wants to know more about the Iona movement.

Cost Voluntary contribution: suggested donation of £8. A group of us from Hemyock are attending this event. Please contact Clare Sibley on 680763 if you are interested in joining us.

Plus.... Come along to our occasional Iona services at St Mary's Church, Hemyock, for reflective prayer and songs in an informal setting.

Next service **Sunday 28 February at 6.30pm.**

All welcome.



St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

We will be open in

February

Saturday 6th

Tuesdays

9th & 23rd

10am - 12 noon

in the Church Room, Castle Hill

March

Saturday 5th

Tuesdays

8th & 22nd

10am - 12 noon



47th Hemyock Holiday Club
Mon August 8th - Fri August 12th

Calling all helpers, young and young at heart:
First planning meeting on **Thur April 14th 7:30pm** at Hemyock Baptist. **See you there?**

Hemyock Singers

A delightful evening of Gilbert & Sullivan music was presented by Hemyock Singers at their annual Christmas concert with Musical Director Matthew Bale and Nigel Atkinson as Accompanist.

The rousing Ring Forth Ye Bells from The Sorcerer was the opening number followed by 3 songs from HMS Pinafore, by chance the Singers first stage production over 40 years ago, with Mo Anderson attempting to entice sailors to spend their money as she portrayed Little Buttercup and Chris Hudson (bass) confirming to all He Is An Englishman.

Music from Ruddigore, Iolanthe and Patience followed with solo by Sue Bennett (alto) Oh foolish fay whose strong voice carried well. This along with her very clear diction was also obvious in her second solo When our gallant Norman foes (The Yeomen of the Guard).

Jenny Doble is well known to local audiences and her soprano solo from Ruddigore was as always a delight as her voice soared to easily reach the higher notes of Hail the bride of seventeen summers.

A piano duet of music from The Mikado by Nigel Atkinson and Matthew Bale drew warm applause

The ever popular Dance a cachucha from The Gondoliers sung at speed had the audiences feet tapping and was in complete contrast to the opening bars of In a doleful train two & two we walk

As the concert was followed by a traditional turkey dinner it was appropriate that the final chorus was from The Sorcerer - Now to the banquet we press. Some of the words had been adapted to fit the occasion causing laughter as spuds, sprouts, turkey and hot Christmas pud were sung.

The 24 strong chorus are to be congratulated as throughout the concert their musical control. Entries and diction was good and the choir clearly enjoyed singing this music to a very appreciative audience.

Rehearsals for our May concert started on the 18th January. There is still time for you to join us. New members are always welcome - there are no auditions, just turn up and sing.

Our concert will be Vivaldi's Magnificat and two other well known choruses.

All enquiries to Monica on 681161.

Blackdowns Mothers' Union

A Happy New Year to you all let us hope it is a good one. We met for the Blackdowns Branch of the Mothers' Union AGM in the church rooms in Hemyock in January. This is an important year for the Mothers' Union, as it 140 years ago when Mary Sumner started the Mothers' Union.

There will be many celebrations through out the year in the 84 countries where the Mothers' Union work. There will be a big celebration in Winchester Cathedral where it is believed the Queen may attend. We ourselves have a full programme with a trip to Exeter Cathedral 9th February.

We meet in various venues on the 1st Thursday of the month. We have a quiet day at Mill House retreats in April, lunch at a members house in May, afternoon tea at another members house in June, as well as sharing Holy Communion and finding time for Bible study. The next meeting is 4th February Holy Communion All Saints Culmstock followed by coffee.

We continue to knit for Musgrove Hospital Natal unit, before Christmas I delivered 63 cardigans and 14 blankets, the nurses were very pleased to receive on behalf of the parents and babies. Countless woolly hats, coats sleeping bags and holdalls have been delivered to St Petrocs in Exeter for the homeless. We also supply books to the prison.

Thank you everyone for your support throughout the year, please keep knitting and if you have any sleeping bags or holdalls you don't use anymore there is a good home waiting for them in Exeter.

If you would like to find out more, either come along to any of the meetings or contact Mrs Meg Palmer 01823 680467 or Mrs Peggy Whitcombe 01884 840628. Thankyou and God Bless.

Peggy Whitcombe for the Blackdowns Mothers' Union

Craft Fair

The Friends of St. Mary's are holding a **Craft Fair on Saturday 12th March** at the Parish Hall, Hemyock from 10 o'clock until 4 o'clock. If you are interested in having a stall please telephone Patricia on 01823 680436 or email p.m.fuller@btinternet.com by 13th February for a booking form.

100 approx. clean jam jars with lids. Various sizes available at 10 Hollingarth Way. Tel: 681020

Hemyock Preschool

The end of last term proved to be an exciting time for the children as Pre-School had a Christmas party with a children's entertainer and a visit from Father Christmas. The children also performed their Nativity play which was a great success as they all did so well and the school hall was packed full with proud families and friends.

We are pleased to welcome several new children to our Pre-School this term and they are Aine Fitzgerald, Hadley Hillman, Hannah Tay, Alexander Porter, Isabella Davy, Oliver Altoft, Roseanna Brooke, Stanley Jerem and Ted Williams. We are sorry to say goodbye to Philippa Thompson who has worked as our administrator for several years and would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in her future career. Also we are sorry to say goodbye to Annabel Catcher who has worked for our Pre-School for nearly four years. We wish Annabel all the very best for the future and the children will miss their 'Cheeky Monkey!' We would like to welcome Sarah Longmuir to our Pre-School who will be working at the setting to cover our staff/child ratios.

WI

Hemyock WI had an interesting December Meeting when members worked in pairs and produced 12 lovely star shaped lanterns for the village Parade later that week. The President, Lyn Taylor, had attended a 'Lantern Making Workshop' organised by the Hemyock Lights Brigade, so she was able to show how to work with the willow, bamboo and paper to produce the final product. This was not an easy task but satisfying and successful. The competition for a festive recipe was jointly won by Karen and Elaine, while Bridget's flower was voted the favourite.

The Reading Group will be at Marie Dear's house on February 22nd. On February 20th two teams are going to Broadhembury for the County Quiz. The Sausage and Mash lunch will be in the Parish Hall on Saturday April 30th. The Beauty Day in Exeter is on March 11th. There will be a meal at Tiverton's St Petroc's College on March 2nd. Gavin Haig is the speaker on February 2nd when the competition is for a 'Money Box'. On March 1st the speaker is David Pugsley and the competition is for 'A Decorated Egg'.

Dates for a skittles match were not available at time of print. The 2016 programme will be printed in time for the February Meeting which is in Forbes Lounge on the 2nd at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. More details from Lyn on 01823 680104.

This term we are going to continue to learn about people's homes around the world and also look at animal's habitats. Our main topic is 'Goldilocks and the three bears' as this story can cover so many different areas of learning such as size, numbers, emotions, role-play, making porridge and discussions about the story. We are also going to be talking about our rules and boundaries in the setting and learn all about different feelings.

