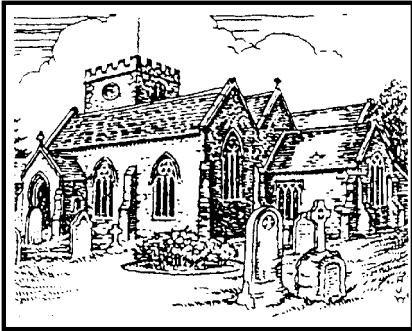
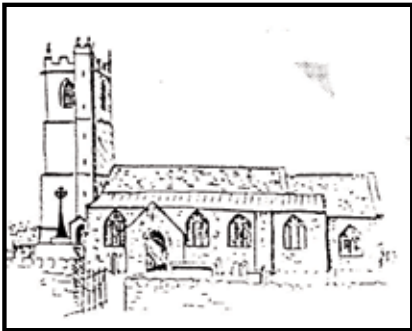


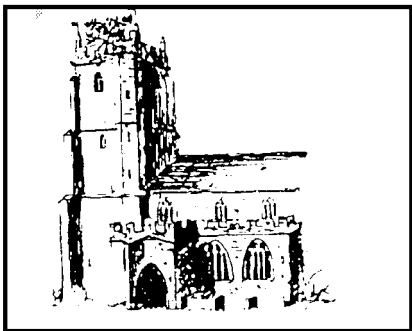
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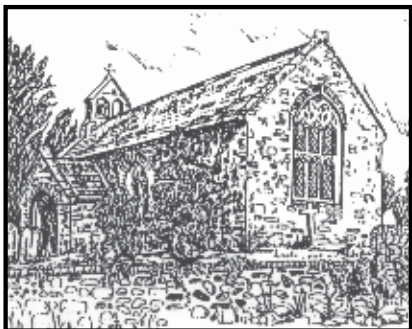
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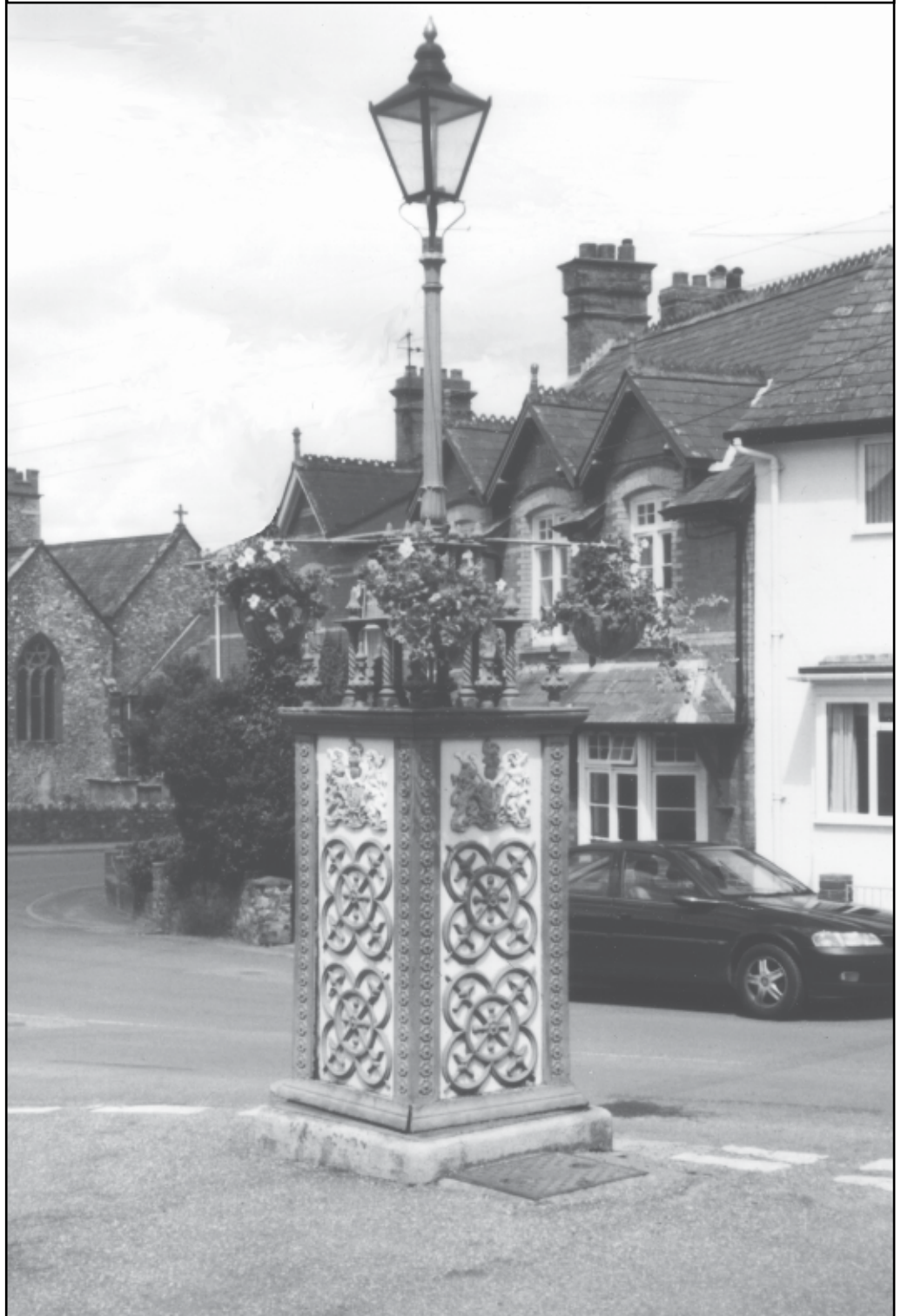


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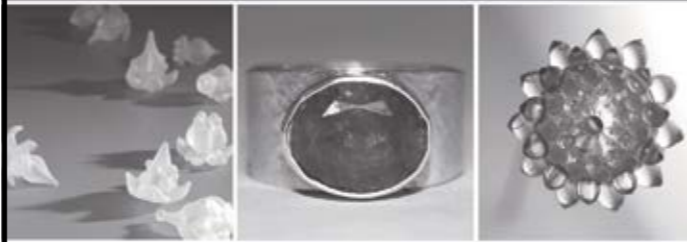
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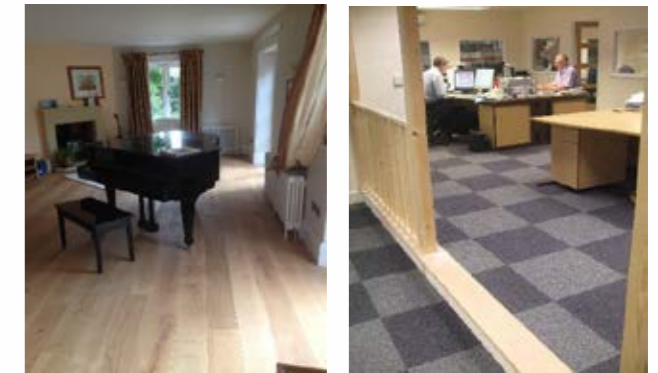
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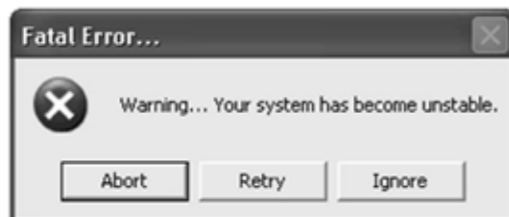
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Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints'
Sunday 3 rd December	10.30am HC <i>St Andrew's Benefice Service at St Andrews Clayhidon</i> 4.00pm Christingle <i>With Hemyock School Choir</i>	10.30am HC <i>St Andrew's Benefice Service at St Andrews Clayhidon</i>	10.30am HC <i>St Andrew's Benefice Service at St Andrews Clayhidon</i>	10.30am HC <i>St Andrew's Benefice Service at St Andrews Clayhidon</i>
Sunday 10 th December	11.15am MP	No Service	10.00am HC	3.00pm <i>Joint service at the Methodists</i>
Sunday 17 th December	11.15am HC	3.30pm <i>Carol Service</i>	6.30pm <i>Carol Service</i>	6.30pm <i>Carol Service</i>
Tuesday 19 th December	7.00pm <i>Carol Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>
Saturday 23 rd December	<i>No Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	4.00pm <i>Nativity & Crib Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday 24 th December	10.30am HC <i>Joint Benefice Communion at St Mary's Hemyock</i> 5.00pm HC <i>Crib Service</i> 11.15pm HC	10.30am HC <i>Joint Benefice Communion at St Mary's Hemyock</i>	10.30am HC <i>Joint Benefice Communion at St Mary's Hemyock</i> 11.15pm HC	10.30am HC <i>Joint Benefice Communion at St Mary's Hemyock</i> 10.00pm HC
Monday 25 th December	10.00am <i>Family Communion</i>	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am <i>Family Communion</i>	10.00am <i>Family Communion</i>
Sunday 31 st December	Benefice Holy Communion <i>at Culm Davy Chapel; 10.30</i>			
Sunday 7 th January	10.30am FC <i>With chalking the door</i>	No service	8.30am HC	10.00am HC <i>With chalking the door</i>
Sunday 14 th January	11.15am MP	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC <i>Plough Sunday</i>	3.00pm <i>Joint Service at the Methodists</i>
Sunday 21 st January	11.15am HC	<i>No Service</i>	6.30pm <i>Joint Service at Rosemary Lane Chapel</i>	9.30am HC
Sunday 28 th January	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP BCP	10.00am FS	8.00am HC

Regular Mid-week Services: Tuesdays - Morning Prayer, 10 am at All Saints', Culmstock
Thursdays - Holy Communion, 10.30 am at St Mary's, Hemyock.

