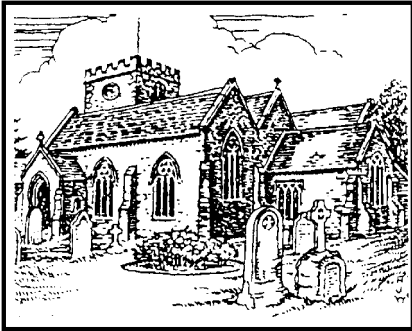
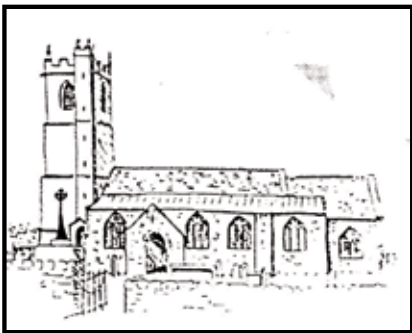


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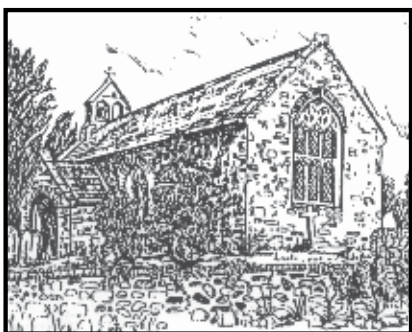
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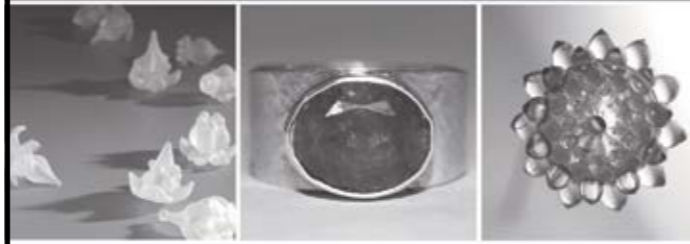


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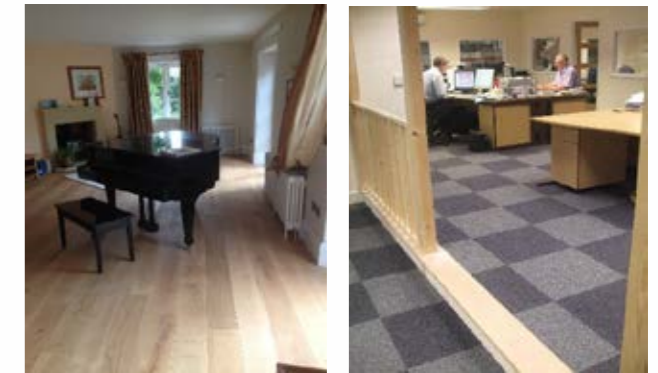
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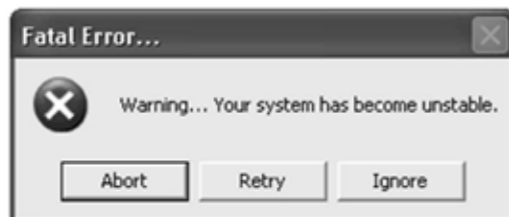
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Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints'
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April <i>Easter Day</i>	11.15am HC	9.00am HC	7.00am Sunrise Service <i>Greys Quarry Farm</i> 10.00am FC	10.00am HC
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	11.15am MP	<i>No Service</i>	10.00am HC	6.30pm EP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	11.15am HC	<i>No Service</i>	6.30pm EP	9.30am HC & <i>Baptism</i>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <i>St Georges Day</i>	10.30am <i>Parade service with Scouts</i>	3.30pm EP	10.00am FS & <i>Baptism</i>	8.00am HC
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Benefice Eucharist at All Saints Culmstock <b>The Induction &amp; Installation of The Revd. David Burton as Rector by The Venerable Christopher Futchter, Archdeacon of Exeter.</b>			
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am FS <i>Rogation Procession</i>	<i>No Service</i>	HC	10.00am or 6.30pm (TBC) Evensong <i>With Wellington School Choir</i>
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am MP	9.00am HC	3.00pm FS <i>Rogation Procession</i>	6.30pm EP
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am HC	<i>No Service</i>	6.30pm HC	9.30am HC
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP	10.00am HC & <i>Baptism</i>	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.