Fundraising

Our Christmas Bingo raised a total of £730 and we would like to thank all the parents and fundraising team who helped make this such a success. Also a big 'thank you' to New Street Vets for sponsoring the chicken dinners and to any other businesses who supplied a raffle prize. We also raised £110 with our Pre-School Nativity raffle. A huge 'thank you' to Darren Moon for asking Pre-School to run an outside bar for his party as the amount raised was £1500. If anyone would like us to run an outside bar please contact the Pre-School.

Mary Waldron Trust

This fund can assist students in higher and further education (including Richard Huish College) with purchases of books and equipment, including computer requisites. Those applying should normally be resident in Hemyock or Clayhidon and must have received full time education at one or more of: Hemyock Primary School, Uffculme School, or PETROC (East Devon College). Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome and must be in writing or email. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course. More details can be obtained from the Secretary, to whom applications should also be addressed: Mr Mike Reynolds, Hidon Mill, Clayhidon, EX15 3PL. Phone: 680481 email: osprey31@waitrose.com

A Special Need

Do you think you could help some of the younger generation get more out of their time? Could you give a couple of hours a week to a long standing youth organisation? And get involved in all sorts of activities indoors and out? If so, the Brownie Guide group would be pleased to hear from you (number on back cover) as the Hemyock group is in urgent need of more leaders. And if there are no leaders...

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

A very Happy New Year to you all - despite all the rain the weather has been relatively mild and consequently the daffodils in my garden are outmost out!!! As usual, once again, this could make finding the right flowers for the Spring Show difficult!!

Our first event of the year, the Social Evening in January, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Roger Lambert delivered some delightfully funny stories, Brenda came up with some great quizzes and, as usual, members provided a wonderful assortment of food. An enjoyable and light hearted way to start the year.

At our meeting on 10th February we have our own Jane Smith leading an open forum on The Spring Garden - what we should or should not be doing to get our garden ready for the year ahead.

The Spring Show is on Saturday, 9th April, 2016 at 2.00 p.m. and the ever popular Ploughman's Lunches will be available from 1.00 p.m. The Schedules should be completed within the next two weeks and will then be distributed to members. Remember, details will also be available on our web page www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk.

The following classes are open to non-members: Class 36 is for a Cherry and Almond Cake to recipe as supplied in the Schedule; Class 42 is for one photograph - Reflections; Class 43 Painting - Village Life; Class 44 Limerick - There once was an old Village Pump; Class 45 Hand and Feet Print A4 size - Under 8; Class 46 Potato Print - A4 size - 8 and over.

Following yet another successful weekend away last year we plan to visit Kent this year. We have decided to organise this ourselves and the planning and organisation is well under way. We plan to visit Houghton Lodge Gardens, one of the most beautiful privately owned gardens, Great Dixter, Sissinghurst and then Chartwell House. We will be based in the Felbridge Hotel and Spa in East Grinstead. We just need fine weather for the weekend of 24-26 June!!!!

Look forward to seeing you all again on 10th February - as always new members will be made very welcome.

Judith Major
Secretary - 680746

Clean for The Queen

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

We are calling on individuals, volunteer groups, local councils, businesses and schools to do their bit. You can start now and also take part in the Clean for The Queen weekend on March 4th, 5th and 6th 2016. If you can take part in the Hemyock 'Clean for the Queen' afternoon or can help out on a regular or occasional basis please contact the Hemyock Litter Pickers co-ordinator: Stephen Major 1 Higher Mead, Hemyock, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3QJ or on (01823) 680907 or at stephenmajor015@gmail.com.

The Phoenix Group

Our January Meeting was a supper at the Catherine Wheel and was enjoyed by all and a good way to start the year. Thank you to everyone for coming and thank you to Geoff and staff for looking after us so well.

The next meeting will be at our normal time which is 10.00 a.m. to noon on a Tuesday, 2nd February, at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre. We will be joined by our speaker for the morning, Ada Morrihan who will talk about 'Good Nutrition'. A topic which is of interest especially after Christmas when we have feasted on perhaps too many delicious treats! New members are always welcome.

If you would like more information please call me on 01823 680175 - Diana Cooper



Parish Council Business Update

Hemyock Parish Council held a meeting in December. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meeting is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 15/01855/FULL – Conversion of part of an existing office block to a dwelling. St Ivel House, Station Road.
- 15/01852/FULL - Erection of single storey extension. 34 Castle Park.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest and insurance premium from BHLAC.

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, training, refurbishment of Pump, and subscriptions.

- A grant of £800 was awarded to the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre.

Precept

The council has set the precept for 2016/2017 at £74,513. The Band D rate will be £89.30 per annum.

Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

The Garages Youth Project

Please log on to the Facebook page, 'The Garages sports and activities centre', to find out what's going on at the centre.

Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police. Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency

Longmead

Planning permission has been granted for the relocation of the BMX track. It is anticipated that works to move the track to Longmead will commence in April (This will be dependent upon the developer starting work on the Old Station Yard site). The play area has just had its annual inspection. Roy Brooke, Brookridge Timber, has kindly agreed to look at the actions arising from the inspection report. Brookridge Timber was thanked for its continued support.

Christmas Decorations Competition

Many thanks to Kevin Finan, Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council, for judging this year's competition. Kevin said 'It was a very close contest

with a wide variety of displays. The top marks went to Mr & Mrs Gubb at Endeavour, narrowly beating Mr & Mrs Pike into second place. I would award a judge's commendation for Pencross View as a street which demonstrated a remarkable community spirit in the number and concentration of displays. These gave a warm seasonal feel to the street which perhaps others could seek to rival next year. Of the non-domestic properties I would award a clear first prize to Hemyock Lights Brigade, in particular the church which with the simple, tasteful and brilliant illumination acts as a true beacon for the whole village.'

Parking in village

Problems with vehicles parking on pavements around the village have been reported to the council on numerous occasions. The areas most affected are Prowses, Hollingarth and Parklands. The parish council will speak directly to the school to see what might be done about improving the parking at drop off and pick up times. Please don't park on pavements.

Pavements

The parish council is currently pursuing the possibility of installing a pavement in Old School Court to help with safety and to enable pedestrians to turn the corner and cross the road in front of the Post Office. Watch this space.

Posters

The council politely asks that if a club or organisation displays a poster to advertise an event, please remove the poster once the event has taken place.

Local Tradespeople Wanted!

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, repainting and refurbishing benches, making noticeboards, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges and other general maintenance works. The parish council is keen to use local tradespeople and to that end if you would be interested in quoting for any such works then please contact the clerk giving her your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and she will hold your details on file.

Purple Peril – Youth Shelter

The shelter at the recreation field is in need of attention. Would any members of the parish who use the shelter please contact the clerk if they have any suggestions about the refurbishment or would be interested in helping to repaint it. Please call or email the clerk on 01823 680968 or hemyockpc@gmail.com.