PARISH PUMP – No. 264 December 2017 – January 2018



What Does Christmas Mean to You?

Perhaps it is the frantic preparations of buying presents and food, writing cards and decorating the tree, having parties and too much to eat and drink.

Perhaps it is the young children with their innocent wonder at the magic of lights in the dark, and their pleasure in seeing their long-expected presents.

Perhaps it is meeting up with family or friends not seen since last Christmas with the associated joy or grief, depending on how well you get on!

Perhaps it is the onslaught of charity requests for money, and being reminded, yet again, of starving children in Africa or abused children in our own country – and hearing “Don't they know it's Christmas” again.

Perhaps it is the time when we make an extra effort to go to church with the children in the evening on Christmas Eve, or in the middle of the night, or on Christmas morning - because it wouldn't be Christmas without one visit to see the crib and sing carols.

Or perhaps it is the breaking in to this world's pain and darkness of something - of someone - beyond our wildest expectations. The infinite all-powerful God becoming like one of us, becoming human and being born in a smelly cowshed in an insignificant occupied Middle-Eastern country over 2000 years ago, and whose presence we can know today.

Of course all these things are linked, and some are more important. How they are linked, and which are most important is a question that we can each only answer in our own hearts.

It is always an honour and a privilege to share with many others in ministering and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our villages. A Gospel, that Christmas reminds us, is for all people, everywhere, and in every situation.

I pray that your Christmas may be peaceful, blessed and full of the joy of Christ.

David

Remembrance Day Service

Armistice Day saw around 25 people gather at Hemyock's War Memorial for a short service taken by Rev John Stone as the village fell silent as it observed the national 2 minutes silence.

The following day a large congregation gathered at St Mary's parish church, Hemyock for the annual Remembrance service which was again led by Rev Stone. The church choir followed by uniformed youth groups led members of the public from the parish hall to the church where a pulpit fall of poppies was on display. The church gate and War Memorial wall had been adorned with handcrafted poppies made by members of the local Women's Institute.

The service ended with wreaths being laid by representatives of the Parish Council, Scout Group, Brownies and Primary School. Mr Tim Barton gave the Exhortation and the 2 minutes silence was observed. The collection in aid of the Royal British Legion amounted to over £512 an increase of around £70 on last year.

Janice Bawler



War Memorial – Sunday 11am



Pulpit Fall



Church gate – handcrafted poppies

New Noticeboard

A new noticeboard has been erected in the grounds of St Mary's Parish Church, Hemyock. It was donated by the late Mrs Elsie Board and the Friends of St Mary's.

Mrs Board was a faithful and regular member of the church until passing away aged 101 years. Apart from all her contributions to church life Elsie was well known for the numerous wedding and celebratory cakes she had made over many years as well as being a highly respected baking competition judge.

At the end of Sundays service the choir led the congregation out to the board which was blessed by Rev David Burton. Coffee and light refreshments were then enjoyed by those present.

Janice Bawler



Rev David Burton, Churchwardens David Bawler and Jenny Doble (dark haired chorister)

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Open in December on

Saturday 2nd

2 - 4pm in the Parish Hall

As part of the Christmas Fair

Tuesday 12th

10am - 12noon

In the Church Room, Castle Hill

Closed December 26th, Open again January 6th

A Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Thank You Yet Again

St Mary's Charity and Coffee shop continues to go steadily on: we are now halfway through our 6th year! That this is so is due to a lot of people. So this is a bit of a thank you list.

Firstly "Thank you" to our volunteers, who come very regularly to do all the jobs even a very small shop throws up. We definitely could not do it without them! Next there are all you lovely people who bring us things to sell-the variety of things sometimes amazes us, as does the distance some of the donations come from. North east Derbyshire is the current record holder. Then (thankfully) there are all the people who buy the items back. Thank you to you too. The destination of the sold items seems even further than the incoming goods. Several items went to France again this year. If things are going further we would like to know.

Then we have the "Catering concession" cheerfully run all this time by the Friends of St Mary's. Thank you to you and all power to your Bacon Butties! Lastly thank you to those of you who offer kind words of encouragement. This is much appreciated and does make us feel that our aim to be of service to the village, in several different ways is being met.

Which leaves us with just one task for the year. Those of you new to the village may not know that we give away 25% of our income to other groups in the village or which help the village. So if there are groups in the village looking for a little financial help in the new year please get in touch. You can do this either by leaving a note for the PCC secretary in the church, or emailing gandbsamuels@tiscali.co.uk, marking the subject box "Shop donation". Having been closed for several weeks during the redecoration of the Church Rooms the total available is not as much as previous years but could still be a useful sum. It's part of our "Thank you" to the village.

Brian Samuels

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Christmas Fair

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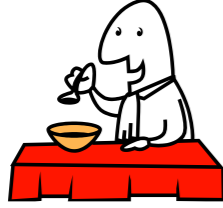


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Three's A Chord Short Concert

Hemyock received visitors from Ivybridge for a Short Concert on Friday, 13th October in St. Mary's Church. A ladies trio – Three's A Chord: Anne Billman, Alison O'Connell and Jacqui Pulley – sang traditional songs e.g. The Bells of St. Mary's, and songs from the Shows e.g. Hello, young lovers, some of which had been specially arranged for them. Their usual accompanist was unable to be there, so Nigel Atkinson stepped in and did a wonderful job on the new electric piano. Jack O'Connell broke up the singing by playing his bassoon – and stole the show!

There may not have been many young lovers in the audience but there was a good attendance and a profit of £177 was made for the Friends of St. Mary's.

Savoury and sweet refreshments were served, and nobody complained that the concert was too short!

Janice Bawler



Bell Ringing - Tower Open Morning

The coming New Year brings us closer to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. Over the past three and a half years much of happenings of that conflict has been re-examined, recounted and mulled over.

One small fact which has been advertised lately is that over the four years of the war some 1480 bellringers gave their life in the service of the country. The Central Council of Church Bellringers has set a target for 2018 of recruiting an equal number of new ringers.

Here at Hemyock we like to do our bit in such campaigns, but we are well aware that the "mechanics and skills" of ringing are not widely known outside the ringing room. So we are inviting you to come and have a coffee with us and see what's involved in this somewhat ancient British art. We'll be in the tower from 10am till 1pm on the morning of Saturday January 13th. We look forward to welcoming you.

Brian Samuels

Shoebbox Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of numerous people 173 Christmas shoeboxes, a large box of soft toys and numerous bags of all sizes filled with knitted hats, gloves, scarves and jumpers have been delivered to the Devon charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe (crzee).

Janice and David Bawler who organise the local collection said, "This year donations have come from places as far apart as Bridgwater to Morchard Bishop who supplied an amazing 65 boxes plus a huge amount of knitted garments and secondhand goods and Tiverton who donated over 25 boxes. We have also received a number of monetary donations".

Boxes have been for adults and families as well as for children and will be taken to one of the world's poorest countries, Moldova.

"We would like to express our warmest thanks to all those who have been generous enough to support this year's appeal" Janice said.

A Note of Thanks

Christine Cork wishes to thank all those people who have sent messages of sympathy to her following Ronald's passing, and much appreciated the support of those who ventured to Exmouth for his funeral.

Chapel Café at Hemyock Baptist Church



Chapel Café is open every **Wednesday**, from **9am -11:30am**. Everyone is welcome to drop in for good company and light refreshments (free of charge). Any donations received go to support our mission partners around the world who do such a wonderful job helping those in need.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

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We travel home on **Monday 28th May** for a leisurely drive up to Cherbourg for ferry to Poole.

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Thank you to all those who help with this years Poppy Appeal in Hemyock and surrounding area. £1979.24 was raised. This was approx. £140 up on last year, so once again many thanks.

I am always looking for additional collectors, so if you are over 16 and can spare some time at the end of October each year, I would love to hear from you.

David Bawler
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser
0773579809 or bawler1952@hotmail.com

Hemyock Bowling Club

Another successful season has drawn to a close and we celebrated with a delicious end of season dinner at Lakeview Manor. Trophy winners were:

John Bendle – Men's Two Woods Champion.
Colin Risdon – Men's Four Woods Champion.
Howard Barnes – Open Three Woods Knowleman Cup.
Derek Prettejohn – First Timers Champion.
Colin Risdon and Howard Barnes – Men's Drawn Pairs Champions.
Simon Connor, Sue Risdon and Howard Barnes – Mixed Triples Champions.
Sue Risdon – Ladies Two Woods and Four Woods Champion
Sue Risdon and Lynn Taylor – Ladies Pairs Champions.

We held our AGM in October at the clubhouse and we are delighted that we have some new committee members. We will be working hard over the winter to make the green and the club ready for next season. You may have noticed a lot of work has already been done on the green and it has been re-seeded. Please feel free to clap loudly as you go past to shoo away the crows who are doing their best to undo all the work that has already been done!

