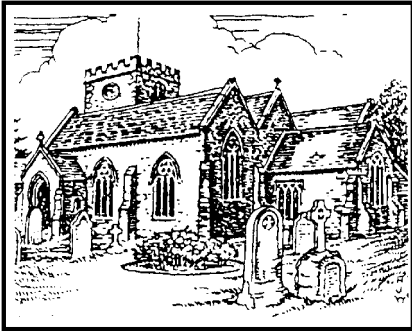
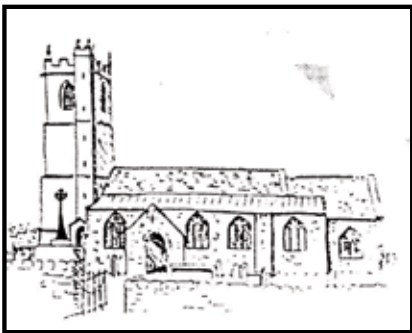


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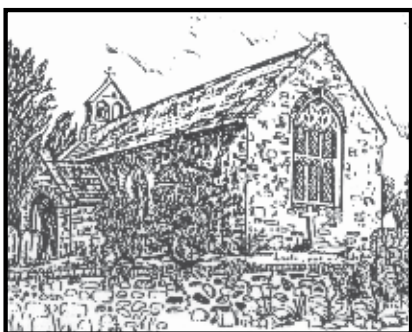
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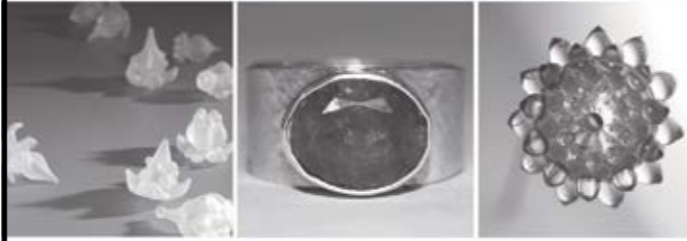
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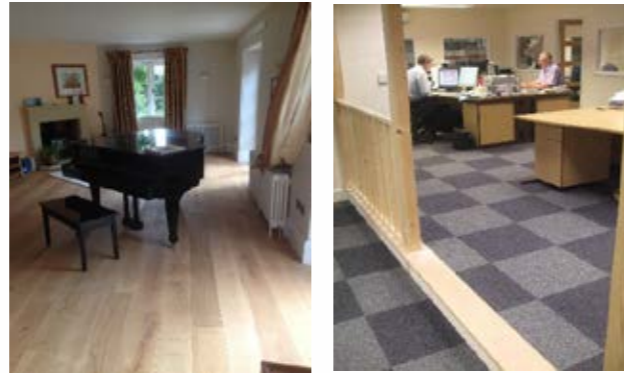
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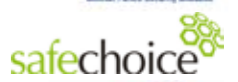
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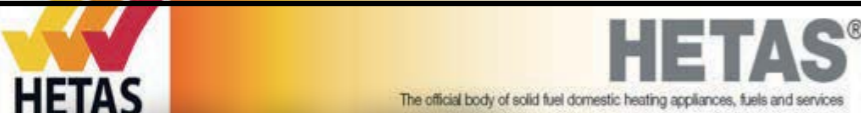
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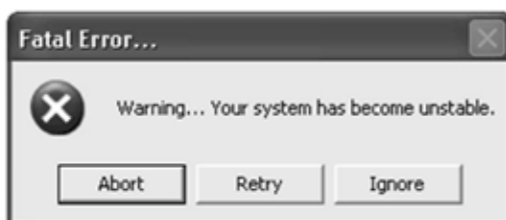
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SERVICES IN THE UPPER CULM VALLEY MISSION COMMUNITY

February & March 2017

'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
Sunday 5 th Feb	10.30 am FS		8.30 am HC BCP	6.30 pm Sung Evensong of Candlemas
Sunday 12 th Feb	11:15 am MP CW	9.00 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC CW	3.00 pm Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
Sunday 19 th Feb	11.15 am HC CW		3.30 pm EP BCP	9.30 am HC CW
Sunday 26 th Feb	11.15 am HC CW	3.30 pm EP BCP	10.00 am FS	8.00 am HC BCP
Wednesday 1 st Mar	11.30 am HC with Ashes (<i>Lent lunch at 12:30 pm</i>)		6.30 pm HC with Ashes	7.00 pm HC with Ashes
Sunday 5 th Mar	10.30 am FS		8.30 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC
Sunday 12 th Mar	11.15 am MP CW	9.00 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC CW	3.00 pm Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
Sunday 19 th Mar	11.15 am HC		3.30 pm EP BCP	9.30 am HC
Sunday 26 th Mar	10.30 am FS	3.30 pm EP BCP	10.00 am FS CW	8.00 am HC

Regular mid-week Services	❖ Tuesdays - Morning Prayer 10.00 am at All Saints, Culmstock
	❖ Thursdays - Holy Communion 10.30am at St Mary's, Hemyock

PARISH PUMP – No. 259 February – March 2017

Opening Doors

Whenever I travel around I try to notice new things, and I am always amazed, wherever I happen to be, perhaps in a French village, a mediaeval English town or somewhere more far-flung like the Holy Land, what an amazing variety of doors there are – some brightly coloured, some flaking with a patina of time, some open, some closed, some with a view, some not, some opening into a dark and mysterious interior, others into a bright and inviting space.



I have become fascinated with doors, and often try to take some photos to record their amazing variety.

But doors have a great deal to tell us. They are so often more, than functional barriers to enable access, keep people and the world out and de-mark territory, they can have a deeper symbolism as well. We use the term 'door' to any metaphorical gateway into a new understanding or

discipline. We talk about people who have opened doors for us in our lives, and helped us progress into new parts of our life's journey. A door not only represents the way in to a building and also a way into a new understanding and experience.



Doors can also offer a way into mystery. If the door is shut, or opens into a dark space, there is a sense of the unknown – how often do you wonder what lies beyond those 'closed doors'?

So many things in life can be doors for us whether through education or training, perhaps through meeting someone who offers advice and direction,

maybe through mere chance an opportunity will present itself to us – and a door is opened.

We pass through many doors in our lives and we may learn over time which are the doors to open and which are not, but choosing which is which is not always easy. Some people will try to go through all the doors presented to them and may regret passing through some, others will be more cautious and perhaps not open the ones which would have offered their best opportunities – we are all different.

A door can represent hope and opportunity, the potential for change, a chance of the new – but it has to be opened and passed through. I hope that we can all pass through the doors that matter to each of us.

For those of us in the Church we believe that we have passed through the door that leads to God – Jesus himself describes himself as the 'door' or the 'way'. And part of our journey is knowing the value of this door available for us to pass through daily.

So we all give thanks for the doors through which we have passed which have enriched our lives and enabled us to move forward. And maybe we can help others in opening doors important for them.

God bless you.

David

* Just a reminder: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year 1st March.





Everyone is welcome



to our short

Family Service

Sunday 5th February, 10.30 am,

St Mary's Church, Hemyock

What happened to the boat in stormy weather?

Singing, story, craft, snack and more.



PLEASE NOTE In March, our main Family Service will be on Mothering Sunday, so on **March 5th**, we shall have a Family Communion at 10.30am



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,
1 March at 12.30pm**

Lent lunches will continue on
**Thursdays: 9, 16, 23 & 30
March and 6 April 2017.**

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

Everyone Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to join us for our

Mothering Sunday



Family Service



Sunday 26th March, 10.30 am,

St Mary's Church, Hemyock

Singing, story, craft, snack and more.



We are really pleased that the Hemyock



*School Choir will be
singing, too!*



Organised by St Mary's and Culm Davy

St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Monthly Winter Lunch

Hearty winter soup, pudding & coffee

Thursday, 16 February
in The Church Rooms, Hemyock
(serving at 12.30pm)

**Donations towards
Building Projects at St Mary's Church**

Everyone welcome.

Thank you again!

Thanks again for your continued support of the Food Bank. The team at the Wellington Centre are most grateful for the weekly input coming from Hemyock. As at the end of 2016 we had donated 861kg during the 3 years of the local scheme. So hopefully this year we should reach the 1 tonne mark.

Just as a reminder the group can accept items for pets and household cleaning items as well as non perishable food. And should you sadly be in need of their services they are open in the URC church in Fore Street, Wellington on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 3 and 4pm.

Brian Samuels

Suggestion

Did you make any New Year resolutions? Have you kept them up? No? Ah well never mind, but it's not too late to make a new one, one that you could do laying down.

Did you know that something like 98% of us would accept a blood transfusion if we were told it was needed? Did you also know that just 4% of us are blood donors? So if you're not one of the 4% why not make a resolution to make 2017 the year you started to be a donor. You might just be a person with one of the rarer blood groups which are in short supply. The NHS Blood team are due in Hemyock at the end of March* so you don't have to go far. It could be an hour of your life that helps to save someone else's.

And if you want a donor's perspective on what's involved then ask Church warden David Bawler or PCC secretary Brian Samuels – they've clocked up over 200 donations between them.