And finally...

If you would like to get involved or wish to know

what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org and can be found on the two Parish Noticeboards located outside the Spar Shop and in the car park next to the Baptist Church.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN Tel 01823 680968 Email hemyockpc@gmail.com



“ARE YOU BEING SERVED” was another success for Valley-Arts; full audiences were laughing their way through three fun packed evenings. Reports from those who went to see the show were very positive, with an excellent script and good casting, the play was a refreshing change and thoroughly enjoyed by audiences and cast. If anyone would like to learn any technical roles e.g sound, set design and construction, lighting, black gang, please let us know now, as we start planning for next years show soon and we always welcome extra help and new cast members. Contact Gillian gillian.hawkes@btinternet.com or Caroline cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk

Our annual trip to Bristol in NOVEMBER 2015 to see Mary Poppins, was again an excellent day. Our Christmas meal was at the Catherine Wheel, we had a lovely evening and the Christmas meal was absolutely delicious. We are now planning for 2016 and will be holding our AGM in April.

Fundraising for the Dunkeswell Abbey Preservation Trust...



Barn Dance and live music with supper and raffle

Saturday March 12th, 7-11pm at the Hemyock Parish Hall.

Live music by the Lucy Lastic Band and friends, with caller.

Adults £12, Children under 16 £6.

Tickets available from Hemyock P.O., Highfield Stores and Garage in Dunkeswell, Strand Stores in Culmstock and Friends of Abbey Church.

Phone 01823 680931 for more information.

Dear Residents

This month we have to produce a budget, and budgets are getting more difficult every year, Central Government keep cutting our grant, 40% of our funding comes from Government and the 60% comes mainly from our Council Tax and business rates. There was a time when Government used to give us 70%, how things have changed.

To set a balance budget for 2016/17 Devon will need to make savings of over £34million, this is on top of the savings we have made in the last 5 years. The National Living Wage will cost Devon in the region of £7 million in 2016/17 rising to £ 19million by 2019/20. The changes to Nation Insurance have added over £2 million to our costs. This has not been a good settlement for Devon County Council specifically or Shire Counties in general. The scale of the reductions is unprecedented.

For Devon County Council this means that in 2016/17 Government funding will reduce from £179.8 million in 2015/16 to £151.6 million in 2016/17. This is a reduction of £28.2 million, nearly 15.7%. In 2016/17 some specific grants have been included in the funding base of £151.6 million. If these are excluded to give a more accurate, like for like comparison, then the reduction is 17.4% for Devon compared with an average of 16.6% for the Shire Counties.

The Rural Services for sparse authorities will help Devon cover the service in rural areas. The grant is £18million in 2016/17. The 2% Social Care Precept is also very welcome and could raise in the region of £6.5million for Devon Social Care Service. Devon's reserves are very low compared to some other Authorities. In a recent comparison of County Councils Devon ranked 22nd out of 27 authorities.

Devon County Council tough choices consultation end of last year showed the three top community priorities were; Supporting vulnerable individuals and families to prevent neglect and harm; Appropriate community support and care for older people; Maintaining major road network. The three lowest were Supporting home to school transport; Supporting healthy life styles; and Supporting Devon's cultural heritage. Not altogether a healthy situation, because I think we may have to increase the Council tax by 2% to make ends meet, the next month will become more clearer.

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor.
01884 820000



BLACKDOWN
HEALTHY LIVING &
ACTIVITY CENTRE

What's On at The Healthy Living Centre? Riverside - Hemyock

Cameo Club	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older people. Contact Tracy Howe for details on 01823 680687		
Bookworms	Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies and toddlers. Contact Angela Dawson on 01823 680687		
Phoenix Group	On the first Tuesday of every month 10am – noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)		
Brightside	Every first Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who want to get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information and to book on 01823 680687		
Memory Cafe	On the second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone affected by memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information and to book on 01823 680687		
Classes	(Contact Angela Dawson for further details of all classes on 01823 680687)		
Monday	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Yoga	10 – 11.30am	Lea-Ann Furphy
	Dance	5.30 – 6.30pm	Ruth Bell
	Pilates	7 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Lea-Ann Furphy
Therapies	Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Homeopathy, Hypnotherapy Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment		

Hemyock Lights Brigade

It was fantastic to see the centre of Hemyock lit up just before Christmas, with a huge turnout for the Lights Parade. A lantern procession, led by a samba band, wound its way through the village, switching on lights strung through the trees as it went. Giant pictures of local residents were projected onto buildings along the route, and the marchers were expertly stewarded by volunteers including the Young Farmers. The parade culminated with the lighting of a new Christmas Star, specially designed for the occasion, on top of St. Mary's church tower. We'd like to thank the funders, sponsors, lantern makers, star makers, lights installers, portrait sitters, musicians, stewards, tractor drivers, and everyone who paraded and watched, as well as the church, castle, Parish Council and Catherine Wheel pub.

We're now planning our Spring Dance fundraiser in April, so look out for more news. Also look out for those spring bulbs planted around the village last autumn which (if they haven't drowned) should be peeping their heads up soon! Thanks once again for your support.

Hemyock Lights Brigade www.lightsbrigade.org.uk
Tel 680351

Tuesday Group

A very Happy New Year to everyone. The last two meetings of the Tuesday Group have been very relaxed and enjoyable events with food and general socialising being the main features!! The December meeting was a Bring and Share evening, when members brought a plate of tasty goodies for us all to share and we were then entertained by the Wyndham Singers. This was very much enjoyed by everyone and led nicely into the start of the festive season!

January saw us gathering in The Poachers Pocket to enjoy a meal together. Another very relaxed evening with an opportunity to spend time chatting to one another.

The programme for the year has been distributed with a variety of speakers and also trips out - it all looks very interesting with hopefully something for everyone. The Tuesday Group meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge of the Parish Hall and our meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members are always made very welcome and if you would like any further information on the Tuesday Group please do call Diane Denman on 01823 680139.

Around Hemyock

In December, following on from the Christmas Fair, the village was a beacon of light when the Lights Brigade decorated the area with bulbs of many colours, arranged a parade which attracted hundreds of lantern carrying folk of all ages and presented a new star to the parish church. The numerous and well thought out decorations led to them winning the village competition for non-domestic premises so many congratulations to them. There are though some who feel that competing against the local businesses was a little unfair as money for the group came from a variety of sources, including the National Lottery, and are suggesting that perhaps next year the competition should revert to local businesses. Many householders also added to the festive feel and our congratulations go to winners Mr and Mrs Gubb of Culmbridge Road.

Another event in the lead up to Christmas saw St Mary's filled with a display of over 100 nativity scenes from all over the world from the very miniature silver figures (which were quite exquisite) to the larger more traditional wooden and knitted scenes found in many homes. Thanks to the Friends of St Mary's for arranging this and to all those who donated items for the display including the Brownies and primary school.