#### Church Service Locations - PLEASE NOTE

Due to the ongoing building works in St Mary's Church, it will be necessary to hold services at other locations. Please see below.

**Sunday, 1st April at 11.15am Easter Sunday**  
Family Easter Communion to be held in **St Mary's Church**

**Sunday, 8th April at 11.15am**  
Morning Prayer to be held in the **Church Rooms**

**Sunday, 15th April at 11.15am**  
Service of Holy Communion to be held in the **Church Rooms**

**Sunday, 22nd April at 10.30am St George's Day Parade**  
Service to be held in **St Mary's Church**

#### A Staircase for Silence\*

There is something about an old empty church.

Many of us like to drop in to the ancient and musty atmosphere of a country church. It smells of history and permanence.

As the sun streams through aging glass catching the dust in the air as shafts of heavenly light, pools of sunshine collect on the honey stone floor, and, without a glance at altar or pulpit, a deep sense of the presence of one greater pervades one's being. God is there.

Recently I remember calling at an ancient Celtic chapel in Cornwall with its holy well and water flowing under the eastern altar in which centuries of Christians had been baptised, and having this deep sense of the endless presence of the One who created me. God was there indeed.

We have a priceless inheritance in many of our church buildings.

Most people do recognise them as special, if not holy, places where we can be still, be quiet, and get in touch, both with ourselves, and God.

As a Christian minister I recognise the pressures on our buildings to be places where the needs of the local Christian congregations can be met with modern facilities, comfortable seating arranged to create a sense of community and oneness. It is excellent that there will be toilets in St. Mary's pretty soon!

However, we need to be sensitive both to the needs of today and the inheritance of the past. No easy task.

It can sometimes surprise many Christians of the truth that many who do not come to church do have a profound belief in God and a real openness to the spiritual dimension.

Perhaps one thing we who are church members can do, is to encourage our church buildings to be more open and available as a 'holy space' which can be used by any who would find this resource useful and helpful.

It is good that in most of our villages the churches are for the most part open during the week to allow anybody to enter and experience that stillness and quiet that is both at the heart of our being and at the heart of God.

*\*Moments of great calm,  
Kneeling before an altar  
Of wood in a stone church  
In summer, waiting for the God  
To speak; the air a staircase  
For silence...*

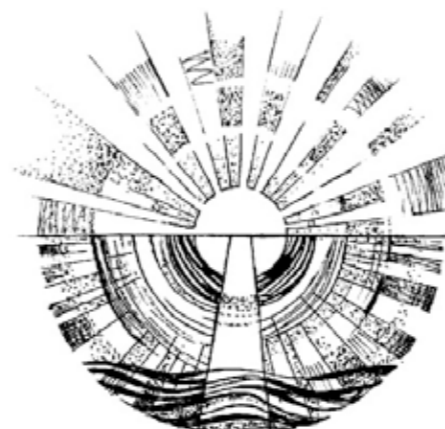
TAKEN FROM "KNEELING", A POEM BY R.S. THOMAS

*David*

#### He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This year again, Christians, and indeed anyone else, from all the churches are invited to celebrate Easter together at 7.00am on Easter morning at a location just off Gray's Lane, near the quarry, Clayhidon, where we may be able to see the already risen sun. This will be followed by breakfast at the Church Rooms Hemyock, for which you will need to sign in one of the churches if you would like to come.

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



## Charity Shop Donations and Summer Lunches

Once a year a percentage of takings from St. Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop, Hemyock are donated to charity with the latest amount being over £500. The shop has been running for over 5yrs and has donated approx. £5000 to various charities.

£432 was donated to the Parish Council as a contribution to the night time Landing Lights for the Air Ambulance with £108 being given to 1st Hemyock Brownies. Their money will be used for a gardening project in the Church Room garden and churchyard.