*Parish Hall March 31st 13:10hrs till 15:30 and 16:30 to 19:15

Brian Samuels

Be One in Ten Thousand

The Exeter 10000 scheme was set up 7 years ago with the aim of creating a local database for medical research. As part of the Clinical research Facility of Exeter University the unit has done an amazing amount of research with nearly 300 extra research projects. Amongst these are investigating the diagnosis and treatment of types 1 and 2 diabetes, the relationship between excess weight and type 2 diabetes, protecting against getting diabetes and work on storage of fat in the body and its effects. A current work is looking at the relationship between mood and appetite and people's ability not to want to consume sweet things. The results of this research is translated into improving the healthcare of people in the area.

The Clinical research group is now considered as one of the leaders in our understanding of diabetes and has recently been awarded £5.7m by the National Institute for Health research which will help fund research for another 5 years.

At present there are about 9600 people on the local register and if you would be interested in helping to get the total to 10,000 you can get information by phoning 01392 408181 or emailing crf@exeter.ac.uk. The website is www.exeter.crf.nihr.ac.uk/node/155.

Brian Samuels

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Opening in

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Saturday 4th

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All at 10am – 12 noon

in the Church Room, Castle Hill

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**CLASSIC/VINTAGE VEHICLES
AT ST MARY'S SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 8TH JULY**

This year we hope to have a collection of classic vehicles on display at our Summer Fair. If you own a classic vehicle and would like to join us please contact Patricia on 01823 680436 email: p.m.fuller@btinternet.com

Celebration

750th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church

As part of our celebration of the 750th Anniversary, the Friends of St Mary's exhibition during Heritage Days (Friday 8th – Sunday 10th September) will be church records and photographs etc.

If you, or a member of your family, were married or baptised at, or have special memories of events connected with St Mary's we would be delighted to have details and photographs (we can take copies) to include within our exhibition.

Please telephone Patricia 01823 680436 or email: p.m.fuller@btinternet.com

The Friends of St. Mary's are hosting a **Who Do You Think You Are?** style evening with Mary Hyland on Friday 17 February

Tickets £12 per person to include supper and the chance to win some family history research on the night.

For tickets and more information contact Patricia Tel: 01823 680436



'CELEBRATION'

A Flower Festival to be held at St. Mary's Church

Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th June 2017

If you have a special Celebration during 2017 and would like to make a donation (any amount welcome) towards sponsorship of one of the flower arrangements please contact Monica for further details on Tel: 01823 681161



Janice Bawler with the many knitted hats that she has made

The Big Knit

For the last decade a joint campaign between Age UK and Innocent drinks has seen mini mini hats appearing on drink bottles in supermarkets. The campaign has raised vital funds to help vulnerable older folk as every behatted bottle sees 25p donated to the charity. The money raised has provided funding for both local and national projects to help older people keep the cold at bay and stay well through warm meals, cold weather support, and befriending visits along with other vital services.

The Big Knit has seen hundreds of knitters trying to reach the 2016/17 target of 2 million mini hats. One of these is Janice Bawler of Hemyock who recently handed 100 hats into the Taunton Age UK shop. She said, "Knitting has never been a strong point of mine but the variety of patterns suggested means that even a novice like me is able to enjoy the work knowing that Age UK will benefit and customers who purchase a bottle will have a smile brought to their face".

The Lights Brigade, Hemyock presents

The Carnage The Villain Cocktails

LIVE Music Fully stocked bar NO Raffle

plus DJ PHIL the FLOOR

**HEMYOCK PARISH HALL
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Doors open 7.30pm**

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Info: 01823 680351

www.lightsbrigade.org.uk Lights Brigade Hemyock

Lights Brigade

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who turned out for the Lights Parade back before Christmas, making it a magical occasion for the village.

It was amazing to see a huge steam engine making its way slowly up Station Road, then round through the castle, and into the churchyard. On the way, we passed some wonderful backlit images of trains, passengers and Christmas scenes in the windows of people's houses. Up by the Pump, there were large scale film projections of some familiar faces enjoying a ride along the Culm Valley line. And then, while the school choir sang, the star was lit on the church tower to provide a fitting finale.

We'd like to thank the sponsors, lantern makers, lights installers, drummers, singers, stewards and Young Farmers who all helped to make it a great event. Plus, of course, everyone who paraded and watched, as well as the church, castle, Parish Council and Catherine Wheel pub. And we hope everyone enjoyed seeing the village lit up through the Christmas and New Year period.

We're now planning our Spring Dance fundraiser in April, with the energetic and hugely entertaining Carny Villains. Anyone who remembers Tankus the Henge last year and Mad Dog McRea the year before that will know that the Spring Dance is a night not to be missed! We expect tickets to go fast, so keep the release date in mind!

Lights Brigade Spring Dance, Saturday 29th April. Tickets on sale from Saturday 11th February, from Hemyock Spar.

Hemyock Lights Brigade - Tel 680351



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Would you like to help to make a difference in your Community??

There are almost one million lonely people in the United Kingdom at any one time. Many people live alone out of choice, necessity or circumstance and being alone does not necessarily always signify loneliness

What can be done to help??

How can we help them feel less lonely, help them to become more involved and more connected to their neighbours?

A "neighbourhood" approach could bring about a meaningful change and one such organisation devoted to bringing about such change exists in this area. It is the *Blackdown Support Group*. This Group was formed in 1991 and it reaches out to support and provide friendship to anyone in need within the Blackdown Hills area. This help and friendship includes assisting people who are suffering from illness, disability, advancing years, frailty or simply needing to know that there is someone out there who cares.

Could you get involved?

Would you like to reach out and volunteer to assist those in your community who may require help with shopping, transport to a doctor's appointment, advocacy in filling out forms, attendance at social events or even just popping in for a cup of tea and a chat? Half an hour a week can make significant difference!

The Blackdown Support Group needs YOU!

01823 681036 (ask for Barbara)

HEMYOCK HOLIDAY CLUB 2017



The Guardians of Ancora return to Hemyock from Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August with a brand new adventure: 'Treasure Seekers' - See you there...!

Hemyock Singers

Following our successful Christmas Concert our next performance will be in St Mary's Church, Hemyock, on Saturday April 1 at 7:30pm – and we know that is April Fools Day! The programme of Sacred Music will include John Rutter's 'Magnificat' with other choral pieces and will be followed by light refreshments. New recruits always welcome.

Chris Hudson

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

A very Happy New Year to you all - as I write this it is a beautifully sunny day with a clear blue sky - should really be out in the garden but after all the rain and smattering of snow everything is far too wet. There is also a blazing fire in the hearth so think I will stay by that!

As usual, our first event in January was the Social Evening which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Anecdotes about times past, delivered by Roger Lambert, caused much laughter but also had many members nodding in agreement with the way things were!!! Brenda provided some great quizzes - my gardening knowledge must be getting a little better as I was able to answer quite a few - or perhaps Brenda made them a little easier for us all this year! Either way, very enjoyable. Members came up trumps with a wonderful assortment of food to finish the evening. A great way to start the New Year.

At our meeting on 8th February we have Sue Applegate talking about Peonies and Iris - with Tony and Edith providing the teas.

The Spring Show is on Saturday, 8th April, 2017 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 by the middle of February 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 Simnel Cake to recipe as supplied in the Schedule; Class 42 Through the Window - one photograph; Class 43 A Winter Scene - painting; Class 44 A Limerick - To celebrate St Mary's 750th Anniversary; Class 45 Playdoh Easter Flowers - Under 8 years; Class 46 Easter Bonnet - 8 years and over.

Following on from our successful weekends away, this year Jane and Helen have organised a trip to visit gardens at Abbey Dore, Westonbury Water Gardens, Hampton Court Castle, Stocktonbury Gardens, Westbury Court Gardens and Berkeley Castle. Members will be staying at the Three Counties Hotel over the weekend of 23-25 June. Again, we just need to keep our fingers crossed for fine weather!

Look forward to seeing you all again on 8th February - as always new members will be made very welcome.

*Judith Major
Secretary - 680746*

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. Social and match tennis continues throughout the year with floodlight facilities to two of the courts for evening play.

The club weekly sessions are:

Tuesday: Mixed Club morning from 10am onwards (this is a new club session)
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://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>.

Group Matchplay coaching for seniors takes place on alternate Thursday evenings for the first hour of club night if enough members want to participate.

Coaching sessions for the juniors continue through the winter with Dan on Thursday afternoons:

Red (under 8's)	from 4.45 - 5.30
Amber (under 11's)	from 4.45 - 5.30
Juniors (under 16's)	from 5.30 - 6.30

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. Details will be put on the club notice board on the side of the pavilion. 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.*

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club

Members have enjoyed another successful year, meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday's, 10.00 a.m - 12.30 and Thursday's 2.00 p.m - 4.30. Our format is very relaxed, teams are picked 'on the day' depending on numbers, to play on the three mats. The all important 'coffee break' and chat takes place half way through a session. Please come and join us if you would like to 'have a go' and meet new people. Help is always at hand if you need it or not played before. The only stipulation is flat bottomed shoes, to be brought with you and changed into, to ensure there is no damage to the mats and bring woods if you own them.

We also enter a team in an afternoon league, travelling to different clubs around the area. Friendly games are also arranged with neighbouring teams as well as Tournaments, these are usually a way of raising money for charity.