As always the Christmas events at the church and chapel were a joy with beautiful decorations. The Christingle service saw a huge congregation of very young through to the more elderly enjoying the informal event when oranges with lighted candles and sweets were distributed to all, pews encircled, lights dimmed and a verse of Away in a Manger sung.

For some families the last two months have been a time of sadness or worry. We remember all including Claude and Wendy Caple, Keith Root, Brian and Mavis Clist, Suzanne Lloyd, Joan Hart, Edith Butler, Stuart Webb, Don Attlee, Hilda Moulding, Chris Hudson and Les Stephens.

Betty Shire had lived in Hemyock all her life and the church was almost full for her service. Married to the late Arthur (Art) the couple had 5 boys and Betty had been involved with a variety of local organisations over her 87 years. We remember her family and also those of Kim Smith and Zita Lapworth.

In mid-January the Barton family heard the devastating news from Australia that 27 year old Richard, son of Judy and the late David and brother to Sarah had died suddenly. We send them, and all who have lost a loved one recently, our condolences, love and prayers.

Congratulations to Mary Beal on becoming a great grandmother and to Cheyenne Jordan who raised £122 by walking 20 miles after hearing on TV of the Countryfile ramble in aid of Children in Need.

Anyone who has received a copy of the Yours magazine annual book may have already noticed Hemyock is mentioned in the Blast from the Past items for January. The photo shows Percy Saunders, master baker, (who with his wife Hilda owned the bakery and Hemyock Stores/PO) handing out hot cross buns, to a group of local children, from a bread cart that was wheeled around the village a couple of times a week making fresh deliveries. Included in the group are members of the Graham Howsam, Ken and Malcolm Shire, Ashley Alford, a son of the North family, Maureen (nee Granger) and Patricia and Janice (nee Fuller) Apart from being in the local press the item was also included on local TV way back in 1962!

As I write our winter, although very wet. has been mild but I recently came across a local paper cutting from February 1954 which one of my aunts had saved. It reads:

"The area has been gripped in the severest weather since 1947. Hemyock proved to be one of the coldest spots in the country. Snow fell and temperatures recorded by Capt. Elmes at Culm Davy showed the degrees of frost between 27th Jan – 1st Feb varied between 12 and 21. The river Culm at Hemyock Station froze over from bank to bank a distance of approx. 14 yards. On Friday station staff watched an otter for several minutes searching the river for fish which recently would have been hard to find".

Thankfully my parents, sister and I were still living in Cornwall at the time but a number of relatives were in the village. Hopefully we will not see weather like this during 2016!

Welcome to all those who have moved to the area - do have a look at the activities available locally - we look forward to meeting you. Any news you would like to share on this page is welcomed.

Janice – jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello again, welcome to 2016 and a very happy new year.

It may be winter and the weather appears to be turning a little colder, however that does not stop us scouting, we continue with the cubs and scouts pursuing their spring term programmes. As I have said before our cubs meet mainly indoors at the Garaages this time of year. The scouts mainly outdoors, cooking, hiking, survival skills, wide games and I see on the programme Caribbean cooking. Sounds good!

Looking ahead we have Woodjam camp with the Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton scouts at the end of April. Of course planning for summer camp with our Danish friends is well on the way. More of that next time. We also have St George's Day Parade and Service with you on 24th April. So lots going on.

However, not so much for Rikki to tell you. So perhaps a short history lesson! I know that lots of you are aware of our history but for those of you who may be newish to the village here we go...


Scouting has existed in Hemyock since before the 39/45 war. Our current 1st Hemyock group was formed in 1960. There was a wolf cub pack (as it was known then) in the 1950's. Rikki was a cub from 1955 to 1957 when the section ceased due to our leader Keith Trickey (son of Bill Trickey who worked at the Milk factory) having to move away. We started in 1960 with a cub pack led by a supply teacher, Elizabeth Sutton, who alas also had to move on (the problems we have in scouting). Fortunately before she left, she was able to recruit a volunteer (I think he was a volunteer) by the name of Cecil Lowman, always known in scouting circles as Ron. He became an excellent leader and was instrumental in starting a scout troop in 1961, which had as its scoutmaster Leslie Purcell, who ran the shop at the bottom of High Street, no longer there. Rikki, of course joined the troop and is still around now! Much much older!! End of history lesson for this time. I will tell you more of our Danish friendship next time, a friendship which dates back to 1971. For those of you of a mathematical persuasion you have worked out that we have been camping together for forty five years this summer. We will be seen around the village together from when they arrive 23rd July.

And finally. Not a campfire yarn this time. I must thank Janice for the following as she found it on some new fangled thing called Facebook, Old Rikki

has not a clue what that might be, but I am grateful to her anyway. She found the following which is a quote from our Founder Robert Baden Powell: "The most worthwhile thing is to try and put happiness into the lives of others".

A splendid quote, which may be meaningful to all of us. Bye for now, let's look forward to the lighter days.

Old Rikki.



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Just use the offer code **GC4002B** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

Visit www.suttons.co.uk to have a look at the range of items available!

To find out more information about Hemyock Scout Group visit their website hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk

Hemyock Tennis Club

The club enjoyed another successful year with continuing members and new members finding or rediscovering the social and health benefits of tennis and the joy of just playing. Our November social event was held on the last day of the Davis Cup final and we were all delighted and proud to be able to watch the moment when Andy Murray made history by securing the win for team GB – the first since 1936. Congratulations to all the Davis Cup Team members. Social and match tennis continues throughout the year with floodlight facilities to two of the courts for evening play.

The club weekly sessions are:
Thursday: Mixed Club Night from 6.30pm onwards
Saturday: Mixed Club morning from 10.30am onwards
Sunday: Mixed Team Practice (higher standard, by invitation) 10.30am onwards.

New members and fresh faces are very welcome at social tennis sessions. The club coach is Dan Sizer who can be contacted on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website [http://](http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk)

www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Coaching sessions for the juniors continue through the winter with Dan on Thursday afternoons:

Red (under 8's)	from 4.15 – 5.00
Amber (under 11's)	from 5.00 – 5.45
Juniors (under 16's)	from 5.45 – 6.45

The sessions for the reds and ambers may take place in the Millhayes Garage complex if the weather is unsuitable for court play (Coach will decide on the location on the day and contact players). Junior camps will again take place during the school Easter holidays with details to be provided by Dan nearer the time. Adult coaching sessions will recommence in April 2016 but in the meantime private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly.

The courts may be booked by non-members at the Spar shop in Hemyock. Charges are £8 per hour for seniors and £4 per hour for juniors. Tokens for the floodlights are available at £2 for each half hour. Visitors to the area please note the **HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFER** - £25 for a family, playing as often as you wish, avoiding club activities (check in the Spar).