The good news is that we will be offering free membership for one year to all new bowlers, so look out for dates of open days and club evenings from next April, when you can come and have a go. Everyone is welcome and all you need is a smile and flat shoes.

Our Friday Club nights have been successful and have provided a fantastic social evening with delicious food being served. We will be continuing with these next season. Lynn and Sue cooked a meal at the bowling club and our very generous members helped us to raise £200.00 for the Special Care baby unit at Musgrove Park Hospital.

Our next meal will be a Christmas dinner on December 10th at 1pm. If you would like any information about the Club give Jo (our secretary) a ring on 01823 680868.

Lynn Taylor

Hemyock History Report

The meeting on Thursday 9th November started with a brief questionnaire on proposals to change the date of the meeting to the 1st, 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month. Also the plan to organise a group to go with the Dorchester Army Museum excursion to the memorial to the 2nd Devons in the first world war at Bois des Buttes on the river Aisne, 2 hours NE of Paris. The excursion will coincide with the Centenary of the battle on the 27th May 2018 when there will be a guided tour of the battlefield and ceremony. Several men from the Hemyock area were involved in this battle and attended the ceremony to mark the award of the Croix de Guerre to the 2nd Devons.

The November talk was given by Amyas Crump who grew up in the area and has been involved in giving talks on the Culm Valley Railway for many years. His talk has now been extended to include fascinating information he has researched on what happened to the railway during the war years. Spitfires were trained locally on how to follow trains and destroy them so that they could then be deployed to the continent and achieve success in short time.

Trains were very busy during the war years with several crashes caused by enemy action and also damage to the rails. A crash between Norton Fitzwarren and Tiverton resulted in 25 deaths and the diversion of traffic via Dulverton and Bampton.

Amyas also provided new information on a special agent who lived locally before being sent to France as an SOE agent. The methods used to drop agents into occupied France were extensive and fraught with problems. One method that we have heard about before at our meetings was to use the Westland Lysander with a metal ladder fixed to the outside of the aircraft to allow agents to scuttle up and down quickly when the plane was landed with only the moon light in a field somewhere in France. One of these brave pilots, now in his 95th year, lives in the valley.

The SOE agent who spent 3 years in occupied France with the resistance but then captured by the gestapo, sent to concentration camps but worked her way back to the area after the war was, of course, Odette.

The next 2 talks are from Reg Howe on Thursday 14th December on Livery Companies and David Pugsley on Thursday 11th January on the Jane Austin family.

Everyone is welcome to come along for an enjoyable relaxing informative evening at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Cornhill, Hemyock.

Stephen Major
Chair of Hemyock History

History Group Talks for December and January

December 14th Talk on Livery Companies and their activities and membership by Reg Howe.

January 11th Talk on Jane Austin and her family by Dr David Pugsley.

Come along at 7.30pm at the Church Rooms for an interesting evening with Christmas fair at the December meeting.



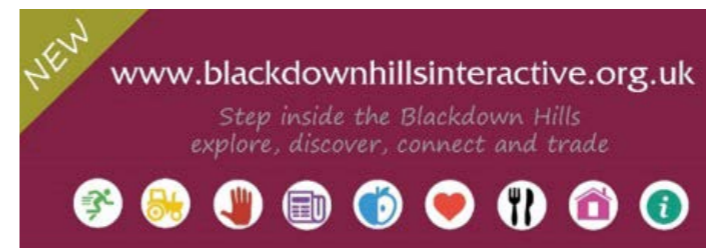
The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA)

News

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during 2017. It was a very rewarding year connecting and engaging with so many members and the local community. We have seen many of our members businesses grow, learn new skills, build confidence in key areas and develop and expand their business in our local economy. Thank you to all the wonderful residents who buy and recommend their products and services.

We would also like to thank all the professional speakers, advisors and business icons who have shared their skills, knowledge and expertise guiding and steering our members.

Next year is set to be another great year with new exciting events to showcase our members including a new Artisan Trail and of course the annual Honiton Show. Our monthly Business Lunches will also be going 'On Tour' visiting our members establishments behind the scenes, interactive workshops and spectacular venues on the 3rd Wednesday of each month make a note in your diaries – everyone is welcome!



Blackdown Hills Interactive.

The online directory promotes local businesses including agricultural services, artisans, food and drink producers, health and wellbeing, places to dine, places to stay, places to visit and the professional services. The directory now also reaches out and supports the local community promoting places of interest, the online and printed parish newsletters and the essential community services.

If you own or work in a local business or provide a community service and would like to get involved please contact us for full details.

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, Mid Devon, South Somerset and Taunton Deane.

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Blackdown Hills Business Association

BHBA, St. Ivel House, Station Road, Hemyock, Devon, EX15 3SJ

Dear Residents

The main issues at Devon County is the preparation of the next year's budget, that is ongoing, because of the austerity times we are in the next year's budget preparation which is always ongoing. This last 8 years have seen £267m cuts in grant from Government and we have to make another £30m cut for next year. It is generally expected the Government grant will disappear completely by 2020, when we will be on our own. We will have to be a very lean and mean Authority. We have pressures on funding, with ageing population. The Adult Social Care is 47% of the Council Budget. Our 'Promoting Independence Policy' is being embraced by staff and we are making progress in how we are supporting older people in a way that promotes their independence.

Any property which is surplus to requirement, we are selling, to date we have sold property worth £4m and there is another £7.5m to be sold by the year end, all sales will go back for capital investments. Only six months into this current year, and we are predicting a £1.99m underspend by the end of year, but there is a long way to go and we have the winter in front of us.

Meg Booth has been promoted to Head of Highways, Infrastructure and Waste, taking over from David Whitton, who has retired. Work continues on the roll out of the LED lighting across the County. Work on the "A" road network is nearing completion, with the remainder of the funding being used by the end of March 2018 to replace our highest energy usage lanterns. In total with the £10m investment we will have replaced about 25,000 lanterns and 5,000 columns, there will be significant savings in energy costs.

The average recycling rates of all Districts, including Exeter, have achieved a 55.7%, up .6% on the previous year. Mid Devon has achieved a recycling rate of 53.4%, below average but up 2.6% on the previous year, going in the right direction, at the same time reducing their running costs, this has been attributed to the fact that Mid Devon moved all their operations to Hitchcoks Business Park. Devon's average waste per head of population is 461kg, up 3kg, Mid Devon has reduced theirs by 21kg from 376kg to 355kg per head. Devon County is the 4th best performing Waste Disposal Authority in the Country, Oxford being the best.

It is interesting to note that East Devon have gone to a 3 weekly collection, I will be going to meet East Devon just to see how it is all working out and what reaction they had from the community.

We get presented with customer feedback statistics on a quarterly basis, the second quarter of the year has seen a rise from 882 to 969., generally all customer complaints are down, what scudded the figures was letters from the 9 Devon MPs, up from 80 to 208, mostly about Social Care and Adult services. 107 was from Exeter. It was also noted it was in this year's election year.

I would also like to remind you that I have the locality budget and if local clubs, charities and organisations could do with some small funding, just to contact me. It is not a big budget but does allow communities to access a few hundred pounds.

Oh dear, another year nearly gone. I would like to wish all Residents a Happy Xmas and a Happy and Healthy new year.

Ray Radford
Devon County Councillor
Willand @ Uffculme Division
Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk

Hemyock Parish Council Business Update December 2017

Hemyock Parish Council held meetings in October & November. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:--

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/01375/FULL. Land and Building at NGR 314785 113530, Fourways Barn, Hemyock. Erection of 3-bay stable block and tack room.
- 17/01480/CLU. Ashculm Corner, Hemyock. Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of a caravan in breach of condition (3) of planning permission 01/00451/FULL for a period in excess of 10 years.
- 17/01510/FULL. Land and Buildings at NGR 313669 113266 Builders Yard, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Erection of 6 dwellings with associated highways, sheds and stores following demolition of existing buildings.
- 17/01524/FULL. St Mary's Church, Hemyock. Erection of extension and relocation of oil tank.
- 17/01350/FULL. Pit Hayne Farm, Hemyock. Erection of replacement farmhouse following demolition of existing farmhouse and attached storage barn, and conversion of existing tractor barn to garage and ancillary accommodation.
- 17/01408/PATH. Diversion of Hemyock Footpath 18. Land at NGR 311277 114616 (Pit Hayne Farm) Hemyock.
- 17/01538/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy condition (3) of planning permission EN. 6113 for a period in excess of 10 years. Rodleigh Farm, Hemyock.
- 17/01535/FULL. Erection of a 10m lighting column with a pair of 150 watt LED floodlights to provide emergency lighting for Devon Air Ambulance. Land at NGR 313728 113741 (Longmead Recreation Ground) Station Road, Hemyock.
- 17/01595/HOUSE. Lemons Hill Farm, Hemyock. Erection of an indoor swimming pool and canopy for terrace following demolition of existing pole barn.
- 17/01522/FULL. Land at NGR 311751 112286 (Tedburrow), Hemyock. Erection of an agricultural stable block and feed store.
- 17/01585/HOUSE. Bodhams Farm, Hemyock. Alteration of roof finish to natural slate and formation of gable on North East elevation.
- 17/01586/LBC. Bodhams Farm, Hemyock. Listed Building Consent for alteration of roof finish to natural slate and formation of gable on North East elevation.
- 17/01634/FULL. Land at NGR 314680 110439 Sevilles Croft, Hemyock. Retention of change of use of agricultural land to mixed use of agriculture and nature/environmental education site with campsite and associated structures, construction of all-weather shelter, composting toilets, installation of 40m zip wire and additional car parking area.
- 17/01657/FULL. Oakside, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Erection of a dwelling with new access.
- 17/01673/FULL. Culmbridge Farm, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock. Erection of an agricultural shed to provide covered yard.
- 17/01510/FULL. Revised drawings Old Builders Yard, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Erection of 6 dwellings with associated highways, sheds and stores following demolition of existing buildings.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, precept and interest.
Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, Air Ambulance planning fee, training, insurance, subscriptions, inspections and cemetery water bill.
A donation of £500.00 was made to the Hemyock Lights Brigade for additional lighting in the village.