Club competitions have been completed for 2016, winners are as follows:-

Singles	Terry Wetherfield
Pairs	Tony Butler and Sue Skinner
Triples	Tony Butler, Sue Skinner and Dennis Gubb
Umbrella	Bill Clarke
Gill Lyon Fun Game	Bill Clarke

Doreen Perrott

In Memoriam

GELL (Nee BERRIMAN)
Margaret May

of Gloucester House Nursing Home,
Sevenoaks, Kent and
formerly of Hemyock
passed away on 11th December 2016
aged 65 years.

Wife of Peter, daughter of Jack and Barbara Berriman,
sister of Alan and member of St Mary's Church.

Funeral service took place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on 30th December 2016

If wished donations may be made to 'Gloucester House Amenity Fund' c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1AR.

Alan Berriman

Can the Violet Chapman Trust help you?

The Violet Chapman Trust was set up by a patient, along with Dr Meads and the senior partner of Ashfords Solicitors, to help patients and their families who use the Blackdown doctors surgeries.

The Trust helps by giving support to the families and makes grants to relieve financial pressure. The Trust has a wide remit and will give financial aid for health, welfare and education.

Its aim is to assist patients to live a more comfortable and stress free life.

For more information please contact the secretary, Judy Barton on 01823 680975 or email on j.h.barton@hotmail.co.uk. You can also pick up an application form from the Blackdown Practice in Hemyock or download it from the surgery website.

Judy Barton

Thank you

Sarah and Judy would like to say a huge thank you to the kind people who have donated teacups and saucers for our annual Prings Farm cream tea. Your response has been overwhelming and we now have plenty for 2017.

Sarah Machin and Judy Barton

Thank you

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all my old and new clients for all the support they have given me in my new business adventure. Thanks again Emily (Emilys Unisex Hairdesign)

Emily Pring

Thank you

A Big Thank you to everyone who came or sent greetings to David Palmer on his 70th Birthday. Donations in lieu of presents for St Mary's Loo fund raised just over £500.00 pounds.

Happy New year.

Meg Palmer

Valley Arts and Social Society

Valley Arts enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at the Catherine Wheel and are now planning for 2017, we are having a DVD evening on Feb 2nd all cast members and helpers are welcome for more information contact Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com. Our AGM is on Friday 31st March 7.00pm-8.00pm at the Catherine Wheel, with a meal afterwards this is open to everyone, can you please let Gillian at gillian.hawkes@btinternet.com if you would like to book for the meal by 14th March.



If you are considering joining the cast, technical crew or creative crew, NOW is the time to show your interest, we are looking at scripts and are trying to estimate the cast numbers as this has an influence on the type of show we choose. The first read through launch evening will be on 8th June and the auditions on 15th June, please come along and see what it's all about.

We are having a **1970's evening on May 13th in the Parish Hall**, it will be fancy dress and hopefully you will be transported back to the decade of platform shoes, lava lamps and fondue! More details to follow in the next pump.

We always welcome new members, if you are interested in joining our group contact, Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk, it is great fun and a chance to meet new people.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

Avian Flu Outbreak

As you will be aware there have been a number of Avian Influenza outbreaks in the UK and a Prevention Zone was declared in December that covers the whole of the UK.

The prevention zone means that all poultry keepers - whether on a commercial scale or simply a small backyard flock - are now required by law to house them (keep them under cover) or otherwise keep them separate from wild birds. This requirement (the Prevention Zone) has now been extended until 28 February 2017. They have also banned gatherings of poultry across the UK.

It is also important that poultry keepers must continue to keep a close watch on the health of their birds, and take steps to reduce the risk of infection via the environment, for example in wild bird droppings, by practising good biosecurity. You should do this even if your birds are inside. If they are concerned it is important that they contact their Vet.

This has been necessary because the same Avian Flu strain has also been found in wild birds in England, Scotland and Wales. DEFRA have taken this action to reduce the risks and help protect poultry and captive birds from avian flu.

The Food Standards Agency advise that bird flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

Parish Council Business Update February 2017

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

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/01826/FULL Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. Great Simonsburrow Farm, Hemyock
- 16/01851/FULL Erection of an agricultural livestock shed and associated hardstanding (Phase 1). Great Simonsburrow Farm, Hemyock
- 16/01868/FULL Erection of an agricultural livestock shed and associated hardstanding (Phase 2). Great Simonsburrow Farm, Hemyock.
- 16/01772/MOUT - Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Outline for the erection of up to 40 dwellings (including affordable housing), public open space and associated infrastructure. (Revised Plans).

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, defibrillator fund monies, precept and TAP fund grant from MDDC.

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, annual play area safety checks, banking fees, Housing Needs Survey and village signs.

Precept

The council has set the precept for 2017/2018 at £77,000 increasing the Band D property figure from £89.30 to £90.69 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.

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.

Community Speedwatch

The village now has a team of volunteers who have been trained and are supported by the neighbourhood policing team. The volunteers will stand at the side of the road monitoring traffic. Speeding vehicles will be recorded and warning letters will be sent to the vehicle owner together with educational information.

Persistent offenders will receive a further warning letter and possibly a visit from their local neighbourhood policing team to deliver some words of advice. Persistent offenders that ignore these warnings will be given a fixed penalty ticket or summonsed to court, should the circumstances allow.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact the clerk.

Vehicle-Activated Sign

The council has been successful in its bid for funds from MDDC's Town & Parish (TAP) Fund which will enable it to purchase a Vehicle-Activated Sign. The sign activates if and when an approaching vehicle is detected exceeding a pre-set speed limit. The speed limit and warning message will illuminate on the sign to remind the driver/rider to slow down. The council is in the process of gaining approval from Highways to erect such a sign.

Dogs on pitches

New signs have been purchased to remind dog walkers to keep dogs off the football pitches and these will be erected shortly. Dogs may be exercised around the trim trail but under no circumstances should they be allowed on to the pitches. The situation will be reviewed regularly and failure by dog owners to abide by this rule may result in further action.

Hedges

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges in and around the parish encroaching on to roads. Residents are politely asked to ensure their hedges are kept trimmed. Whilst there are some restrictions on when hedges may be cut, if there are road safety concerns then under these circumstances those restrictions do not apply.

Christmas Decorations Competition

This year's judge praised the effort everyone had made to make the village look so pleasant, well-lit and festive. He particularly commended Fourways Cross and Eastcote but after a thorough tour of the village he chose the following winners...

- **1st Prize £25.00**
Mr J Andrew – 49 Eastlands
- **2nd Prize £15.00**
Mr R Hart, 50 Station Road
- **1st Prize Business/Non-Domestic Premises £20.00**
SPS Hair Design, Station Road

Litter Picking Co-ordinator Wanted!

The council is looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate regular litter picking events for the village. Please contact the clerk if you are interested in taking on this role.

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 your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and your details will be held on file.

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 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st February 2017. 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.

A Good Samaritan

At 0910 on Saturday 14 January I was struck by a car when walking from Hillmoor into Culmstock. The visibility was excellent, the roads were dry. I was facing the oncoming traffic wearing a yellow high visibility, fluorescent jacket with my dog to my right on a lead. The car that struck me was coming towards me. The accident happened on the tight bend below Fry's Farm.

After the impact I found myself lying on the ground underneath the car between the front and rear wheels. The driver appeared to be in shock, but a young man who I learned was from Hemyock, arrived and took charge. He told me not to move, covered me with a Duvet and called the emergency services. On hearing that it was an 80 year old man who had been struck by a car the operator repeated the instruction not to move. My rescuer kept me talking until the air ambulance, the ambulance and the police arrived. He then left without me having time to thank him or to learn his name. I would like to know who he is and perhaps your readers could help. He was about 5ft 10 ins tall (I was on the ground so I could not compare his height with mine), slim, dark haired and was growing a beard. He told me that he also had been in the Naval service, as an Air Engineer, and was on his way to the fitness centre in Cullompton.

I have been lobbying the Parish Council and the Police for the last 15 years to do something to reduce the danger on the roads within the village and particularly on the road between Hillmoor Narrows (just inside the 30 mph limit) and the village centre where we have recorded the majority of cars exceeding the 30 mph limit. Had the car that hit me been travelling at 30 mph, within the legal limit, I would have been seriously injured. Had it been a 4x4 or travelling in excess of 30 mph I may not have survived. Had I been a child under any circumstances I would have been at best seriously injured and possibly fatally.

May I make a plea to anyone who drives through Culmstock, particularly those travelling to and from work or taking children to school, to stay within the speed limit on entering the village and to give a wide berth to pedestrians and riders using the road.

Thank you,

Richard Preston

Hillmoor House
Culmstock
Cullompton
EX15 3JU

Funding for community projects



Do you have a project which will have an environmental, social or economic benefit?

The Blackdown Hills AONB's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) gives grants of up to £3000 to encourage individuals, community groups, schools and businesses to try to achieve a more sustainable way of living in the Blackdown Hills.

Find out if your project qualifies and apply for a Sustainable Development Fund grant:

Tel: 01823 680681
Email: blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk

Dear Residents

I hope you all had a great Christmas and now that the New Year is well under way, it will be a good year for you.

Everything is going well for County, except for a few funding pressures we are facing.

Various Council minutes will show how we have used the options available to us to provide additional funding for Adult care. You will also see that utilising the additional 2% last year failed to meet our costs of the National Living Wages that care providers incurred so the short fall was met within the budget process. There will be options available to provide an increase in social care funding. This is a statutory duty on our behalf and we will balance the budget by the end of the year.