Suzy Besant (secretary) 07857 747979
hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com or
suzannebesant@btinternet.com

The Friends of St Mary's present

VoiceWorx

Community Choir, from Kentisbeare


Spring Concert

 Interval Refreshments

Free Admission 

 Retiring Collection

Fri 26th Feb 2016
St Mary's Church,
Hemyock at 7.30pm



Hemyock Cricket Club

QUIZ NIGHT

With Quizmasters Tony and Vanessa on

Friday 22nd April 2016

Parish Hall 7:30 p.m.

£30 per team to include food
(minimum of 4, maximum of 6 per team)

Tickets from Hemyock Post Office
or John Hurley Tel. **07972 744279**

£100 Cash Prize & Raffle

CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY

12 MARCH

HEMYOCK

PARISH HALL

10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Proceeds to the Friends of St. Mary's

WHAT'S ON February 2016

Mon 1	Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 2	Reminiscence Learning <i>FL</i> 9.30-12.30 Phoenix Carers <i>BHLSC</i> 10.30 WI <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 3	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL</i> 12.30 Parish Council <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 4	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 5	'Brightside' <i>BHLSC</i> 11.00-15.00
Sat 6	Wellington and Churchinford Farmers' Markets
Sun 7	
Mon 8	
Tue 9	Memory Café <i>BHLSC</i> 10.30 Tuesday Group <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 10	Hemyock Gardeners' <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 11	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 12	
Sat 13	Mobile Library Cullompton, Yarcombe and Dunkeswell Farmers' Markets
Sun 14	
Mon 15	Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 16	Family History <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 17	Tiverton Farmers' Market Acorns <i>FL</i> 14.45
Thu 18	Honiton and Taunton Farmers' Markets
Fri 19	
Sat 20	Hemyock Market Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 21	
Mon 22	
Tue 23	
Wed 24	
Thu 25	Taunton Farmers' Market Mobile Library
Fri 26	Voiceworx concert <i>SM</i> 19.30
Sat 27	Uffculme Farmers' Market Hemyock Primary School Quiz <i>PH</i> 19.30
Sun 28	
Mon 29	

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2nd and 4th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) Arthritis Group
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	9.30-12.30 Reminiscence Learning every 1st ends Aug 2017 7.15-9.45 WI every 1st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2nd 7.30-9.30 Family History Group every 3rd	Pre-School (PS) Brownies (CR) Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1st 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1st 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2nd 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3rd	Pre-School (PS) Cub Scouts (CR) Chapel Café (BC) Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) Primary School Coffee Morning 1st
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) St Mary's Choir (SM) Walk & Talk (VH) Bell Ringing (SM) Clayhidon Friends 2nd History & Archiving 2nd Clayhidon History Group 3rd
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (every Fri before Market)		Pre-School (PS) Seekers (BC) Scouts (GS) Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3rd		

WHAT'S ON March 2016

Tue 1	Reminiscence Learning <i>FL</i> 9.30-12.30 Phoenix Carers <i>BHLSC</i> 10.30 WI <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 2	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL</i> 12.30 Parish Council <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 3	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 4	Blood Donors <i>PH</i> 11.00-21.00 'Brightside' <i>BHLSC</i>
Sat 5	Wellington and Churchinford Farmers' Markets
Sun 6	
Mon 7	Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 8	Memory Café <i>BHLSC</i> 10.30 Tuesday Group <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 9	Hemyock Gardeners' <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 10	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 11	
Sat 12	Craft Fair <i>PH</i> 10.00-16.00 Cullompton, Yarcombe and Dunkeswell Farmers' Markets Mobile Library Dunkeswell Abbey Fund Raising Barn Dance <i>PH</i> 19.00-23.00
Sun 13	
Mon 14	
Tue 15	Family History <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 16	Tiverton Farmers' Market Acorns <i>FL</i> 14.45
Thu 17	Honiton and Taunton Farmers' Markets
Fri 18	
Sat 19	Hemyock Market Wellington Farmers' Market Taunton Vale Harriers Easter Bingo <i>PH</i>
Sun 20	
Mon 21	Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 22	
Wed 23	
Thu 24	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 25	
Sat 26	Uffculme Farmers' Market
Sun 27	
Mon 28	
Tue 29	
Wed 30	
Thu 31	Taunton Farmers' Market

PH - Parish Hall
FL - Forbes Lounge
CR - Church Rooms
SP - see page
RS - Riverside
BC - Baptist Church
SM - St Mary's
SA - St Andrew's
BHLC - Blackdown
Healthy Living Centre, Millhayes

SEATS AVAILABLE

On a trip to Exeter, Tuesday 9th February, on a first come first serve basis.

Cost £10.00. Leaving 9.15am from the Pump in Hemyock, also picking up in Culmstock.

Departing 2.30pm from centre of Exeter.

To book, please contact Meg Palmer 01823680467 or Peggy Whitcombe 01884840628.

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 680664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN AFFORDABLE HOMES IN HEMYOCK

The Community Land Trust is a group of volunteers from Hemyock and Clayhidon who are trying to ensure that our villages continue to be thriving communities. Amongst other things we seek to provide affordable homes for local people, homes that offer cheaper rents (80% of the open market rate) and security of tenure.

The CLT's award-winning affordable homes development at Griffin Close, Hemyock was fully occupied by families in May 2014. The Trust is well aware that there are other people in Hemyock and Clayhidon still in housing need.

The CLT is keen to be ready to take advantage of any suitable opportunities which arise in the future for the construction of affordable homes, or the purchase and conversion of existing properties to provide affordable homes.

In order to be ready to act quickly the CLT must keep its Register of Expressions of Interest in Affordable Housing up-to-date.

Anyone interested in affordable homes in Hemyock is asked to register their names and addresses with the Company Secretary of the Upper Culm CLT.

Registration can be made in confidence via e-mail to:

Neil Punnett, Secretary Upper Culm CLT Ltd.

e-mail: neilpunnett@aol.com Tel: 01823 680972

Please include whether you are a family, a couple without children or a single person.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY 28th FEBRUARY 2016.

History Group Report

We were entertained by two very good speakers at the Church Rooms in December and January. Denis Dodd who was part of the team involved locally in renovating the Grand Western Canal boat lift, presented the history of the Canal during a period of great industrial advances. The proposed route from Bridgwater to Exeter would have saved cargo ships the hazardous route round Lands End. The completed section did allow Welsh coal unloaded at Bridgwater to fuel the factories in Taunton, Wellington and Tiverton. The added complication of having to lift boats up and over the illustrious tree lined carriageway to the front door of the Sanfords estate at Nynhead did not help the budget.

James Bradnock, an English and Theology teacher gave a fascinating discourse on the creation of one of the greatest books in the English language, the King James Bible. Created by a team of learned men over a period of 7 years when Shakespeare was the popular entertainment of the day, it has given us many memorable phrases.

The language of the previous Bishop's Bible translated in 1602 includes the following verses with the King James version for comparison:

God is my shepherd
therefore I can lack nothing.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He will cause me to repose myself in pasture full of grass and he will lead me unto calm waters.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

Truly felicitie and mercie shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of God for a long time.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The next two speakers on February 11th and March 10th will be Peter Fisher on a Hemyock man who served in the Great War and Colin Spackman on the visit of the Duke of Wellington to this area in 1919.