The shop held at the Church Room, Castle Hill three times a month runs from 10a.m. – 12 noon and provides a great place to socialise, enjoy coffee and cake as well as seek for a bargain amongst the enormous amount of good quality items for sale. The volunteers offer a warm welcome and you will meet many friendly faces.

Over 2017 lunches organised by St Mary's Church, Hemyock has raised £2,241. The church Fabric Fund received £1,150; £925 was donated to Rev Jenny Green for her work in a deprived area of Bradford with £166 being sent to the Potters Village in Uganda a previous placement of the Rev Green.

Summer Lunches will be held at the Church Rooms on 19th April and 17th May, serving at 12.30pm. The meals are open to all so if you are new to the area it is a good way to meet folk and make friends with the added addition of a delicious lunch.

*Janice Bawler*



*Jenny Doble (Right) receiving cheque on behalf of the 1st Hemyock Brownies*



*Donna Evans (Right) receiving a cheque on behalf of Hemyock parish council*

## Everyone is welcome to join us for our All Age/Family Service

on Rogation Sunday, when we ask God to bless the people who live and work in our area



**Sunday 6th May 2018, 10.30 am**

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## Election and Review Time

Each year the Church of England requires various things of the parishes which make up its dioceses. One is to elect Churchwardens. This is an ancient office, which, whilst it has lost some of its tasks, like removing the hats of gentlemen wearing them in church, it still has an awful lot of responsibilities. They are the main support to the priest in "normal" times, but in times of inter-regnum there are the ones leading the parish. In olden days the meeting to elect them was held in the Vestry, and that name has stuck to it over the years. The electorate for this meeting is anybody whose name is on either the Church Electoral Roll or the Parliamentary Electoral Roll.

The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This reviews what has been happening in church life over the past year, looks at the accounts and elects the Church Council for the ensuing year. These are elected by those on the Church Roll only.

Both these meetings take place on Tuesday April 24th, the Vestry at 7.30pm, the APCM afterwards.

*Brian Samuels*

## 49th Hemyock Holiday Club 6 - 10 August

"Watt-A-Lott Castle"

The first planning meeting will be on **Tuesday 10 April at 7.30 at Hemyock Baptist Church.**

We need plenty of helpers – young and not-so-young!

## Charity Shop News

Just as the last "Pump" was coming out the Charity Shop was making its annual donations to local groups. We had two recipients this year. The first was the 1st Hemyock Brownies who are planning to make a garden out of the rough piece of land next to the Church Rooms, which will be for everyone to enjoy. They received £108 towards the cost of tools and seeds.

The second donation went towards something which again everyone might use, but we hope that nobody has to. And that is the Air Ambulance landing strip. The Parish Council had purchased the landing lights for this, but still had to find, according to Parish Clerk Debbie, £832.02 at the end of January. We were pleased to give £432 towards this – and the all important 2p.

So thank you to all our supporters who have enabled us to pass these donations on.

*Brian Samuels*

## Big Thank You

A big thank you is due to Brookridge Timber and especially to Matt Brooke for the great job he did in clearing the village roads during the recent spell of bad weather, and clearing the drains when the thaw began the next day. I'm sure this meant a great deal to a lot of people, especially we oldens. Thankyou.

## St Mary's Church, Hemyock



### Summer Lunches

(continuing on from winter & Lent lunches, by popular demand!)

**Thursday, 19 April**  
**Thursday, 17 May**  
 in The Church Rooms, Hemyock  
 (serving at 12.30pm)

**Donations to Fabric Fund towards Church building improvements**



### Pies and Pints, Tarts and Tipples

Almost 40 people enjoyed a 'Pies and Pints, Tarts and Tipples' fund raising supper organised by Hemyock's Friends of St Mary's which raised £255.50p profit.

Held at the Church Room guests were offered a choice of drinks before joining friends at tables dressed in blue cloths and laid for a meal. Dishes on offer included meat pies, mashed potato, quiche, mixed vegetables, cottage pie and salads followed by a choice of fruit tarts with custard and cream with tea and coffee also on offer.

Amongst the laughter that prevailed throughout the evening could be heard comments of "We must do this again".

The Friends next event in a Sponsored hymn sing and will take place on Sunday 20th May.