Devon County Council has introduced a recruitment freeze as it takes 'firm action' to prevent a multi-million overspend. A job freeze has been introduced at DCC to help manage the overspend. The Council is projected to overspend by £8.1m by the end of the financial year, unless it takes firm action. The jobs freeze will take effect immediately, but will not apply to posts where the Council would fail to meet its statutory responsibilities if it did not recruit a replacement worker. We will take the firm action needed.

As you will be aware, as from 1st April 2017 County will have a new contractor, Skanska Construction UK Ltd, in place to deal with Highway, Public Footpaths and Pavements. There is a transitional period from Oct 2016 to 1st April 2017. As Chair of the Environment, I met with our Officers who are overseeing the transition to make sure that there are no unforeseen problems. They have fortnightly meetings and I am pleased to say that SWH have been very co-operative over this transitional period, which is credit to them, losing the contract, they could have made things difficult.

Skanska are a very professional outfit employing about 25000 employees. Heading into the winter, there will be no disruption with the services and SWH will continue until 1st April. As far as the public are concerned, all we will notice is a different name on the 540 SWH employee's clothing, it will be a seamless transfer. SWH Construction will still be in existence and a supplier of services to DCC.

We are at this time of year when we are well on the way to producing a budget, it will be difficult and it gets more difficult every year. We have always produced a balanced budget and we will do the same again. It is very much a time of holding our nerve. We have a good administration running County with a 47% reduction in staff and £244m reduction of income which has been cut from Government Grant. 8 years ago we would get 70% of our income from Government, now it is down to 40% and to go even lower, our choice is not to cut essential services.

At the same time, we have reduced our debt by £106m, down to £507m. We are business minded and will make tough choices to produce a balanced budget.

Regards,

Ray Radford
Devon County Councillor
01884 820000



BLACKDOWN
HEALTHY LIVING &
ACTIVITY CENTRE

Riverside Hemyock EX15 3SH

What's On at The Healthy Living Centre?

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	(Call 01823 680687 for class dates and info or see our website www.bhlaac.org.uk)		
Monday	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 – 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Thursday	Dance	7.15 – 8.15pm	Ruth Bell
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Steph Leitner
Therapies	Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment		

Around Hemyock

Caring for and supporting others has always been a strong point of villagers in the Culm Valley. The Cullompton Deanery magazine for February 1908 tells us that in Hemyock £4.10s had been raised for the Church of England Waifs' and Strays Society; at Culm Davy 70 Sunday School scholars enjoyed a lantern and gramophone show before prizes were presented whilst the **Rev and Mrs Forbes** entertained a large number of choristers, ringers and congregation from St Mary's treating them to supper and dancing at the Church Room.

Moving on to a recent Wellington Weekly News we read of two items from their files from the past. 50 years ago the then Rector **Rev William Llewellyn-Jones** set up the Culm Valley Feed the Hungry Campaign. He felt that it would be a positive thing to send dried milk from this area to India where people were starving. The 6 month long campaign resulted in 540 containers of dried milk weighing nearly 7 tons leaving the Hemyock Unigate factory which stood at Millhayes .

Going forward we read that the British Empire Medal was presented 30 years ago to the late **Cecil 'Ron' Lowman** for services to Scouting. **Old Skip** as he is known to many had at that stage been Group Scout Leader for 26 years and had been instrumental in making 1st Hemyock one of the most successful groups in the country having been featured in the Scouting magazine and had seen a number of boys obtain their Queen Scout badge.

Nowadays the local concern and care for others continues with the Blackdown Support Group, clothing for Syrian refugees, Christmas shoeboxes for Eastern Europe, fundraising for cancer research, supporting the local Foodbank, knitting for charities, raising funds for the Royal British Legion, Christian Aid and Olympic hopeful Neil Morralee - the list just goes on and on and I am sure I speak for many in thanking all those involved without who none of this would be possible.

Whilst most of us have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations others have seen great sadness with the loss of a loved one. We remember **Richard Lister** (Sally thanks all who attended his funeral), **Betty Arnold, Pamela Silvester, Mary Dew and the father of Jill Burton**. We send their families and friends love, prayers and sympathy.

So many people appear to have been suffering with the nasty cough and cold circulating but there are also those who have been, or are, in hospital - remembering by name Christine Brown, Malcolm Best (a driver for the BSG) Ray Rattray and Joyce Baker. We also remember the Rector's father. We send good wishes to all.

Once again villagers responded brilliantly to the Christmas Lights competition organised by the Parish Council so that in conjunction with the Lights Brigade decorations the village was awash with colour. Inviting the two popular takeaway vans to the parade evening along with the Catherine Wheel being open made sure that everyone who chose were fed and watered!

With the Christmas celebration now over it was no surprise to see Easter eggs in the supermarkets during the early part of January despite that weekend still being some months away. No doubt before then there will be a variety of things going on in the parish many listed on the Pump's diary pages thanks to Sue Lambert. If you are new to Hemyock please read through as there may well be something you would like to attend and a visit to see if it is 'your kind of thing' will always see you made welcome.

Please email me on jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk if you have any news you would like to share on this page.

The following by Howard Thurman was recently posted on social media and I felt it would be good to share -

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins;
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart

Ending on a personal note we wish Cheyenne a very happy 18th birthday for 8th February.

Janice Bawler

Nosh &

Knowledge

Quiz night with Cheese & Nibbles
with Raffle afterwards and pay Bar

Saturday 4th March

Hemyock Village Hall
Doors Open 7.30 pm
Quiz 8.00 pm
£6 per person
max 6 per team
£100 first prize
To book contact Katy
07969 201979

Poets' Corner

On Bad Days

Uninvited, bad days come; when even though the sky is blue, birds sing and flowers bloom;
The frowning mind sees only dark, dreamed-of storms,
That disperse, when faced in God's warm wind of prayer and love.
So the bad days lift away, and the Blessed Sunshine can be felt;
Bad days are to golden evenings turned,
When we will rest seeing only love and God who saves!

David Palmer



**The Blackdown Hills
Business Association
(BHBA)**

The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA) is a not-for-profit membership based organisation supporting the fantastic array of businesses that operate within the Blackdown Hills and the surrounding market towns and villages of East Devon, West Dorset, South Somerset and Taunton Deane.

News

Happy New Year to everyone! We have lots of exciting events planned for 2017 and really hope you will be able to join us on some or more of the occasions.

Our new website is coming along very well, with the finishing touches now being made, so we will be pleased to officially launch this before Spring comes. The Blackdown Hills Business Directory will of course be a key interactive feature of the website, promoting the wonderful array of services and products within the Blackdown Hills.

We are delighted to welcome new members; Wellington School; offering strong academic curriculum and a wealth of co-curricular opportunities underpinned by sensitive pastoral care and a well-founded sense of values. As well as Tracey Estate, Parkland and Gardens, a privately owned little known gem on the edge of Honiton offering a magical backdrop for weddings and events.

Events – everyone is welcome!

There are lots of events on our calendar, including training workshops, networking events and relaxing socials encouraging everyone to attend and join in.

- **Thursday 16th February**, Meet the Heart of the SW Growth Hub Partnership for FREE at their monthly networking event at Woodhayes Farm just outside Honiton.
- **Thursday 23rd February**, Business Boost are hosting a FREE Starting Your Business & Bookkeeping Fundamentals workshops at the East Devon Business Centre, Honiton.
- **Thursday 2nd March**, The Carbon Trust Green Business Fund are hosting a FREE session on Introduction to Energy Efficiency for SMEs at the Padbrook Park Hotel, Cullompton.
- **Thursday 16th March**, Business Boost are hosting a FREE workshop on How to Create a Business Website in Wordpress.

We will also soon be relaunching our own monthly networking events starting in the Spring, full details to follow. We hope to see many of you soon. For full details on all the events and how to book your place(s) visit www.bhba.org.uk/events.php.

Our vision has always been to help achieve a vital, vibrant, successful and sustainable economy within the Blackdown Hills, with the purpose to provide a relaxed and supportive environment in which businesses serving the Blackdown Hills can learn, connect and grow together.

We are proud to connect and support a wide range of businesses within the BHBA, browse through our website www.bhba.org.uk and you'll find accommodation providers, health practitioners, hospitality and event venues, artisan food and drink producers, traditional crafts, designers, IT consultants, property agents and furniture restorers.

If you would like to discover the benefits of our membership, please do get in touch!

Best wishes and Happy New Year!