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HEMYOCK

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**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 13TH**

10AM TILL 1PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

NEW for 2016!

"Bringing the Past into the Present"

Family History Group

An informal group, meeting each month to work on our Family Histories

No experience needed, tuition given if required. Researching all over the UK and abroad.

**Next Meeting in the FORBES LOUNGE
Tuesday 16th February
7.30pm-9.30pm**

EVERYONE WELCOME !

further details - Mary Hyland 01823 680991
evenings

St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

This wonderful time of great celebration, has once more been an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful decorations and settings for the different services. No one can forget the magic of a Christingle service when we hold our lighted orange and remember its significance to the life of Christ.



There is also a beautiful moment when Mary rides into the church sitting on a donkey (pony) and the Nativity presentation begins, all performed by the young people (this year a little baby was present throughout and behaved impeccably).

In addition, we had the annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Carol service which many enjoyed.

Thank you to the many who participated in reading, singing, flower decorations and delightful refreshments.

No doubt there will be a joyous atmosphere when St Andrew's and Rosemary Lane Chapel combine for a service at the beginning of Unity Week.

Looking to the next two months so quickly takes us to Easter. There will be a service at 6.30 on Ash Wednesday and a weekly gathering during Lent at

someone's home. Please ask for details. You will be most welcome to join.

During recent years we have gathered round a fire in the field at the top of Grays Lane, to celebrate Easter Sunday morning. Would you like to come this year?

Usually, breakfast is then served in Hemyock Church Room.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year with good health.

Clayhidon News

Live Gigs and Film Shows at Clayhidon

A busy programme of live gigs and film nights is lined up for Clayhidon Parish Hall in February, March and April.

By popular demand the Thunderbridge Bluegrass Band returns to Clayhidon on Friday 5 February, bringing the rip-roaring sounds of bluegrass music to the wilds of the Culm valley.

Back in business again after a long break, the band uses one microphone, four instruments and four voices which blend to make a highly traditional yet thoroughly original sound. They promise "honest all-acoustic music featuring fiddle, banjo, guitar and double bass. Some classics, some covers, and some self-penned, there is something for everyone."

Monthly Film Nights in Clayhidon have proved a great success since their introduction in October. There have been three so far and another three corkers are lined up for 2016, starting on Friday 12 February with *The Martian* (certificate 12A).

Matt Damon plays a NASA botanist stranded on Mars, providing terrific entertainment in Ridley Scott's best film in years. One reviewer said it was "an enthralling and rigorously realistic outer-space survival story", more like speculative fiction and science fact than science fiction.

Other events in the Clayhidon programme include:

Wednesday 9 March – Jim Causley, a brilliant Devon-born folk singer, who has been nominated five times in the BBC2 Folk awards. He is passionate about traditional West Country song.

A reviewer in Mojo magazine called him the finest male folk singer of his generation. Another called him "a rising star possessed of a resonant and evocative voice".

His show is a mixture of traditional West Country music, some of his own songs and others based on the poems of his famous relative, the Cornish poet Charles Causley. This is a Villages in Action event.

Friday 11 March – Everest (certificate 12A) A star-studded cast recreates the 1996 Everest disaster in a tense drama with awesome cinematography. The Daily Mail said it was "heart stopping. Everest's majesty – and cruelty – is superbly evoked." With Keira Knightley, Sam Worthington and Jake Gyllenhaal.

Friday 8 April - *The Dressmaker* (certificate 12A). Kate Winslet, hell bent on revenge and armed with only a sewing machine, excels in this sizzling black comedy. The Times called it "idiosyncratically brilliant".

Wednesday 13 April – Dallahan. An Irish folk band like no other. Mark Radcliffe, of BBC Radio 2 has called them "some of the most exciting trad musicians to emerge in recent years."

Since launching the band in December 2013, these award winning individuals have exploded onto the traditional music scene. Their unique arrangements of original music and traditional Irish tunes and songs have secured their presence at such prestigious international events as Milwaukee Irish Festival in the USA, Copenhagen Irish Festival and Celtic Connections. This is a Villages in Action event.

Tickets: You can reserve seats (and a light supper) at all the live gigs by calling Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or emailing carouselle@btinternet.com.

For the Film Nights call Lucy Ball on 01823 680607 or email lucyball132@btinternet.com or buy at the door.

For more information and to watch trailers and videos visit www.clayhidon.org.uk.

Horrible Histories: What Life in Clayhidon was Really Like

Clayhidon, now seen as a rural idyll, was once a place of extreme poverty, of great inequality and cruel injustice.

Pamela Reynolds' new book, *Clayhidon* – a Devon Parish in the Nineteenth Century is an everyday story of country folk. But forget Ambridge, this is more shocking than East Enders. These were absolutely not the good old days.

This is human interest history, not about kings and queens but about farmers and pub landlords and starving labourers and tramps, their struggling wives

and illiterate children, of magistrates and murderers, of clergymen and drunken peasants.

One census showed 845 people living here – 30 farmers, many of them called Blackmore, it seems, 89 agricultural labourers, 82 servants – and only one "gentleman". There were four blacksmiths and carpenters, two thatchers, seven shoemakers, three butchers, two shopkeepers, a charcoal burner and although there must have been numerous innkeepers only one admitted it to the census takers.

This book is crammed with detail. Local readers will recognise many of the names – the Redwoods and Hutchings and Sparks are here, and the houses and farms and lanes where occasionally dramatic and sometimes terrible things happened are still recognisable.

This is the product of four years' research not only in the parish and county records, but in personal diaries and books about transport, farming and emigration. And all this reading has enabled her to put the local stories into a wider context. Much of the highly colourful and readable material, by the way, has come from local newspapers.

There aren't many dates in this book, but there are countless stories of ordinary people, told with an acute eye for the kind of details that make a reader sit up and say "wow!". The News of the World used to boast that, "all human life is here". We can apply the slogan to this book, much of which is heart-rending.

Here we find Betty, starved to death in bed with the only food in the house a tiny piece of hard bread. We read of gory accidents involving overturned wagons, runaway carts and, women and boys catching their clothes in machinery. You can see why we need Health and Safety regulations. Some things haven't changed. They were complaining about the state of Clayhidon's roads 130 years ago and they are still a source of aggro between the county council and the parish.

The parish was viewed from outside as a wild and lawless place. It had its own policeman, who was variously shot at, attacked with a hand saw and punched by drunks. There was an infamous murder - William Blackmore beaten and robbed by George Sparks, described in the book in fascinating detail, including the fact that the judge wept with grief as he sentenced Sparks to be hanged.

There was another suspicious death, written off as manslaughter at the time but which some jurymen

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thought should have been murder. The victim was a wandering umbrella repairer, fatally beaten in front of his young daughter at the Merry Harriers by two youths, who convinced the court it was self-defence.