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.

Public Toilets

The parish council is liaising with Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) over the refurbishment of the village toilets. Once MDDC completes the outstanding work it will transfer the ownership of this asset to the parish council.

Footpaths

Anyone walking the footpaths who notices any need for cutting back/clearing please let the clerk know as the parish council has a volunteer who is available to trim.

Traffic Calming

Anyone walking the footpaths who notices any need for cutting back/Our team of Community Speed Watch volunteers continue to do excellent work reporting speeding vehicles. After a long wait, the Vehicle Activated Speed sign has been delivered and will be erected in Station Road shortly.

Posters

The parish council politely asks that advertising posters are taken down after the event.

Devon Air Ambulance – Night-Time Landing Site

MDDC has granted permission for Devon Air Ambulance to erect a lighting column at Longmead for night-time landing. It is hoped that the installation works will be completed in early December and the site will 'go live' shortly afterwards. Should the lighting on the column switch on at any time during the evening, this will mean that the Devon Air Ambulance helicopter is due to land.

The scheme will cost £5,875.14 and Devon Air Ambulance will provide a grant of £2,983.12 towards this, leaving a total of £2,892.02 for the parish to find. The parish council has agreed to underwrite this amount and hopes that the community will get behind this, as it did for the defibrillators, and raise the money. Donations of over £400 have already been received. Anyone wishing to make a donation please contact the clerk.

Keeping Hemyock looking good!
Litter Pick
2pm 25th Feb at the village hall carpark

- Could you spare an hour or two to help clear up litter in and around Hemyock? Sacks, grab sticks and hi-viz jackets supplied.
- If you know of an area that needs cleaning up or if you can help, please let me know, or just turn up on the day.
- Julie Steed steedjulie52@gmail.com 01823 680787

Defibrillators

When walking past any of the 3 defibrillators in the village please have a glance and make sure the green 'rescue ready' indicator is on. If it is red, please report to the clerk or directly to the number displayed in the cabinet. Annual defibrillator training (with Culmstock & Clayhidon) is provided by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust as part of the lease agreement. It is hoped that the next training will be in January. More information to follow – look on the Parish Council Facebook page or village website.

Christmas Decorations Competition


The council is having its annual 'Hemyock Christmas Decoration Competition'. There will be a total of four prizes for the best decorated houses/business premises. Please enter into the spirit of Christmas and make the village look festive and cheerful. Judging will take place week commencing 18th December. Winners will be notified shortly afterwards. If you live outside of the 30MPH limit and wish to be judged, please let the clerk know.

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 6th December 2017. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/index.php?topic=parishcouncil and may 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, Dunkseswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN
Tel 01823 680968 Email hemyockpc@gmail.com.

Nosh & Knowledge




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

Saturday 24th February

*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*



Blackdown Hills Transition Group

Can Beavers Help Save Britain From Flooding?

The notion of 'Re-Wilding' can raise strong opinions on both sides of the debate. Locally this currently focuses on the Beaver. There is however national interest (the information below is from the Guardian newspaper) in their potential to reduce 'downstream' flooding.

The experimental site in Devon is vivid proof of how beavers create a wildlife paradise, re-engineering small valleys with amphibian- and insect-friendly ponds. Scientific studies show that their dams remove pollutants from water – they are particularly effective at filtering out harmful phosphates – and reduce floodwater peaks. Enthusiasts proclaim these large herbivores could become 21st-century water engineers, protecting towns from flooding. But some farmers hate beavers because their dams can also flood productive land.

But it's the beavers' water works that have really struck those studying the Devon site. During heavy rain, the volume of water flow increases rapidly above the site, creating a dramatic spike in the graph. But when the floodwater is measured again below the site, there is a gentle curve. In other words, the beavers dramatically reduce the peak flow of floodwater on this stream.

So, it appears that Beavers are good for wildlife & they could reduce the flooding in river valleys after heavy rainfall. However, they can also flood farm land so would need to be managed. As home owners we don't want to be flooded, but neither do we want to lose significant farm land. I wonder what next year will bring for this famous West Country resident?

*Tim Clewer
Blackdown Hills Transition Group*



at Hemyock Village Hall
on
Saturday 27th January 2018
7.30 start
£6.50 per person
max 6 per team
BAR AVAILABLE
SUPPER INCLUDED

in aid of
Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Register your teams with:
Jacquie Redwood
07813 131043





The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – What’s on

- 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. Call 01823 680687 for details
- 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:

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
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Steph Leitner

Call 01823 680687 for further info and details of classes - or see our website www.bhllac.org.uk

Complementary Therapies Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment with individual therapists

You can find the Healthy Living Centre at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

Around Hemyock

Valley Arts have once again thrilled audiences with their autumn show with fun and laughter filling the evening. St Mary’s choir gave an afternoon of delightful music as part of the churches 750th anniversary celebrations whilst a visiting lady singing group and young bassoonist also brought their entertainment to the village. In early December Hemyock Singers will be giving their annual concert featuring well-loved songs from shows. Our thanks go to all of these, and others, who give up their time and talent to give us such a variety of entertainment throughout the year.

Many will remember with affection the late **Elsie Board**. As a lifelong member of St Mary’s, it was appreciated that a new noticeboard donated by her, along with the Friends of St Mary’s, was erected on the edge of the churchyard.

Thanks, must go to those folk in the parish who collect during November for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the businesses who support it. For the first time in living memory a poppy pulpit Fall was in the church and a Garden of Remembrance was placed in the churchyard not far from the War Memorial by **David Bawler**, RBL Local Poppy Organiser. Crosses bearing the name of those local people who lost their lives during conflicts have been placed within the roped off area. Thanks also to the Women’s Institute who handmade the many lovely poppies that have been strung along the War Memorial wall and church gate.

Our thoughts are with those who have recently lost a loved one including the Rector whose father has died and all who are unwell or in care mentioning by name **Louise Barton, Val Andrews, Betty Hill, Diane Bradbeer, Audrey Lowman, Hilda Moulding and Malcom Best**. We also remember those for whom this festive period will be the first without a loved one.

The affection in which **Joan Cooper** is held was demonstrated when the Baptist Chapel was full to overflowing with a tea party to celebrate Joan’s 90th birthday in October. Friends came from far and wide to wish this lovely lady a very happy birthday.

Welcome to all those who have moved here recently. Hopefully the Parish Pump will give you a good idea of the many things that happen locally as well as giving you details of the numerous advertisers who support the magazine.

December brings with it all the events held in the village in the lead up to Christmas starting with the traditional church Christmas fair and the newer Lights Brigade evening to services for young and those young at heart - something for everyone.

I recently came across something called **Christmas Corinthians**. Part of it reads:

“If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows and strands of twinkling lights, but do not show love, I am just another decorator. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend myriad holiday parties and sing in the choir’s cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

Love came down at Christmas.

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Janice Bawler
jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Hemyock Tennis Club

Dark winter evenings are closing in but the floodlights shine on... Who thought that tennis was just a summer sport? We may not have indoor facilities but two of our courts are floodlit enabling play on any dark evening right through the winter.

Social tennis continues throughout the year with the aforementioned floodlight facilities to two of the courts for evening play. The club weekly sessions are:

Thursday:	Mixed Club Night from 6.30pm onwards
Saturday:	Mixed Club morning from 10.30am onwards
Sunday:	Mixed Team Practice (higher standard) 10.30am onwards

New members and fresh faces are very welcome at social tennis sessions. The usual format is that on arrival players arrange themselves in pairs and play five games of doubles. The pairs then split (splitting the winners and the losers) and move courts to play against other pairs who have done the same. If there are more than twelve players at any session the rotating of pairings means that players only sit out for a very short time and pairings change continually throughout the session. Further club details and membership application forms can be found on the www.hemyock.org website using the tennis club page link.

Coaching sessions for the juniors continue on Thursday afternoons,	
Red (under 8’s)	from 4.15 – 5.00
Amber (under 11’s)	from 5.00 – 5.45
Juniors (under 16’s)	from 5.45 – 6.45

The sessions for the reds and ambers may take place in the Millhayes Garage complex if the weather is unsuitable for court play. Private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>.

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).

We have decided to hold our **Christmas Social** in the New Year on Friday 6th January 2018, an evening of Skittles followed by Hotpot supper and Quiz at The Catherine Wheel, Hemyock at 6.30pm, food at 8pm. All are welcome. Please contact Rachel Bussell for details on 01823 681451 or 07847609038 or Rachel_bussell@hotmail.com.