BHBA Co-ordinator: Claire Stepney

WHAT'S ON February 2017

Wed 1	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL 12.30</i>	Parish Council <i>FL 19.30</i>
Thu 2	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 3	Brightside <i>BHLC 10.00</i>	
Sat 4	Ch'Ford and Wellington Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Coffee Shop <i>CR 10.00-12.00</i> Hemyock Cricket club Concert <i>PH</i>
Sun 5	Spiritual and meditation development <i>FL 19.00-22.00</i>	
Mon 6		
Tue 7	Phoenix Carers <i>BHLC 10.00-12.00</i>	WI <i>FL 19.30</i>
Wed 8		Gardeners Meeting <i>FL 19.30</i>
Thu 9	Taunton Farmers' Market	History Group <i>CR 19.30</i>
Fri 10		
Sat 11	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets	Mobile Library
Sun 12		
Mon 13		Young Farmers <i>FL 19.30</i>
Tue 14	Memory Café <i>BHLC 10.30</i>	St Mary's Coffee Shop <i>CR 10.00-12.00</i> Tuesday Group <i>FL 19.30</i>
Wed 15	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns <i>FL 14.30</i>
Thu 16	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Winter Lunch <i>CR 12.30</i>
Fri 17	"Who do you think you are?" event, with supper <i>CR</i>	
Sat 18	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 19	Spiritual and meditation development <i>FL 19.00-22.00</i>	
Mon 20		
Tue 21		
Wed 22		
Thu 23	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mother's Union - Holy Communion <i>SM 10.30</i> (Coffee after) Mobile Library
Fri 24		
Sat 25	Uffculme Farmers' Market	
Sun 26		
Mon 27		Young Farmers <i>FL 19.30</i>
Tue 28	St Mary's Coffee Shop <i>CR 10.00-12.00</i>	

Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Sun		7-10, Spiritual & Meditation Development every 1 st and 3 rd week
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2 nd and 4 th
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	7.15-9.45 WI every 1 st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2 nd
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 st 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 st 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 nd 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 rd
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat	Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2 nd / History & Archiving 2 nd / Clayhidon History Group 3 rd
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 3 rd	

WHAT'S ON March 2017

Wed 1	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL 12.30</i>	Ash Wednesday Lunch <i>CR 12.30</i>	Parish Council <i>FL 19.30</i>
Thu 2	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 3	'Brightside' <i>BHLC 11.00-15.00</i>	Women's World Day of Prayer <i>ASC 14.00</i>	
Sat 4	St Mary's Coffee Shop <i>CR 10.00-12.00</i>	PTFA Quiz Night <i>PH 19.30</i>	
Sun 5	Spiritual and meditation development <i>FL 19.00-22.00</i>		
Mon 6			
Tue 7	Phoenix Carers <i>BHLC 10.00-12.00</i>	WI <i>FL 19.30</i>	
Wed 8		Gardeners Meeting <i>FL 19.30</i>	
Thu 9	Taunton Farmers' Market	Lent Lunch <i>CR 12.30</i>	History Group <i>CR 19.30</i>
Fri 10			
Sat 11	Mobile Library		
Sun 12			
Mon 13		Young Farmers <i>FL 19.30</i>	
Tue 14	St Mary's Coffee Shop <i>CR 10.00-12.00</i>	PUMP Copy Deadline	Tuesday Group <i>FL 19.30</i>
Wed 15		Acorns <i>FL 14.30</i>	
Thu 16	Taunton Farmers' Market	Lent Lunch <i>CR 12.30</i>	
Fri 17			
Sat 18			
Sun 19	Spiritual and meditation development <i>FL 19.00-22.00</i>		
Mon 20			
Tue 21			
Wed 22			
Thu 23	Taunton Farmers' Market	Lent Lunch <i>CR 12.30</i>	Mobile Library
Fri 24			
Sat 25			
Sun 26			
Mon 27		Young Farmers <i>FL 19.30</i>	
Tue 28	St Mary's Coffee Shop <i>CR 10.00-12.00</i>		
Wed 29			
Thu 30	Taunton FM	Antique Buying & Valuation <i>FL 10.00-12.00</i>	Lent Lunch <i>CR 12.30</i>
Fri 31	Blood donations <i>PH 13.10-15.30 / 16.30-19.15</i>		

PH – Parish Hall
FL – Forbes Lounge
CR – Church Rooms
RS – Riverside
BC – Baptist Church
SM – St Mary's
SA – St Andrew's
ASC – All Saint's Church
CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall
BHLC – Blackdown
Healthy Living
Centre, Millhayes

Forthcoming Events

2017

Sat	April 1 st	Quiz Night, Bowling Club
Sat	April 8 th	Easter Bingo, Taunton Valley Harriers
Thu	April 13 th	Easter Bingo, YFC
Fri	April 21 st	Easter Bingo, Pre-School
Sat	April 22 nd	Quiz Night, Hemyock Cricket Club
Sat	April 29 th	Light Brigade Dance
Sun	May 14 th	"A Blast from the Past" (Medieval Musician)
Thu-Sun	June 8 th – 11 th June	"Celebration" Flower Festival
Sat	Aug 13 th	Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Show

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 (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

Parish Pump Deadline

December – January issue: 14th November

Editor: James Winrow
pump@lickham.co.uk
 07763 855414

Commercial advertising:
pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk

Times of Mobile Library

(See "What's On" for dates)

Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

Clayhidon crossroads 1.15 – 1.45pm
Hemyock Parish Hall 1.55 – 3.00
Lower Millhayes 3.05 – 4.20

Saturdays (once a month, Week 2)

Hemyock Parish Hall 9.45 – 12.15

Also found on: www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

Brightside

11am – 3pm, first Friday in the month

By the time you read this, we will be well into February, days will be longer and spring will be on the way! Hooray! Our 'brightside' members enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at Lakeview Manor, where it was noted, some appeared to be having a little too much of a good time, judging by the photograph!

Did anyone read the article about Esther Rantzen's free telephone service, silver line, which stated that calls from older people who were on their own over the Christmas period, needing someone to talk to, had risen to a point where people were waiting for up to half an hour before being spoken to. With a little help, it really doesn't need to be this way! It is a fact, loneliness could lead to health problems if ignored.

This is one of the reasons 'Brightside' exists, to encourage socializing and make new friends! Members can and do continue to meet outside of 'brightside', supporting each other, enjoying themselves and leading a fuller life.

If any of this strikes a chord with you, please give us a ring on Mondays or Thursdays and we will tell you more about 'brightside' and how we may be able to help you. Transport can be arranged.

Janet Elworthy
01823 680687

Longmead

The Pavilion is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings, the building is licensed to sell alcohol and has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use.

The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour
MUGA - £15.00 per hour

If you wish to book any of these facilities or would like some more information please contact Karen 01823 681034 or email kazapinder@hotmail.com.

History Group Report

The meeting in December was a talk from Philippe Planel, an archaeologist with East Devon AONB on the excavations at a cottage close to Honiton. Searching through the tithe maps of Devon that are now available in digital format one finds that most buildings listed have been developed. However one, Lees Cottage, was in exactly the same condition as it was left during the farming recession at the middle of the 19th century. Now surrounded by woodland the plot was cleared by local archaeologists to show the remains of the walls and the floor of the kitchen which was found still to be as hard as concrete and was analysed to show that it had been made of ash and lime. Research showed that the owner also worked as a tailor and various brass buttons plus other household items were found on the site. Philippe gave a fascinating talk on the world of archaeology in the area and the types of projects that would warrant further investigation. Members were asked to suggest sites that might justify applying for finance to fund excavation.

The January talk was by Brian Lane-Smith and Robin Gilbert of the SW Airfield Heritage Trust and was very well received by our group due to the detailed information they presented and knowledge evident from their answers to the many questions. Brian covered the activities at Dunkeswell where US Navy Liberators were used to patrol the Atlantic for U boats and Robin described the preparation, planning and executing of the aircraft at Upottery and Merryfield used for the D Day Invasion. The airfields were built in the early years of the war by the construction companies working for the Ministry such as Geo Wimpey, Laings and Mowlem under Royal Engineers control. The local Hemyock company Redwoods Coaches started their business transporting personnel to and from the airfields during the construction and operation starting in February 1942. The runways at Dunkeswell were operational by September 1942 and the Nissan Huts assembled to provide accommodation and operational control by early 1943.

The US Navy set up complete facilities including machine shops, engine sheds, airframe, propeller and spark plug manufacturing plus tailors and cobblers to serve the personnel. The size and scope of the American planning towards D Day were a scale above anything seen before or since. The crews of the Liberators and Catalinas flying from Dunkeswell were highly trained, joining other flights from St Eval in Cornwall and Ireland to criss cross the Atlantic in a well controlled pattern looking for the U Boats so destructive to the Allies shipping. The U boats spent most of their time on the surface due to the faster speed rather than diving and using battery power to move slowly under the surface.

The crews believed that we had spies at the German bases informing them of the routes taken by the U Boats which they found to be accurate rather than the truth only recently published of the success of Bletchley Park in decoding enigma. Robin Gilbert as a young boy watched the continuous aircraft activity at the Upottery facility working out the patterns and formations to be used during D Day of flying in close formation at different heights and trailing gliders. Some 81 planes took off from Upottery on the 5th June, 90 from Merryfield as part of Operation Neptune with a total of 820 aircraft in time controlled waves of aircraft heading for Normandy between 5th and 7th June 1944. The Heritage Centres at Upottery/Smeatharpe and at Dunkeswell are now fully operational with unique photos and artefacts on display. The group are looking to arrange visits to both centres in the summer months.

The next two talks will be from Andrew Watson on phenomonology in his archaeology studies on February 9th and Brain Carpenter from Devon Heritage Centre on March 9th..

Mike Cooper

WI

The President Lyn Taylor welcomed 20 Members to the December Meeting in Forbes Lounge. County events were discussed. The tickets for the Beauty Days in Exeter had arrived. The Reading Group will meet at Sandra's on January 24th and the Lunch Group will eat at Hemyock Bowls Club on January 16th. Deposits were taken for the Birthday Meal at the Martlett on January 17th.