It wasn't all robbery and violence. Clayhidon's policeman spent much of his time investigating petty thefts committed by the desperately poor – a pair of scissors, food and fence posts for firewood. The punishments were wildly inconsistent – sometimes lenient, sometimes extremely cruel.

For stealing four fowls Henry Webber was sentenced to 15 years transportation. That was in 1847. In the same year James Baker got 14 years transportation for a similar offence. Could he have been any relation to the late Mike Baker, to whom the book is dedicated and whose family roots are not far from Clayhidon?

Mike, a former BBC Education Correspondent, died three years ago. Three pounds from every copy sold – the surplus after the printer's costs have been paid – will go to the Mike Baker Memorial Fund at the Villiers Park Educational Trust in Cambridge. Its mission is to inspire under-achieving children from underprivileged backgrounds to succeed.

Copies of the book are available, price £10, direct from Pam Reynolds, tel 01823 680481 or emailhgclayhidonex15@waitrose.com.

Famous Namesake Takes Over Merry Harriers

A famous footballer's namesake is bringing EX appeal to an ancient Devon pub. Wesley Sniejder, new landlord of the Merry Harriers, Clayhidon can't match the £2m a year Dutch superstar for riches or footballing genius, but he is almost certainly a better cook. Wesley – usually known as Wayne to avoid confusion – is buying as much of his produce as possible from the EX postcode area and other parts of Devon.

Since buying the lease from Reg and Lesley Payne, he has replaced St. Austell ales and other imports with locally brewed Otter ales and Bollhayes cider. His game meat comes from local farms, much of his other meat from Wallace's, just down the road, and fish arrives daily from Brixham.

Born and bred in Kent, Wayne, now 43, started cooking when he was ten because it was the only way he could be sure of a good meal, with his Dutch mum wheelchair-bound and his dad away working.

He started his catering business when he was 15, while still learning his cooking skills with Trusthouse Forte. When he moved to the West Country he renamed the business On the Level, but continued to develop his skills in places like the Headland Hotel, Newquay, the Farmers Arms, West Hatch and the Bell Inn, Curry Mallet.

Since arriving at the Merry Harriers he has introduced The Great British Lunch, with traditional British dishes, and given the evening menu a more international flavour. Gluten free and vegetarian dishes have become an important part of the inn's offer.

"We are trying to bring the pub back to its glory days," he said, "We are listening to the customers and they are saying they want it to be more of a pub again and less of a restaurant."

Wayne is now running On The Level as a successful weddings and events caterer from the Merry Harriers. He also has another business, which is attracting fleets of new customers in exotic vehicles. His ownership of the Brake Horsepower Club enables him to welcome vintage car rallies from all over the south of England. The newly extended car park has been filling with lovingly maintained old Jaguars, Ferraris and Saabs. Wayne admits his love of vintage vehicles has got out of hand. He owns 14 cars – including a Lotus 503 and "an absolutely evil Escort Cosworth". You can bet the other Wesley Sniejder doesn't have one of those.

Clayhidon Friend's

December

For our final meeting of the year, the members enjoyed a four course meal organised by Heather Procter with help from Helen Lancaster (soup) and Freda Dewar (puds). The main course of cold meats and numerous salads was delicious, and for anyone who had space left, they could enjoy a good selection of cheeses.

The table for 24 in the Hall was attractively decorated by helpers (Thank you to those), and the Hall itself had already been hung with decorations for the festive season. Our particular thanks to Heather for her hard work.

Brenda Persey joined us for our Christmas meal, then entertained us with songs and Christmas music played on her accordion, and also with stories and anecdotes which were heart-warming and amusing. Brenda then played a selection of tunes from the

past on her electric organ, and finally we were easily persuaded to join her with singing Christmas songs. Thank you, Brenda, we had a wonderful evening!

January

Members enjoyed a home-grown meeting on this cold January evening. Ruth Tartaglia had created a "Country" Quiz for us which was both great fun and informative. While having early refreshments, we put our minds to the very varied questions on Nature, (If cats are feline, what are sheep?) Geography, (Which hills divide England and Scotland?) and History, (Which nation was the first to give women the right to vote?). Keen to do another quiz, the members took on "Sweets and chocolate" which proved equally entertaining, and reminded us all of what we used to spend our pocket money on. While waiting for the second round of refreshments, Linda Dalton showed us all how to tie our scarves in a flattering way, and we can now pass on this useful tip. Our thanks to Ruth for her imaginative quiz (answers: Ovine, The Cheviots, New Zealand).

If anyone would like to join Clayhidon Friends, please phone Anne on 01823 680086.

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel



After the warmest December on record we have now truly entered winter but our thoughts are already beginning to turn to what the year ahead might hold. Our youth activities have made an encouraging start even though the Exeter/Liverpool football match clashed with the opening meeting of the Teenscene group! The Lunch Club began in January but the Tea Club waits until March to open. Street Pastors, Open the Book and Gideons are all up and running and the Torch Fellowship has its first meeting on Saturday 6th. February when the planning committee are responsible for a 'Team Medley.'

We are looking forward to our first combined meeting this year with our friends from St. Andrews

Church when they join us on Sunday evening 17th. January for a 'Unity Sunday' service. The Winter Bible Studies continue on the theme 'Standing in the Blessing of God' with Steven Causley on 19th. January (Enriched all round) followed by Philip Scoble on 16th. February (Spiritually fulfilled) and ending with Tom Smith on 15th March (Blameless to the end). This will be followed by our Good Friday meetings on 25th. March at 3.30pm and 6.30pm with Derek Cleve from Bristol. We also hope to have our own Rosemary Lane Fellowship Meal later in the year. The material for the Womens World Day of Prayer this year has been produced by the women of Cuba and our local meeting is on Friday 4th. March at Hemyock Baptist Church at 2pm.

Our overseas missionary interest continues for Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe. Chrissie and Jano Mulindabigwe are temporarily in the UK but with the focus of their work still in Rwanda with the refugees and HIV/AIDS sufferers; Jonathan and Jingle Bradford are returning to the Philippines early in the year to take up their ministry of training leadership; Charles and Rachel Stockley will be finishing their service this year with the Mission Aviation Fellowship amongst the aboriginal people of Arnhem Land, N. Australia; Esther and Gjergji Renja maintain their faithful work amongst the Roma people in Albania; Chris Menzfeld, apart from his work of representing the Slavic Gospel Association in SW England, will be on a Bible teaching trip to Moldova during January and we are expecting an East European guest to be speaking at the chapel on Sunday morning 8th March.



The pics are of the chapel taken from the back by the car park on Sunday morning 17th January after a team, with their puppets, from St. George's and St. Paul's Tiverton had taken our Family service.

We began this article looking forward into 2016. May we be encouraged through the year from both the Old and New Testaments. Isaiah in 43 v18 & 19 says 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!' and Paul says in Philippians 3 v13 & 14 'Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' With warm greetings to all our readers.