Suzy Besant, Secretary 07857 747979
hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com

The Phoenix Group

At our November meeting, Elaine Nicholas from The Live Wise, Age Well Programme came to talk with us about a six week course she runs that helps people to strengthen their coping strategies and improve well-being. We hope to take part in the first of these courses to be run in the Hemyock area early next year. They are for anyone over 50 years who wishes to develop stronger resilience to cope with changes and challenging situations.

We will be having our pre-Christmas lunch on 5th December.

Our first meeting in the New Year will be on 9th January at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre at 10.00 a.m and then we return to the first Tuesday of the month after that.

For further information please call Diana Cooper on 01823 680175.

Hemyock WI

Oct-Nov Report

In October, The President Lynn Taylor welcomed a former member of the Metropolitan Police Force. He showed a film which was made for and shown on television. Andy himself featured in the film. It showed how some of the criminals work. It was quite alarming the measures some people will go to to achieve their aim, but Andy assured us that those of us who were travelling from Heathrow shortly would be ok if we took sensible precautions. The professional offenders generally targeted foreign visitors, with lots of luggage, which often included a lot of cash.

Hemyock lost the skittles match against Smeatharpe but had enjoyed an excellent lunch at Stentwood where they were made very welcome. The Sausage and Mash lunch proved quite popular and profitable. This is how Hemyock raises the money to help members attend courses of their choice at Denman College.

In November Margaret Brotheridge came and had everyone creating lovely Christmas decorations. With lots of cutting, glitter and glue, we all had fun and went home with our creations.

Margaret judged the Competition for a Christmas mug or cup and Wendy Grabham’s mug came first. Sandra Featherstone’s spray of roses won the Flower Competition.

Lynn Taylor put a lot of effort in joining up the poppies made by members, and with a bit of help, made a very good job of putting some of them above the main gate to the Church and others were fixed to the wall around the War Memorial.

The December Meeting will have yet another Christmas theme, but this time it is with flowers and foliage. There will be a ‘Bring and Share’ Supper and the Competition will be for a favourite evening bag. January’s programme is still under wraps, but there will be a Birthday Meal. Members will be informed of details.

Brenda Calcrafft

Fri 1	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00		
Sat 2	Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop PH	& St Mary's Christmas Fair PH 14.00-16.00
Sun 3	Advent Sunday		
Mon 4	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 5	Phoenix Carers Pre Christmas Lunch, Pub	Mothers Union, Advent Service with St John's, Well'gton	14.30 WI FL 19.30
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30	
Thu 7	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 8			
Sat 9	Hall Coffee Morning (Christmas Trees)	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets	Hemyock Singers Concert + Dinner
Sun 10			
Mon 11	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 12	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 13	Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting FL 19.30		
Thu 14	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 15	Last day of School Term Culmstock Bingo, Culmstock Village Hall 19.30		
Sat 16	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market	Mobile Library Taunton Vale Harriers, Christmas Bingo
Sun 17			
Mon 18	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 19			
Wed 20	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns Christmas Party FL 14.30	
Thu 21	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	Winter Lunch CR 12.30	
Fri 22			
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market		
Sun 24			
Mon 25	Christmas Day		
Tue 26	Boxing Day		
Wed 27			
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 29			
Sat 30			
Sun 31	New Year's Eve Twinning Group Party PH		

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
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	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group Dance Exercise, Over 50's (GS) 11.00-12 md
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	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 st 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 rd 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 st 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 nd	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 st week
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 (Fri before Market ONLY)		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3 rd		

Mon 1	New Years Day Bank Holiday		
Tue 2	WI FL 19.30		
Wed 3	School Term Starts	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 4	Mothers' Union, HC at St Mary's, 10.30 (coffee & planning) Taunton FM		
Fri 5	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00		
Sat 6	Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Market	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR	10.00-12.00
Sun 7			
Mon 8	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 9	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10-12	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10-12	Memory Café BHLC Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 10	Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting FL 19.30		
Thu 11	Taunton FM		
Fri 12			
Sat 13	St Mary's Bell Ringers Hemyock Tower Open Morning SM 10.00	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's	
Sun 14	PUMP DEADLINE		
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Fri 26			
Sat 27	Uffculme Farmers' Market		
Sun 28			
Mon 29	Mature Movers 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 30			
Wed 31			

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

2018		
February		
Sat	3 rd	Hemyock Cricket Club Concert
Tue	6 th	Phoenix Meeting
March		
Sun	11 th	Mothering Sunday
April		
Sun	1 st	Easter Sunday

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
February – March issue: 14th January
 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

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.

Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

I am responsible for the "What's On" and "Forthcoming Events" in the Parish Pump.

When I put in what's happening into the "What's On" I go by the regular times that you've told me. There are occasions when I guess you may not be meeting at the usual time (Bank holidays, Christmas, New Year etc), but I don't know what your plans are, so I have to put the usual times in. This means, of course, that sometimes things are NOT correct.

I would be grateful if you could give me any information that will affect the details in the Parish Pump by the deadline. It does mean looking 2 months ahead which is not always easy!

I hope this will give the village a more accurate and up-to-date Parish Pump magazine.

Sue Lambert

Tel. 01823 680664
sueliz.lambert@virgin.net

Note from the Editor: If you have an event you want listed in the "What's On" calendar section of the magazine, please also notify Sue using the details above. Don't assume it will be done automatically if you submit an advert, copy or poster to me.

Valley Arts



Valley -Arts enjoyed an excellent production of the pantomime "OLD KING COLE", audiences young and old were entertained with all the ingredients of a traditional pantomime. Chris Poole who played Old King Cole had much in common with the character he played, including celebrating a very special birthday! Some members of the audience were inspired to send congratulatory cards which mentioned "another good evening watching a Valley- Arts production", saying that "OLD KING COLE was very well cast, all played their parts well especially Alison and Geoff" Also "Scenery, make-up, costumes and production were all very good, why would you need to leave the village, when you can watch live entertainment like this on your doorstep".

We were very pleased to welcome new enthusiastic and talented members Chris and Ruth and Sonia, we were also very lucky to have Graham Reeks join us as our sound man and Jocelyn sorting our props with Alice and as always Jessica performing her magic with our make up.

The whole production was well supported with dedicated cast and crew who are all welcome to our Christmas meal on 16th Dec at the Catherine wheel, if you would like to go please contact Gillian on 680047.

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

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)



**Dazzle & Sparkle
New Years Eve Party**

Hemyock Parish Hall

Doors open at 8.30pm for drinks and nibbles.

Tables will be allocated for your party.

Beef Bourguignon will be served followed by dessert; the cheese table will be available during the evening. All drinks included

Following the meal you will be able to dance the night away to

DJ Steve Disco

If you would like a particular type of music please let us know.

All Inclusive for £35 including entry into our Grand Draw

Payments to 31 Station Road, Hemyock, EX153SE
Please enclose your contact details

Please contact Karen or Louise 01823 681034 or 01823 681457 or email kazapinder@hotmail.com

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 Vikki 01823 680138 or Heidi 07771 771 980

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club

This year has seen notable success for the Club, the team which plays in the East Devon League came first in their division and has resulted in a shield for our trophy cabinet. We wish them well as this year's matches get under way, travelling to Clubs around the area and making new friends under the guidance of League Captain, Barbara Heaton.



Our Club competitions are progressing, a 'singles' title, a 'fun game', 'pairs', 'mixed pairs' and 'triples' are all played for between now and Christmas, with awards presented at the Annual Dinner in January.

The 4th October was a significant date to remember within the Club this year. Members celebrated in traditional style, the 10th Anniversary of the Club's existence in Hemyock. The picture shows several of the founder members, as a toast was drunk and suitable cake distributed to everyone present. A lunch was also held at Oake Manor the following day. We look forward to the next 'ten years' and beyond.

Please remember we welcome new members. We meet on Monday mornings, 10a.m – 12.30p.m and Thursday afternoons, 2.00p.m – 4.30 p.m, in the Parish Hall, and... we play all the year. Bring a pair of flat soled indoor shoes with you, as we cannot allow outdoor footwear to be worn and cause damage to the mats.

Doreen Perrott (Sec)

News from Hemyock Parish Hall

We now have some super mobile screens to divide off areas of the Hall, so if you want a function that needs more space than the Forbes Lounge you can create your ideal area in the Main Hall. We have also invested in a new drop-down screen for the Main Hall for presentations etc.

Dates for December and January

Saturday 9th December – Coffee morning and locally grown Christmas Trees

Saturday 16th December – Saturday Market

Saturday 20th January – Saturday Market

The Saturday Market has stalls with local produce: meat, veg, bakes plus crafts and also teas, coffees and bacon rolls!

Poet's Corner

Weather Grotto and God's Promise

Over clear blue sky, heavy cloud slowly moves,
Makes half the world roofed in blue grey of slate,
And sheds showers of rain,
Dark, dripping grotto in the sky;
While next the cloud, the sky still clear,
With low-angled sun that lights the cave,
And writes a rainbow on the cloud,
God's promise that He never will destroy mankind,
That freedom He bequeaths to him alone!

David Palmer



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello and first of all a big thank you to everyone who supported our annual sale back in October. The magnificent sum of just over £2200 was raised for our funds.