It was then time for Sue, Sandra and Brenda to talk about making a simple floral arrangement for a dining table. Each person had been given identical containers containing fresh floral foam, prepared by Sandra. There was a selection of flowers, foliage and accessories ready for people to make their own choice. Everyone made a very credible arrangement, each different from the one next door. All agreed that it had been a lovely evening. The Bring and Share Supper was then enjoyed with a glass of mulled wine and every member went home with their creation. The competition for a hand-made card was won by Edith with Cindy second and Lyn third. Brenda and Barbara tied in the flower competition.

Lyn wished everyone a happy Christmas and looked forward to seeing them again in the New Year.

On February 6th the WI ladies will be making poppies for a special display at the Devon County Show, with help from Cindy and Lyn. There will be a competition for 'A PIECE OF DEVON POTTERY' plus of course a home-grown flower.

Hemyock WI meet in Forbes Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. More details from Lyn on 01823 680104.

Brenda Calcraft

Hemyock Baby and Toddler Group

Puzzles,
Books, Ride on Toys,
Soft floor baby play area,
Arts and Craft and lots more.
£1.50 per family

Tuesday
Afternoons
1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Term Time

at
Hemyock Parish Hall

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers we look forward to seeing you soon...
For further details contact Karen 01823 681034 or Lisa 01823 680468

OIL CONSORTIUM

THE PRICE OF OIL IS GOING UP!

An OIL CONSORTIUM is being planned for the whole of HEMYOCK and CLAYHIDON. The plan is to bulk buy oil and get a better price.

Just email maryjoan@fsmail.net or phone 680991 evenings for further details.

The more households join, the better price we will get!

Please note that you do not have to buy oil every time an order is made.



Blackdown Hills Transition Group

Wouldn't it be sensible if all new houses had:-

- 1) Solar PV and hot water panels.
- 2) Solar panel battery arrays.
- 3) Rain water (and "grey" water) collection tanks.
- 4) To be built with their front aspects facing south.
- 5) Vertical "growing walls" for producing fruit and vegetables.
- 6) Showers installed as standard instead of just baths.
- 7) High speed fibre internet for domestic and business use
- 8) An electric vehicle charging point.
- 9) Nearby public transport links, connected to main railway and bus stations.
- 10) Adjacent public open spaces with recreation facilities.
- 11) Easily accessible multi-disciplinary health clinics incorporating doctors, dentists, pharmacies together with osteopaths and sundry other practitioners.
- 12) Multi purpose facilities such as village halls, community shops, schools and churches within easy reach.
- 13) Community recycling banks for many more types of materials than current kerbside services allow.

It is important for all of us to challenge developers and builders to "up their game" when it come to new housing and developments. These are just a few ideas, I am sure that you could come up with more.

If you want to discuss these ideas and more, please join us at our next meeting. (Wednesday 1st March 2017 - please call me for venue details).

Neil Arnold Blackdown Hills Transition Group
01460 234693 <http://blackdownhillstransition.net/news/>

SUTTONS SEEDS
Inspiring Gardens

Do you buy from Suttons Seeds?
Get 35% off seeds and 10% off other items from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group.
Just use the offer code **GC1002C** 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 Bowling Club

Don't be an April Fool come to our

Quiz Night

Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday April 1st at 7.30pm

First prize £60.

Teams of 6 @ £6.00 a head to include a hot supper.

To reserve your table ring:

Lynn 01823680104

or

Barbara 01823 681420



Are your Children aged between 2 and 5 years?

Hemyock Pre-School is providing opportunities for Pre-school aged children to learn through play, and to prepare them for the transition to primary school

With a warm, fun, well equipped environment and a team of fully trained friendly staff working towards The Early Years Foundation Stage.

We can provide, morning sessions, lunch clubs and afternoon sessions, for your children to attend. All children are entitled to 15 hours of government funding, starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

For more information or to arrange a visit to Hemyock Pre-School, please call 680240 or email hemyockpreschool@btinternet.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Play Leader
Denise Wood

Hemyock Pre School
Parklands, Hemyock
Devon. EX15 3RY

Member of The Pre-School Learning Alliance

Registered Charity No: 1030985

Hemyock Pre-School Report

This term at Hemyock Preschool we have been teaching the children about different ways to move their bodies and in conjunction to this, the children are developing their understanding of 'prepositions' such as over, under, on, behind and through.

Our traditional tale is 'The Gingerbread Man' and lends itself to the children developing their role play, art and cookery skills.

We would like to thank New Street Vets and Highlands Farm Shop for donating goods for our Christmas Bingo and to everyone who supported this event, we raised £393.

Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Show

The date for this years show has been changed to **Sunday 13th August** at Uplowman Village Hall, once again for the Devon Freewheelers (Blood Bikes) charity. Further details later in the year. **Volunteers and Committee members needed please. Any questions please contact me on 01884 820527.**

Lindy Astbury, Secretary



Hemyock Cricket Club

Present:



Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 4th February 2017

Doors Open: 8.00 p.m.

Tickets £7.50

Tickets available from The Spar, Hemyock or contact

John – 07972744279/Alex – 07793008848

All proceeds in aid of Hemyock Cricket Club

Hemyock Cricket Club

Following promotion in 2015 Hemyock Cricket Club settled in well to the 2016 season at a higher level in the West Somerset Cricket League. By mid-season the team had won seven out of nine matches and sat on top of the table. Unfortunately injuries to key players and non-availability of some led to a dramatic loss of form and there was only one more victory before the end of the season.

There were some impressive individual performances:

CRITERIA	NAME	STATISTIC
Best batting average	Alex Baird	34.91
Best individual score	Adam May	77
Best bowling average	Nick Allen	9.00
Best bowling analysis (Overs , Maidens, Runs, Wickets)	Josh Allen	12 - 4 - 27 - 5
Most catches by a fielder	John Hurley	14

Despite the poor second half of the season the new division holds few terrors for the club and we are looking forward to pushing for promotion in 2017.

We are holding two important fund-raising events in the Parish Hall this spring. All are welcome to join us:

Saturday 4th February 8.00-12.00 pm

Louis & the Iguanas Concert

Saturday 22nd April 7.30 pm

Quiz Night with Quizmasters Vanessa and Tony

We are always keen to meet new players – if you would like to join us please contact our Secretary, Neil Punnett, on 680972 or neilpunnett@aol.com.

Hemyock Bowling Club

Preparations for the new season are well under way and we look forward to playing outdoors in the sunshine! A team of members has been busy all winter making sure the green is fit for playing on. We have one of the best greens in the whole area thanks to the merry band of people who work so hard for us.

We hope to be offering sessions to children at Hemyock Primary School in the near future as part of their after school programme and we will be doing a leaflet drop before the start of the season with more information about the club.

We have enjoyed our presentation evening at Lakeview Manor and our Christmas party evening held at the club. Both evenings consisted of delicious food, good company and plenty of alcohol.

The Opening of the Green, for members only, will be on Friday 14th April and we will also be at Hemyock Market on Saturday 15th April. The green will be open during and after the market for everyone to come and have a go and members will be available to show you the ropes. Flat shoes are a must and flat trainers are acceptable. This year we are offering one year of free membership to new members to the club. What an opportunity to come and give bowls a try.

A date for your diaries: We are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday April 1st. Teams of no more than 6 and £6.00 a head to include a hot supper. A bar will be available. Ring Lynn Taylor, 01823 680104 or Barbara Heaton, 01823 681420 to book your table. If you would like any more information about the Bowling Club then please ring Howard Barnes on 01823 664951 or John Bendle on 01823 680541.

The Vale Veterinary Group

Travelling with your pet

Now is the time of year when we look forward to the summer holidays and for lots of us, that can mean taking our furry friend along. Since 2000, the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) has allowed cats, dogs and ferrets to enter the UK from certain countries without being placed in quarantine. Animals resident to the UK can now travel to most European countries as well as more distant destinations. From 1st January 2012, the PETS travel scheme changed such that dogs and cats can move freely between PETS-scheme approved countries provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1 The pet must have a permanent microchip implanted, which lots of animals already have.
- 2 The pet must be vaccinated against rabies after microchipping. This can be done any time over 12 weeks of age using a licensed vaccine. Boosters are given according to manufacturers' recommendation.
- 3 The pet must have a PETS passport signed by an official veterinary surgeon, confirming the above conditions have been met.
- 4 Some destinations require an additional export certificate. It is important to check with DEFRA for specific conditions requested by the country you wish to travel to.
- 5 There is a 21 day wait after rabies vaccination before travel abroad and/or entry into the UK is allowed. This is to allow time for the vaccine to take effect.
- 6 There is a requirement for a veterinary certified tapeworm treatment 24-120 hours before return to the UK. Travel companies and ports will often help you locate a veterinary surgeon for this.

If you are travelling to a country not listed on the PETS scheme, additional conditions must be met. This means starting this process at least 4-5 months before you expect to travel. A blood sample must be taken a minimum of 30 days after rabies vaccination. If the test is successful, a 3 month wait must be observed following the date of the blood sample before your pet would be allowed back into the UK. If the blood test does not prove adequate antibody levels, your pet would require a second vaccination and blood test. It is also important to contact DEFRA and check for any additional requirements of travel to specific countries.