On behalf of the Leadership Team.

Clayhidon Parish Council Update February 2016

Clayhidon Parish Council held meetings in December & January. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 15/01748/CLU - Mobile Home, Jewells Farm, Hemyock. Certificate of lawfulness for the use of a mobile home as a dwelling for a period in excess of 10 years.
- 15/01891/FULL - Variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 10/00160/FULL to allow occupation of the caravan by Mrs G Board. Wiltown Mobile Home, Clayhidon.
- 15/01952/FULL - Erection of single storey extension and dormer window extension to dwelling, conversion and extension of garage to annex. Shalom, Clayhidon.
- 16/00021/FULL - Erection of cabinet to house observation borehole measuring groundwater levels, and surrounding fence. Smeatharpe, Clayhidon.
- 15/01622/FULL – Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling and an agricultural livestock building. Ten Oaks, Clayhidon. The parish council has made additional comments about this application and the planning Committee at MDDC is expected to make a decision in February.

Finance

Income - included rent

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses

The following grants were awarded:-

- A grant of £2,000.00 was awarded to the Parish Hall
- A grant of £70.00 was awarded to Tiverton & District Community Transport Association
- A grant of £65.00 was awarded to St Mary's PCC
- A grant of £120.00 was awarded to The Cameo Club, Hemyock
- A grant of £540.00 was awarded to St Andrews Church
- A grant of £500.00 was awarded to The Blackdown Support Group

Precept

The council has set the precept for 2016/2017 at £8,000.00. The Band D rate will be £35.45 per annum.

Highways

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Wiltown Green

The fence and gate around Wiltown will be removed and some bird boxes are to be erected.

And finally...

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th February 2016. (A planning meeting will be held at 1.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month if necessary). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN
Tel 01823 680968 Email clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Thanks

Mary Hawkins would like to say a very big thank you to everybody that came to my party and gave so generously donations in aid of the Beacon Centre Musgrove they were very grateful for a wonderful sum of £450, and also a big thank you to my family for organising it all.

Shirley Kunda and family would like to thank our friends for attending our firework party, and for raising the amazing amount of £415, which we donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Thanks to Hilary

Way back in the early 1970's the Rev Tony Grosse produced the first copies of our Parish Pump, then as now 6 copies a year.

Those early A5 size magazines were manually ground out on a duplicating machine in the Rectory and put together by a gallant band of volunteers at the dining room table. Each person was faced with a double stack of 500 sheets of foolscap. The Rector sat at the end of the table and for around 2.5 – 3 hours put each issue together with a long armed stapler. This went on for a few years until the Pump became financially viable when the production was passed to Malthouse Printers at Taunton.

Prior to Tony's retirement in 1996 the late Tim Goodman took on the role of assembling the Pump as well as delivering and collecting from Malthouse and then distributing to the folk who delivered to their neighbours.

So the years roll on. The village population increases, the Parish Pump changes from the original A5 to A4 as more and more news items and adverts are received. Throughout this, and for around the last 15 years or so, our magazine has been under the editorial control of Hilary Clements ably assisted by her husband Matthew. Hilary has worked incredibly

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hard to ensure that the information sent to her of past and future events, details of church services, council meetings and other organisations are collated and included in the appropriate issue – any errors have very seldom been hers!

A few years ago the Parish Pump was entered in a national competition for parish magazines from churches and councils (some with paid staff) and thanks to Hilary's expertise it came 21st out of over 700 entries! She has worked exceptionally hard to ensure we all receive our copy of the Pump, and in her and Matt's personal life as well as having full time jobs two beautiful daughters have become part of their family... and never a deadline for the magazine missed!

Due to work commitments Hilary now feels the time has come to relinquish the role of Editor and this will be taken over by James Winrow whom we are pleased to welcome.

The words 'Thank you' hardly seems sufficient to express the gratitude Hemyock, Clayhidon and latterly Culmstock owe Hilary but this is what we most warmly and gratefully say and send her and her family all good wishes and much happiness and success for the future.

Janice Bawler

If you know of someone in the parish who doesn't receive a copy of the Parish Pump, or if you have any other queries about distribution, please contact **Clare Sibley** on **680763**.

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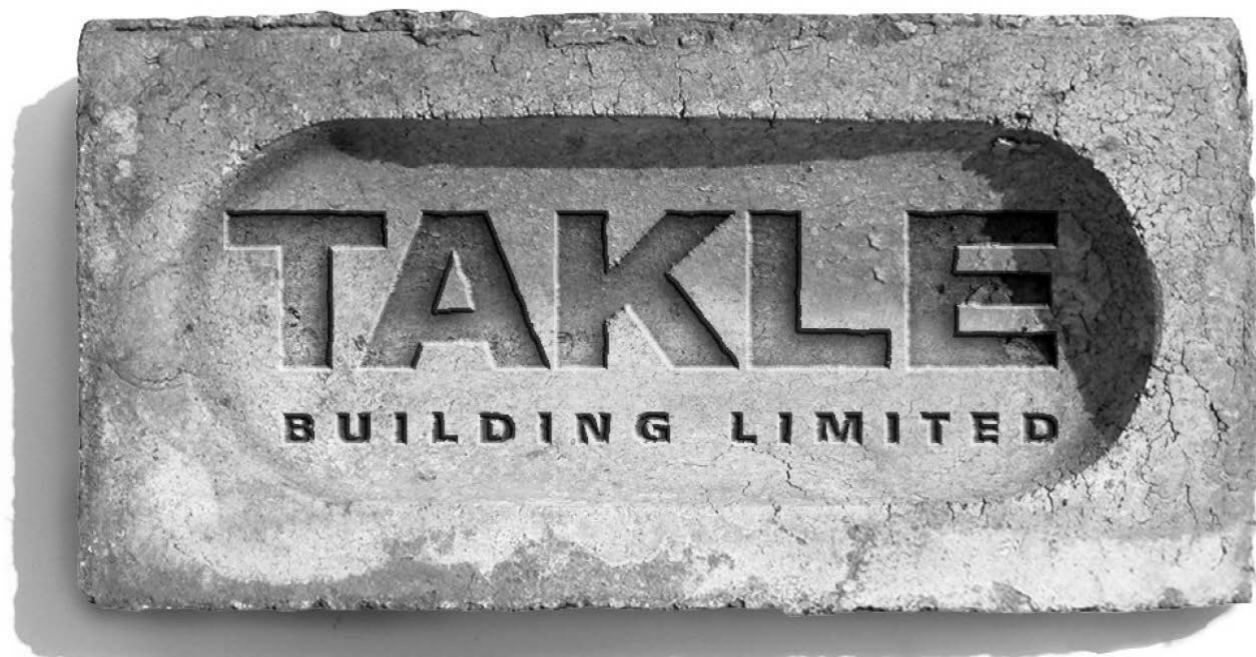
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