I think the queues outside waiting for the off were longer than ever! It was a great afternoon with Rebecca Larcombe (Akela's daughter) down from Hereford to support us with cakes for sale. Kilts were in evidence being worn by Andy, Bing, Tom and Matt. They were also seen again on Remembrance Day. They will be wearing them until next summer. The things that our friends the Danes get us into. Thanks must also go to the many helpers who manned the stalls full of goods for sale. We even had a piano donated for sale, it was in tune and played well. A fun day and funds raised for equipment for our young people.

Moving on to Sunday 12th November, Remembrance Day. We paraded with you from the Parish Hall to The Church with nearly fifty members in uniform- cubs, scouts, explorers and brownies. Old Rikki was proud, as I am sure you all were to see them looking really smart and well behaved. They were a credit to parents and leaders. Well done. It was an excellent service in honour of all who have given their lives in many conflicts to give us the freedoms that we now have.

What have we been up to since our last report? Akela tells me that the cubs helped to sell poppies in the lower part of Hemyock. Also they have helped Janice with the very worthwhile shoebox appeal. They enjoyed the bonfire and firework night at Deep Sellick farm. In December they will be attending a District Christmas craft camp at Halberton. Josh Archer who is now a cub scout leader with us will be presented with his Queen's Scout Award at that camp. He will then have the honour, as all Queen scouts do, of attending the St Georges Day Parade at Windsor Castle in April next year. He joins a long list of Hemyock scouts who have achieved this honour going back to the early 1960's. We are proud of them all. I then got hold of GSL Andy to find out what the scouts and explorers have been up to. I have mentioned their Forest Glade camp to you in the last report. Apparently it was very wet, very muddy with assault courses in the woods, but most importantly – great fun! The bonfire for November 5th, didn't just happen, it had to be built by scouts and explorers, so Andy and his leaders took them to Weston super Mare Pier, for a fun afternoon to say thank you. Programmes for the remainder of the year are all outdoors – of course.

That is about it for this time – but finally, from camp fire yarn No. 20, 'Chivalry for Others'. I am sure I have mentioned this one before some years ago, but it is worth repeating. Thanks!

"And look here! Here is a very important bit of courtesy that is too often forgotten, but which a true scout will never omit, and that is to THANK for any kindness you receive. A present is not yours till you have thanked for it. You have not finished your camp, even if you have packed up your kit and cleaned up the ground, until you have thanked the owner for the use of it and have thanked God for giving you a good time."

(That was verbatim from Baden Powell all those years ago). So a big thank you to all of you that support 1st Hemyock Scout Group in so many ways.

That brings me to the last bit at this time of year (where did the year go?!) All members of our group would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year. Look forward to chatting with you then.

Old Rikki



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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 Gardeners' Association

I am always surprised that so many of our members attend the AGM - an event which most people strive to avoid!! The Treasurer circulated copies of the accounts which showed that we had made a small surplus for the year and overall our funds are still in a healthy situation. After six years Helen was resigning from the Committee - she was warmly thanked by the Chairman for her efficiency whilst our Treasurer and was presented with a small gift.

In his yearly report, the Chairman gave a brief resume of the years events. The Spring and Autumn Shows, organised by Barbara Heaton, ably assisted by Marie Dear, had both been great successes, with the Autumn Show attracting a record number of exhibits for the second year running. Brenda Calcraft, with her usual efficiency, had led the catering team for the Ploughmans Lunches at both of these Shows. Kathy Jones and Colin Mitchell had provided a good variety of speakers throughout the year and also arranged the visits during the summer months. They were both resigning from the Committee and were thanked for all their hard work. Yet again the weekend away had proved very popular and was extremely successful and Jane Smith and Helen Smith were thanked for all their efforts in putting this together. The Chairman thanked all the Committee for their input during the year and also thanks were extended to those members who make the valuable contribution of making the tea and coffee at the end of each meeting!

The new Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	David Major
Secretary	Judith Major
Treasurer	Stewart Smith
Show Secretary	Barbara Heaton
Shadow Show Secretary	John Scantlebury
Publicity	Brenda Calcraft
Committee Members	Jane Smith
	Henry Farrant
	Marie Dear
	Sue Scantlebury

Karen Pinder and Gillian Hawkes have volunteered to put the new programme of speakers together for 2018/2019 but preferred not to be on the Committee. Our next meeting is on 13 December when Terry Underhill will be talking about Winter Colour. We begin 2018 with our Social Evening on 10 January. This will take the form of a Bring and Share Supper with entertainment provided by the Committee. New members are always welcome - our subscriptions remain at just £5 for the year, so very good value.

I hope it is not too early to wish all our Members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Judith Major
(Secretary – 680746)

The 5 Ways That Dance Can Benefit You Both Mentally and Physically

For many people, dance is seen as performance and an art form, but it is actually so much more than that and for those that dance the benefits of the sport can seem endless. Not only does dance require an immense amount of physical ability but it can have huge benefits for your mental health and social well-being as well. While dance is commonly thought of in terms of the art pieces that it is able to create and the stories dance performances are able to tell for the audiences that watch them, the benefits that dance can provide for dancers are perhaps some of the most notable aspects of this art form.

To help better demonstrate how wonderful dance can be both mentally and physically for your body, the following are five ways that dance can provide incredible benefits for those that participate:

1. Improves Your Endurance

Dance can be incredibly beneficial in improving your physical endurance. Between the cardio involved and strength required in performing a dance routine, dance can help you to increase your lung capacity while building the muscle strength required to dance and be active for more extended periods of time.

2. Enhance Your Balance

Balance provides a core element to the art of dance. Continued practice and regular dancing can help to build the core strength required to enhance your balancing abilities and can even help to fix and correct errors in your posture!

3. An Opportunity to Express Yourself

Dancing provides us with the opportunity to express ourselves giving us an outlet through which we can share our thoughts and feelings without necessarily having to put them into words. This ability to express oneself through dance can provide an incredible outlet for stress relief and mental health, helping those that participate to process and work through their thoughts and reflect on their feelings while taking a moment to step back from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

4. Build Flexibility

Flexibility is one of the most core elements to the art of dance. Continue practice and regular dancing can help you to build your flexibility and provide consistent stretching of some of your core muscles. Stretching can help to not only loosen some of your tight muscles but it can also help to build proper posture, decrease the risk of you suffering an injury, and promote good blood circulation throughout the entirety of your body.

5. The Chance to Socialise With Others

Dance is also an incredibly social sport and participating in dance can offer a wonderful opportunity to socialise and build relationships with fellow dancers. In fact, according to a study performed at the University of Oxford, dancing with a partner can help to generate feelings of intimacy and sameness between individuals helping to build a deeper social connection between those participating.

6. Learning Dancing Routines Improves Memory

For decades, doctors have been trying to find innovative ways to slow the cognitive decline seen in older adults. From new studies carried out by Aga Burzynska, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Colorado State University, it is clear to see that dance exercise helps to preserve cognitive function in participants aged 60 - 80 years.

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

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

Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

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Mondays to Fridays

Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715	
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	—	—	0900	—	1125	—	1425	—	1726	
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	—	—	0911	—	1136	—	1436	—	1736	
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	—	—	0920	—	1145	—	1445	—	1745	
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	—	—	0924	—	1149	—	1449	—	1749	
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	—	0930	—	1155	—	1455	—	1755	
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	—	0939	—	1204	—	1504	—	1804	
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	—	0942	—	1207	—	1507	—	1807	
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	—	0944	—	1209	—	1509	—	1809	
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	—	0950	—	1215	—	1515	—	1815	
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	—	0954	—	1219	—	1519	—	1819	
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	—	0957	—	1222	—	1522	—	1822	
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	—	1004	—	1229	—	1529	—	1829	
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	—	—	0820	—	1020	—	1245	—	1545	1841
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	—	—	0824	—	1024	—	1249	—	1549	—
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	—	—	0830	—	1030	—	1255	—	1555	—
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	—	—	0839	—	1039	—	1304	—	1604	—
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	—	—	0846	—	1046	—	1311	—	1611	—
Colyford, opp The Elms	—	—	0850	—	1050	—	1315	—	1615	—
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	—	—	0852	—	1052	—	1317	—	1617	—
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	—	—	0857	—	1057	—	1322	—	1622	—

Saturdays

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—	—	—	0900	—	1125	—	1425	—	1726	
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Mondays to Fridays

Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	—	—	0900	—	1200	—	1500	—	1700	—
Seaton, opp Health Centre	—	—	0904	—	1204	—	1504	—	1704	—
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	—	—	0908	—	1208	—	1508	—	1708	—
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	—	—	0913	—	1213	—	1513	—	1712	—
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	—	—	0920	—	1220	—	1520	—	1718	—
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	—	—	0929	—	1229	—	1529	—	1726	—
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	—	—	0935	—	1235	—	1535	—	1732	—
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	—	1238	—	1538	—	1735	—	—
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	—
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	—	0951	—	1251	—	1551	—	1746	—
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	—	0958	—	1258	—	1558	—	1753	—
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	—	1001	—	1301	—	1601	—	1755	—
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	—	1004	—	1304	—	1604	—	1758	—
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	—	1012	—	1312	—	1612	—	1806	—
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	—	1014	—	1314	—	1614	—	1808	—
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	—	1017	—	1317	—	1617	—	1811	—
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	—	1027	—	1327	—	1627	—	1820	—
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753	—	1032	—	1332	—	1632	—	—	—
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	—	1036	—	1336	—	1636	—	—	—
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	—	1045	—	1345	—	1645	—	—	—
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	—	1052	—	1352	—	1652	—	—	—
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	—	1105	—	1405	—	1705	—	—	—

Saturdays

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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
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St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

We started our October with the annual Harvest Service which was followed by a wonderful meal as usual in the Parish Hall. Brenda Persey was able to entertain us with amusing songs which we all enjoyed. Maurice Bendle organised a raffle and the proceeds, £124, were sent to the Tear Fund to help those who had suffered in the recent devastating storms.