We recommend making sure your pet is protected against ticks and sand-flies during their period of stay outside the UK as these can carry a variety of disease which we rarely encounter in this country. It's also important to consider whether your pet enjoys travelling, changes in environment and temperature or whether they may prefer to stay at home. If you have any questions, please contact your vet. Above all, enjoy your holiday!

The Vale Veterinary Group, Honiton Centre, 01404 44095

HAPPY HOOKERS

(Ladies who crochet while they natter)

Happy Hookers is a craft group which meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Hemyock.

We have been established for several years and would like to welcome new members.

Experienced or beginners most welcome.
Ring Lynn on 680104 for further details.



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello and a very happy new year to you all. Do you remember me mentioning the cubs celebrating 100 years of cub scouting with a no sleep sleep over at

Exeter University? Well, it certainly happened back in December and our cub leaders have told me what they got up to! Akela Julie tells me that they travelled by train to Exeter then coach to the event. Great fun before they had even started. There were over 1000 cubs from all over Devon plus leaders. Quite a gathering. They started by renewing their cub scout promise by candlelight as they would have done 100 years ago. Then of course a rousing rendition of Happy birthday. They had supper and were treated to some fun with a great entertainer and live music. Also there were some DVD movies on offer. A chat with a Police Officer. Lots of games. This was all going on between 10.00pm and 6.00am. I have been reliably informed by Akela and Hayley that some cubs managed forty winks but the leaders managed to keep awake! Also Akela says she has never before in her life played pass the parcel at 6.30am in the morning. Just shows none of us are too old for something new! After breakfast the County Commissioner presented Silver Chief Scout Awards to the cubs from a Silver Throne. Nine of our young people were proud recipients, they were: Daniel, Lily, Matthew, Joshua, John, Ashton, Lydia, James and Findlay. Well done to them all. Then it was 9.00am and time to go home, complete with badges of commemoration and a tea towel, which Akela hopes they will use!

A few more bits of info from the cubs. They are concentrating on badge work this term, then looking forward to The Derek Knill Challenge, Sixers and Seconders camp in April, District Sports day in May-hosted by 1st Hemyock and then Summer camp in June. What a busy programme - well done leaders. I will, of course, report back to you these events as they happen.

On to the scouts and explorers. They are now well into their Spring programme and as I write this report they were up at Culmstock Beacon last night having a wide game. For those of you not familiar with scouting terms a wide game usually consists of two or more teams running around doing lots of things which are supposed to produce a winning team. But usually means they all win and get very dirty. It has always been fun. Rikki has a long memory! The rest of the Spring programme is mostly outdoors, of course. Looking ahead Hemyock has been invited again to attend Exmouth and Budleigh scouts activity weekend in April. Summer camp is in the Peak District in August. Reports as the events happen.

And finally. A bit of history. I'm taking you back to January 1971. The Scouting Magazine which cost 10p, about the time we changed to decimal currency. 1st Hemyock was the main feature of that issue. A photo was on the cover showing Akela, Ron Lowman and reporter, David Harwood produced a four page illustrated article all about 1st Hemyock. David reported that it was hard to believe how young in years the group really is (we restarted in 1960) But the point was demonstrated when one mother on the group council said I have five sons. The first two are Queen's scouts, one a patrol leader, one a cub scout and the youngest just cannot wait for his eighth birthday to join the cub pack! That was Betty Shire. David went on to say "1st Hemyock has achieved and done more in ten years than many groups have in half a century. They are a fine example of scouting in the seventies at its very best". Praise indeed. And this makes Old Rikki proud as we have continued that tradition into the new century and again all thanks to the many leaders who have made this possible. So, no Camp Fire yarn this time. Suffice to say I am sure Baden Powell agrees that we have a great group.

Bye for now.

Old Rikki



1st Hemyock Brownies

The Brownies in Hemyock continue to go from strength to strength with numbers increasing steadily. We had a great term before Christmas which included everyone

working hard to get their world cultures badges, walks (in the light and dark), crafts, sleepovers, themed parties and it ended with a fun night ten pin bowling.

This term promises to be as exciting, kicking off with a disco where everyone is going to design their outfits out of binbags before dancing the night away! We are working on another badge as well as the usual games in the hall and crafts and cooking. As well as this we have trips to The Quay climbing centre in Exeter, panto and Sealife in Weymouth planned. Also, a residential weekend in Torrington which will include abseiling, zip wires and other things that are making Tawny owl feel quite nervous!

If you know a girl aged between 7 and 11 who may be interested in the Brownies and would like to see what we get up they are welcome to come for an evening and join in. We meet in the church rooms every Tuesday 5:30 until 7pm (although sometimes we are out and about so best to check first).

If you would like a chat please contact:
Sandra Aldworth 07881923285
Anne Leigh-Mallory 01823 680691
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Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

Timetable valid from 25/07/2016 until further notice.

Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays						
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0850	1115	1415	1715		0850	1115	1415	1715			
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	0900	1125	1425	1726		0900	1125	1425	1726			
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	0911	1136	1436	1736		0911	1136	1436	1736			
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	0920	1145	1445	1745		0920	1145	1445	1745			
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	0924	1149	1449	1749		0924	1149	1449	1749			
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	0930	1155	1455	1755	0729	0930	1155	1455	1755		
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	0939	1204	1504	1804	0738	0939	1204	1504	1804		
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	0942	1207	1507	1807	0741	0942	1207	1507	1807		
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	0944	1209	1509	1809	0743	0944	1209	1509	1809		
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	0950	1215	1515	1815	0749	0950	1215	1515	1815		
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	0954	1219	1519	1819	0753	0954	1219	1519	1819		
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	0957	1222	1522	1822	0756	0957	1222	1522	1822		
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	1004	1229	1529	1829	0803	1004	1229	1529	1829		
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	1011	1015	1236	1536	1836	0810	1011	1015	1236	1536	1836
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841		
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	0824	1024	1249	1549		0824	1024	1249	1549			
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	0830	1030	1255	1555		0830	1030	1255	1555			
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	0839	1039	1304	1604		0839	1039	1304	1604			
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	0846	1046	1311	1611		0846	1046	1311	1611			
Colyford, opp The Elms	0850	1050	1315	1615		0850	1050	1315	1615			
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	0852	1052	1317	1617		0852	1052	1317	1617			
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0857	1057	1322	1622		0857	1057	1322	1622			



Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

Stagecoach South West

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Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays						
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0900	1200	1500	1700		0900	1200	1500	1700			
Seaton, opp Health Centre	0904	1204	1504	1704		0904	1204	1504	1704			
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	0908	1208	1508	1708		0908	1208	1508	1708			
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	0913	1213	1513	1712		0913	1213	1513	1712			
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	0920	1220	1520	1718		0920	1220	1520	1718			
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	0929	1229	1529	1726		0929	1229	1529	1726			
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	0935	1235	1535	1732		0935	1235	1535	1732			
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735		
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	1242	1542	1739	1740	0705	0942	1242	1542	1739	1740
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746		
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753		
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755		
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758		
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806		
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808		
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811		
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820		
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753	1032	1332	1632		0753	1032	1332	1632			
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	1036	1336	1636		0757	1036	1336	1636			
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	1045	1345	1645		0806	1045	1345	1645			
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	1052	1352	1652		0813	1052	1352	1652			
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	1105	1405	1705		0831	1105	1405	1705			

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BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham REDWOODS 697

Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0910	TIVERTON, Bus Station Stand 6	1315
HEMYOCK, Square	0912	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1321
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0920	CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1323
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0922	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1325
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	0930	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1332
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	0934	STAGG MILL, Cross	1337
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	0942	HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1342
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0944	HOCKFORD WATERS	1348
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	0950	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1350
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0952	HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	1352
HOCKFORD WATERS	0954	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	1358
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1000	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	1400
STAGG MILL, Cross	1005	WESTLEIGH, Shelter	1408
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1010	BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	1412
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1017	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1420
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1020	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1022	HEMYOCK, Square	1430
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1028	HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1432

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St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

The first happy event of the joyous Christmas season was the Christmas Bazaar which was so well attended and raised £370. The following day many of us enjoyed a wonderful roast lunch which Nicola and John had cooked for us and which we ate at the Village Hall. Thank you so much.

The traditional service of Lessons and Carols took place a week later and was thoroughly enjoyed, with refreshments to follow. One more week later and it was time for many children to read the wonderful accounts of the birth of Jesus in the Nativity service. Thank you all for your participation and commitment. After that, it was time for Christmas itself with the excitement which it brings. We do hope you all had a happy time. The Church looked beautiful and we thank so many for the flower arranging, the extra cleaning, and all the care which were so evident.

On New Year's Day, several of us joined the congregation at Culm Davy Chapel and on 8th January we were able to celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men in our Christingle service. The account was beautifully read by Thomas and Grace. There was the delightful moment when we walk around the Church with the lighted candle in the orange and sing 'Away in the Manger'. More refreshments followed. Thank you Kim.

Before the next Pump is published, we will have the opportunity to join others in the community for a service at Rosemary Lane Chapel and at the end of the month it will be Plough Sunday, once more.



Christingle service

You may have noticed that repairs and improvements are being carried out at the Church Room. It was certainly necessary and is already showing a remarkable change, - if only an absence of wood lice.

In this variable weather, we pray for good health for everyone and for all to keep warm. Our very best wishes to you all for a Happy and Healthy New Year, 2017.

Pam Reynolds

St Andrew's Flower Rota

For Sunday February

5th Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes

12th As above

19th Julie Bullett and Nicola Bendle

26th As above

There are no flowers during Lent.

Easter flowers will be done on Thursday 13th April please at 10.30am. Easter Sunday day April 16th.

Clayhidon Local History Group

The Local History Group starts the year 2017 by holding their annual dinner at a local restaurant. There will be a very social atmosphere as they meet together after the Christmas festivities.

In February it will be the AGM when routine matters will be discussed and the plans for the forthcoming meetings and speakers will be confirmed. After the coffee break it will be the moment for members to speak for about three minutes about some, perhaps unusual, article that they have brought along to show. In March and April there will be two eminent speakers, perhaps with illustrations, to captivate their audience. Three visits with an historical interest will follow in May, June and July before we hold our annual exhibition in the St Andrew's Church, during August. The theme this year has not yet been fully decided but members will, no doubt, be ready to suggest and to participate. During August, we may also be escorted on one of our lesser known public footpaths.

Two bookings for speakers have already been planned for later months, which only leaves November vacant at present, before the Christmas party in the final month. So we complete another very enjoyable year of local history and social enjoyment. Each year we also have local Newsletters which are very informative, colourful and produced within the group.

We hold a great deal of Clayhidon information about properties, families, events, photographs etc. At present it is all being catalogued for future reference and guidance. We hold a large reference library which again is about to be recorded. Such is our acquisition over thirty years, that only this week we discovered a large mysterious cloth that is dated 1958 and about which we 'know nothing'. We would dearly love to discover more about it. More than 100 Clayhidon people knew something about it in 1958. We can prove it! It will be shown at February's meeting. We will also have it on display at the August exhibition.

You are very welcome to come and join us at our meetings which are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 in the Church Room. We look forward to meeting you. lhgclayhidonex15@waitrose.com.

Pam Reynolds

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SATURDAY, 11TH MARCH

9am – 1pm

Ring 01823-680481 to book your time.

We look forward to seeing you.

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Although we are only partway into winter as I write a robin is already establishing his territory in our neighbour's apple tree which overhangs our garden. Nature is incredible as has been shown in the Planet Earth series and more recently we have been watching Yellowstone National Park – the three beaver cubs filmed in their holt brought a real wow! But sadly in all the magnificent nature programmes there is not a mention of the Creator God. We have just celebrated the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ (see pic of our nativity service taken by our young people.) Later the apostle John was to write "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." John 1v3

Gradually all our church activities and involvements are getting underway including the young people's activities, the Lunch club, Open the Book, Street Pastors, Gideon's and Sunday Strollers. We have two home Bible Study/Prayer groups meeting in homes most Tuesday evenings and at the moment we are studying Elijah on the theme 'A man just like us.' Our first combined service of the year with our friends of St. Andrews will have been on Sunday evening 15th January. Then two days later the Winter Bible Studies, based on Ephesians 4, resumes on 17th January with David Herring – Philip Scoble is due on 21st February and Tom Smith will conclude the series on 21st March. The next Torch Fellowship meeting will be on 4th March when we are looking forward to Rev John Stone sharing with us. The Tea Club has to wait until March! Our Good



Clayhidon Parish Council Update February 2017

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

Finance

Income - rent.

Expenditure - clerk's pay and expenses, subscriptions, planning fee, road salt, specialist equipment for lengthsman, installation of boardwalk.

The following grants were awarded:-

£70 – Tiverton Community Transport Association

£65 – St Mary's PCC Hemyock (parish magazine)

£2,000 – Parish Hall

£540 – Clayhidon PCC - churchyard

£500 – Blackdown Support Group

Precept

The council has set the precept for 2017/2018 at £8,100.00, increasing the Band D property figure from £35.45 to £36.16 per annum.

Friday meetings this year will be taken by Rev. David Beasley from Sainthill and on Easter Sunday our pastor, Jonathan, will be leading our services. Then on Friday 3rd March at 2p.m our ladies will no doubt have their part to play at the Women's World Day of Prayer service at All Saints, Culmstock – the women folk from the Philippines are responsible this year for the programme.

We continue our overseas missionary links with those continuing to serve in the Philippines, Albania and Rwanda. However the family previously serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Arnhem Land with the Yolngu aboriginal people have now retired and a new couple, Israel and Charlene Neale with their son Miles have taken their place except that Israel is a pilot while Charles was a maintenance engineer (see pic of the family).

The Neale Family



As our government faces the challenge of Brexit it is interesting that the talk is all about unity and working together in order to have a reasonable hope for the future. It comes as no surprise that unity and hope are key Biblical themes – to just take two:- "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" Ephesians 4v3 and "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." Romans 15v13. May we all be encouraged as we continue into 2017.

On behalf of the Leadership Team.

Geoffrey Dearsley

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/01867/HOUSE. Shalom, Clayhidon. Erection of two storey extension and first floor dormer window extension to dwelling and conversion and extension to garage to form games room and first floor storeroom.
- 16/01848/FULL. Village Hall, Battle Street, Clayhidon. Erection of extension and change of use of agricultural land to form additional parking area.

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.

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.

First Aid Training

The parish council has booked a full day Emergency First Aid at Work Training Course at the Parish Hall on Saturday 25th MARCH (9.30am - 4pm)*. The course covers Primary Survey, Basic Life Support, Choking, Wounds & Bleeding, Shock, and Hearts/Stroke/Seizures. Richard Drew (Drewfest) has kindly offered to fund this training day. Please contact the clerk to book your place. (12 places available).

***Please note a change of day/time to previously advertised**

Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a newly trained lengthsman. Please report any problems with ditches/drains to the clerk or a councillor.

Local Tradespeople

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges, clearing ditches, 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 your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and your details will be held on file.

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 13th February. (A planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month, if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

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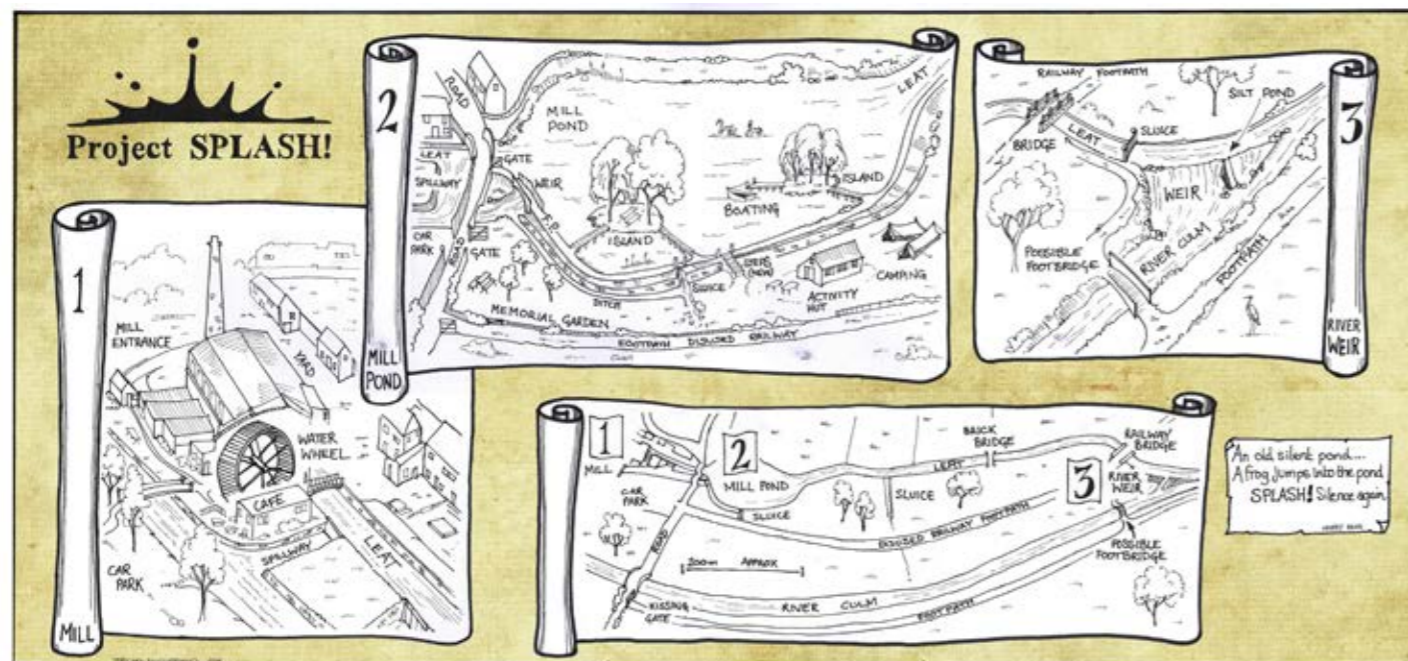
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Friends of Coldharbour Mill

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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19th March 2017 – Steam Day – Details as above.

22nd March 2017 – Annual General Meeting (proposed date) more details to follow.

15th April 2017 – Easter Coffee Morning at Square Corner.

17th April 2017 – Easter Eggstravaganza Steam Day.

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