We have enjoyed two more lovely Coffee Mornings in September and October when Ruth and Ray Smith hosted for us, followed by Richard and Kath Kallaway, for which we thank them. We have now raised more than £3500 towards the south aisle roof repairs but still need more.

There was a most interesting service for St Luke's tide when the sermon was given by Dr David Major who came over from Culmstock to be with us. We were also joined by members from Rosemary Lane Chapel who stayed for the refreshments afterwards. The Remembrance Day service concluded when we processed down to the War Memorial to remember those from our community who had died in two world wars.

Now we look forward to the joy of Christmas, with all the happiness and excitement that it brings. Here in the church we first of all celebrate St Andrew's festival, which coincides with the first Sunday in Advent, on **3rd December**. This will be a Holy Communion service for all the churches to come to us at **10.30**. There will be refreshments afterwards for all. We will later join with Hemyock Church for a **Christingle service at 4.30 at St Mary's 9th December, 10 - 12**, will be our special **Christmas Coffee Morning** in the **Parish Hall**. 10th December will be the normal Holy Communion at 10am.

The **Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** is on **17th December at 6.30**. The **Nativity/Crib service** is on **Saturday, 23rd December at 4pm**. On 24th December the morning service will be 10.30 at St Mary's for all the churches but our **Christmas Eve service** will be at 11.15pm. On **Christmas Day** the service is Family Communion at **10am**. There will be a joint service for all the churches at **10.30am at Culm Davy on 31 December**.

This brings us into January next year when we have two particular services to look forward to: **January 14th at 10am is Plough Sunday, Family Service**. On **21st January at 6.30pm** we join Rosemary Lane Chapel for their service.

Our deepest sympathies go to those who mourn and to those who have health problems.

We send our very best wishes to Jonathan Lanchbury and Kathryn Walling who will be married on 2nd December. Our very best wishes also to everyone for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Churchwarden

St Andrew's Flower Rota

Christmas Flowers on Saturday 23rd December at 10.30 please. I will get flowers, if you could bring Holly and Ivy and anything silver that will be good!

Happy Christmas!

For Sunday

DECEMBER

31st Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn

JANUARY 2018 - Happy New Year to Everybody!

7th Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes

14th As above

21st Julie Bullett and Bridget Drew

28th As above

FEBRUARY - Lent begins 14th February until Easter 1st April

4th Nicola Bendle

News from Clayhidon

Bah to Christmas!

Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless, transformative story, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, at Clayhidon Parish Hall on Thursday 7 December.



Joy to all mankind... Bah! Spend an evening in the company of a mean, tight-fisted, squeezing, grasping, clutching old miser. Bah!

Watch horrified as Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts (wooo-oooh) each one more terrifying than the last. Bah! Sob at the bedside of a tiny, malnourished child riven with rickets. Bah!

David Mynne, a founder member of Cornwall's legendary Kneehigh Theatre, will take you on a grim journey through the dark, dismal streets of Victorian London, where Ignorance and Want cower together... and hopefully a few laughs. Bah! Suitable for adults and children age 8+.

Show starts 7pm. Supper served at 6.30. Doors open 6.15. Licensed bar. Tickets: £8. Supper: £5. To reserve seats and supper call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com.

Carols By Candlelight

The Clayhidon tradition of carols by candlelight, which was revived last year, continues on Friday 15 December at 6.30pm. Everyone is invited to sing along to Brenda Pike's keyboard accompaniment and hear the Bishopswood Belles handbell ringers. With mulled wine, mince pies and lots of Christmas spirit.

Quiz Night

Quiz night is at Clayhidon Parish Hall on Saturday 2 December. Doors open 7 pm and at 7.30 quiz master Peter Walter will open proceedings. We welcome teams of up to four members for what

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Do you buy from Suttons Seeds? New code for 2017/18 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 **GC1003D** 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



Leaving Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

The Mary Waldron Trust may be able to assist you financially in vocational and further education (including Richard Huish College) with purchases of books and equipment, including computer requisites. Those applying should normally be resident in Hemyock or Clayhidon and must have received full time education at one or more of:

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome and must be in writing or email. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course. More details can be obtained from the Secretary, to whom applications should also be addressed: Rev Ron White, 10 Hollingarth Way, Hemyock, EX15 3XB Phone 681020 email revron@btinternet.com.

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COFFEE MORNING



CLAYHIDON PARISH HALL
9TH DECEMBER
10.00 - 12.00

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Traffic Diversions

Gigaclear is to start digging up Clayhidon's lanes in February 2018 and laying underground fibre optic cables and connection pots. Part of the price of having among the fastest broadband speeds in the world will be three weeks of traffic disruption, with many roads having to be closed.

Clayhidon people worried that Gigaclear might be bypassing the parish are taking comfort from publication of a map showing the proposed roadworks. However, the Bolham Valley remains outside the network. For a list of closures and link to an interactive map showing where and when to expect disruption visit www.clayhidon.org.uk.

Revised Merry Harriers Plans Approved

The Merry Harriers is to rise again from the ashes. Planning permission has been given for a new pub on the site of the historic building wrecked by fire last year. But Taunton Deane District Council planners have taken on board criticisms that the original design was too suburban and out of keeping with the Blackdown Hills. They have insisted on a revised design more typical of the area, including a stone boundary wall, The front of the pub is to be rendered all over instead of the original plan for red brick on the lower half of the building. The planners have also imposed road safety conditions covering drivers' visibility and the surface of the car park and have insisted on the builders providing habitats for bats and swallows.



Another Juggernaut Gets Stuck

A 60ft lorry somehow got down Rosemary Lane before becoming stuck at Gladhayes Bridge, Clayhidon on 26 October. It was on the way to Jules Farm, Hemyock and the driver said he was following his commercial sat nav, which had guided him here from the A303.

John Bendle, who helped him reverse out of trouble and turn, said he would be raising the incident with the parish council, to try to get effective signs banning lorries from Rosemary Lane. It is the second time in 18 months that a lorry has become stuck at the bridge. The last one did some damage to banks and buildings in Rosemary Lane, and this one apparently knocked off someone's guttering and left tyre marks all the way back up the hill. Picture by Nicola Bendle.

Film Nights

Film buffs please note. Moviola will be screening a major feature film in Clayhidon Parish Hall on the following dates in 2018, all Fridays: January 19, February 15, March 15, April 20. The programme will be announced soon on www.clayhidon.org.uk



Brilliant Bands Rock The Hall

Clayhidon Parish Hall has had a high successful autumn season so far, thanks to two brilliant bands. You don't often hear the phrase "Clayhidon rocks", but we did on 3rd November when the 3 Daft Monkeys drove up from west Cornwall and put on a fabulous show. And something else happened for the first time for years in Clayhidon - the audience, which included many new young faces among regular patrons - gave them a standing ovation. They are a spectacularly good band, wonderful to listen to, great to watch and a delight to dance to. The event, which was a sell-out, raised more than £800 for hall funds.

Three weeks earlier a slightly smaller, but no less enthusiastic, audience gave the Red Dirt Skinners thunderous applause and much enthusiastic foot stamping. This Canada-based husband and wife duo, Rob and Sarah Skinner, weren't just good, they were very, very good. "Best gig we've ever had," said one lady, who has been coming to hall events for years, and another agreed. They write all their own songs and sing in beautiful close harmony.

Clayhidon Parish Council Update December 2017

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

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/01453/FULL. Kingsmead Centre, Clayhidon. Erection of a dwelling (100sqm) including camp site reception facilities (58sqm).
- 17/01570/FULL. Wiltown Farm, Clayhidon. Change of use of land and conversion of former agricultural building to form 1 dwelling.
- 17/01642/HOUSE. Rosegarland Barn, Clayhidon. Erection of two storey rear extension (Revised scheme).

Finance

Income – interest.

Expenditure – clerk's wages and village maintenance.

The parish council has agreed to donate £2,000 to the Parish Hall (towards the 10% required under the Viridor Grant Scheme) to help renovate the roof of the hall. The Parish Council has strongly recommended that the hall committee uses the opportunity provided by renovation of the roof to seek any available grants and to fit renewable energy panels.

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.

Parish Lengthsman

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

Defibrillators

When walking past any of the 2 defibrillators in the village please have a glance and make sure the green 'rescue ready' indicator is on. If it is red, please report to the clerk or directly to the number displayed in the cabinet. Annual defibrillator training (with Culmstock & Hemyock) is provided by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust as part of the lease agreement. It is hoped that the next training will be in January. More information to follow – see village website.

Fireworks

Following this year's bonfire night and concerns about animal welfare, the parish council politely asks that in future advance notice is given to neighbours of any planned fireworks party. It is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to cause any unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal. Fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields or close to buildings that house livestock.

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 11th December 2017. (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 may be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

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



Clayhidon Parish Hall
Friday 15 December, 6.30pm

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Clayhidon Friends

November Meeting

Peter Hayward from Honiton worked as a distribution manager for Express Dairies for the 4 SW counties for 30 years - based in Exeter.

He brought a crateful of milk bottles from different eras to illustrate his history of the milk bottle. He has about a thousand bottles - all different, old and newer - from SW dairies.

The first milk to be sold in bottles was in the USA in the 1890's and their glass was light brown. Milk came in bottles in the 1930's in the UK but not really until after the 2nd WW in the rural areas of the SW.

Early UK bottles weighed 20 ounces. Bottles would last on average 20 uses before either breaking or needing replacement - much more than the dumpy bottle (weight 8 ounces) which came later. "Silver top" milk was (4%) full cream, and "gold top" was (5%) channel island milk. Skimmed milk was a waste product and fed to the pigs or even thrown away. When concerns were raised about the levels of fat in our diet, full, semi-skimmed and skimmed milk became available.

Pasteurization was developed just before WWII, and was commonplace by the fifties. ASDA tried a biodegradable carton made of thin cardboard lined with very thin plastic, but it didn't take off.

The milk marketing board came into being in 1933 and then milk quality was checked and standardised. The size of bottle (one pint) was standardised, although a third of a pint bottle was used for school milk. This was started in 1926 and continued until the 60's and was a good source of calories and protein for children. A quart pint and a half pint had also been used until then. Homogenising the milk dispersed the fat throughout the milk, so no more pinching the cream for your cereal!

Sterilised milk was popular post-war in the midlands and areas in the north because a fridge wasn't necessary to store it, and usually, lower income families didn't have one. With the arrival of supermarket milk in plastic cartons etc, there was a huge reduction in doorstep milk deliveries, but there are moves to reintroduce this in some areas.

A most interesting talk - with social, financial and political implications being mentioned, and memories were stirred by Peter's bottles, blue tits at the foil tops and school milk etc.

Anne Langford

Culmstock Bingo Fundraising

Jean Meade would like to thank everyone who attends the bingo at Culmstock village hall. All profits go to fund worthy or charitable causes and so far £2100 has been raised and donated to the following organisations:

£700 to The Blackdown Practice for a new ECG machine
£700 to the Childrens South West Hospice
£700 to the League of Friends at Tiverton Hospital.

The bingo takes place on the third Friday of each month at 19.30, in Culmstock village hall. The next meeting is on 15th Dec.

Clayhidon Friends Macmillan Coffee Morning – November 2017

Clayhidon Friends held a Coffee Morning at Acre Ridge, Clayhidon on Saturday 11th November. We are very pleased to report that just over £225.00 was raised.

Adrian and Lynda extend grateful thanks to all who assisted and of course, attended. Our numbers were up from last year and we hope that those there this time will encourage friends to come to the one next year. They are assured of an equally warm welcome.

It was a lovely, convivial atmosphere with plenty of chatter enhanced by the consumption of home-made cakes and plentiful supply of most beverages requested. Fun was had in trying Guessing Games and everyone went home with a Raffle Prize. A special mention of thanks to all that donated such generous gifts towards the Raffle. Three times the Caller guessed who would be the recipient of the next ticket. What are the odds of that!

There were several requests for the Recipe of the Courgette Cake which is as follows:- 3 Eggs, 300g sunflower Oil, 120g dark brown sugar, 50g of Plain Flour, 50g of Wholemeal Flour, 1 teaspoon Baking Powder, 2 teaspoons of Bicarbonate of Soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 6 oz of sultanas, 5 oz of blitzed nuts of choice, 120g of finely grated Courgettes. Method:- Combine dry ingredients, mix wet ingredients, combine both, stir in courgettes, fruit and nuts. Cook:- 180deg for approx. one hour. When cool either split and sandwich with buttercream or put the buttercream on top. Enjoy.

Lynda @ Adrian Ridout

Rosemary Lane Chapel warmly invites you to our Christmas services:

**Sunday 10th December
Christmas Tea Service
3:30pm**

**Sunday 17th December
Christmas Family Service
led by our Sunday School & Bible Class
11:00 am**

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with Communion
6:30 pm**

**Sunday 24th December
Family Service with Communion
11:00 am**

**Monday 25th December
Christmas Day Service
10:30 - 11:15 am**

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News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

As the seasons roll around so to, the calendar dates that punctuate the year. With the shortening of the days we found ourselves adjusting the clocks once more. Despite the fact that I have been alive enough years to have learned, I still find myself asking the question – 'is it the good one? The one where we get an extra hour in bed?' Of course the answer is irrelevant... I have two small children who have not agreed to abide by any set time stipulations regarding their rising from bed. Perhaps of greater concern is that we don't end up arriving for church an hour early, or worse still, an hour late. I'm happy to be able to report that no members of Rosemary Lane Chapel turned up just as we were all going home.

With autumn fast passing by we look back with grateful hearts at a season of immense blessing at Rosemary Lane Chapel. We have recently concluded our first run of the 'Christianity Explored' course with several members of the wider community attending alongside members of Rosemary Lane Chapel. It proved to be a wonderful opportunity to discover the Christian message in a relaxed environment where questions were encouraged... and cake eaten. We hope to run this course again in the New Year. Our Winter Bible study got under way with Peter Glasgow taking our first of four sessions considering 'Transformational Church' – we continue to pray that we, alongside other churches locally, may serve our communities and share the love of Jesus – this first session proved to be a real encouragement and challenge for us to step up and step out in faith. This message was only amplified with the arrival of a visiting missionary from London City Mission in early November. Harish Patel works in and around Hounslow sharing the 'Good News' of the gospel with the people of a busy London market.

Towards the end of November Rosemary Lane also celebrated the baptism of Sue Crofar who, through her coming to know Christ and placing her trust in Him, encouraged each of us to reflect on the value of acceptance and belonging in God's family, the church - A message we hope many come to know. The month of November also saw the annual Fireworks display take place in the Chapel Field with Daniel Mason sharing a short message afterwards. It was well attended by members of the community who not only enjoyed the fireworks, but also the hot refreshments served afterwards.

Of course, as we reflect on the fireworks that lit up the sky not so long ago, we turn our thoughts to a bright light that shone over 2000 years ago to herald the arrival of the Son of God. With the passing of November we welcome the month of December and all that it brings with it. For us at Rosemary Lane Chapel it will be a busy time, reflecting something of the character of each of our lives at this time of year – but, we hope, in the time we share together at our Christmas services – we may take time out of the 'busyness' to remember the One who came, heralded by that shining star, that he may fill our hearts and the horizons of our lives with light forevermore. We warmly welcome any and all to share with us during this season that we each might, with joy filled hearts, celebrate the dawning of an inextinguishable light.

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–
JOHN 12:46

*Jonathan Hillman
Rosemary Lane Chapel*

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Cats are often more fascinated by Christmas trees than us and like to climb and explore. Make sure your tree is very secure and any glass tree decorations or those with sharp edges are well out of the way of your intrigued feline. Cats also can enjoy a nibble on tinsel. They tend to eat lengths of stringy material which can then cause a concertina effect on the intestines. This can be very harmful and requires surgery to treat, so keeping tinsel and string out of harm's way is much safer!

What Christmas is complete without chocolate? Unfortunately many dogs, and sometimes cats, also believe this to be true! Chocolate can cause vomiting and diarrhoea and in larger doses, liver failure and can be fatal. The higher the cocoa content the more the risk, so keep those expensive dark chocolate truffles out of the way of any investigative hounds in the house! Be wary of chocolates on the tree and wrapped in presents within reach. Remember a small number of extra treats can lead to rapid weight gain which can take a long time to lose.

Dried fruit is also a risk to dogs and can cause renal failure so keep Christmas pudding, mince pies and Christmas cake away from low tables or other places your crafty hound may be able to get to.

For some of us, it can all get a bit much at these festive times. We may like our house being filled with family, friends and music but not all our pets do. For some, the bustle and noise can be very stressful. If you have a timid pet who enjoys the quiet, make sure there is somewhere peaceful that they can go to not be disturbed. They may prefer to have their food and litter tray in a hidden corner.

Most importantly, have a wonderful Christmas with your furry friends and if you have any worries or suspect your pet has eaten something they shouldn't, don't hesitate to call your vet for advice. Merry Christmas!

Vale Veterinary Centre, Honiton

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Lindy Astbury, Secretary



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Daisy's youngest is counting down the days to Christmas... I expect Mr and Mrs H are counting the days till the scaffolding goes as not many people like scaffolding poles as a view out of the window on Christmas day! So while we keep our fingers crossed for 3 weeks of dry weather, it only remains for us to wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year.

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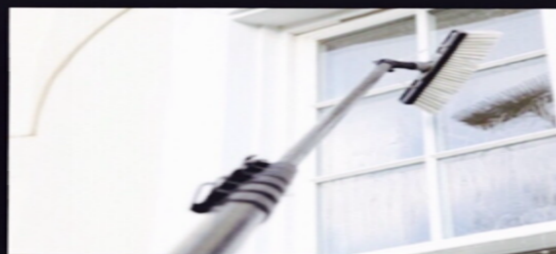
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