*Janice Bawler*

### A Note of Thanks

Grateful thanks to Jenny Mitchell who has retired from delivering the Parish Pump after 34 years of sterling service! She tells us that she was asked to help out by the then Rector, Revd Tony Grosse, on the day she moved in to her new home on the Hollingarh estate. Jenny is moving to Cullompton and will be much missed around the village. She will continue to return two days a week to work at the Catherine Wheel.

### Cream Tea Afternoon

This year's Cream Tea afternoon at Prings Farm, Madford will be held on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 2-5pm**. There'll be delicious scones and cakes along with a plant stall, cake stall and raffle. Everyone is welcome!

If you are able to donate a raffle prize or help for an hour or two on the day please get in touch with Judy Barton (680975). Also, we are looking to buy some old some trestle tables (or similar) so please let Judy know if you can help.

*Thank you*



### Update on the toilet project and fundraising at St Mary's Church

A very big thank you to everyone who has contributed towards our appeal for funding for the new toilets and associated works at St Mary's Church. Since our leaflet in the February Parish Pump a further £8,800 has been raised from donations received from Hemyock folk and those who keep close connections with St Mary's Church. **Thank you.** This leaves £9,200 to raise to reach our target. We are overwhelmed with peoples' generosity and support the Church which belongs to our village; please keep an eye on our banner by the Church wall to see progress.

The building work is on schedule with the outer walls and roof being completed as we write this (mid March). This is in spite of bitterly cold winds and snowy conditions during the first couple of weeks which BK Construction was on site. Whilst the Church is without heating, we are holding most Sunday Services in the Church Rooms - details on the main noticeboards. However, we met in the Church for Mothering Sunday when we had a lovely visit from the Primary School Choir. We also plan to meet in the Church for our Easter Day Service (11.15am on 1st April) and St George's Day Parade with the uniformed organisations (10.30am on 22nd April). The Church remains open daily for everyone.

If you would still like to make a donation, this can be sent to: Mr Tony Bennett, 45 Prowses, Hemyock EX15 3QG. Cheques to be made payable to St Mary's PCC, Hemyock please. There are gift aid leaflets in the Church together with a display showing up to date progress.

*Hazel Partridge*



### Purple Party Thanks

I would like to thank all who came to my 'Purple Party' and enabled me to donate over £700.00 to St Mary's Toilet Fund. Family and friends came from Cambridge, Northampton, Sidmouth and Exeter and found more snow and slush in Lower Millhayes than anywhere else. Local friends braved the conditions to help make it an enjoyable event. Conrad and Harriet provided an excellent array of food, despite difficulties with some food supplies.

*Brenda Calcraft*



### Hemyock Parish Hall Table Top Sale

**Saturday 12th May 10 am - 12 noon**

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## Hemyock Singers Spring Concert

This year will be In St Mary's, Hemyock on Saturday 28 April at 7.30pm. The Singers will be presenting a concert which includes 'The Armed Man – a mass for peace' by Karl Jenkins and some other lighter works. Light refreshments during the interval and a retiring collection for a local good cause.

*Chris Hudson*

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## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Yet another wet day but at least it makes a change from all that snow!!!! Our garden is not a pretty sight at the moment - everywhere very soggy and pretty impossible to get out there and do anything at all. Still, I'm sure it will all come right in the end.

By the time you read this we will have held our Spring Show and I'm sure our members will have come up trumps as usual and produced a wonderfully colourful display of spring flowers and bulbs. Visitors will have been able to enjoy both a great Ploughmans Lunch and lovely tea and cakes in the afternoon. Makes my mouth water just writing about it!!!!

Yet again, a large number of members are looking forward to the weekend away at the end of June but we have also organised a couple of more local visits in June and July for those unable to make the longer trip to Cornwall. We also have the opportunity to join another gardening club and make a trip to RHS Wisley - a brilliant opportunity.

The Plant and Seed swap event which we arranged for the first time last year was very well received and we will be holding it again this year from 10.00 a.m. on 14 April in the Forbes Lounge. Just bring anything along which is surplus to your requirements and swap for something that you would like. If you don't have anything to swap then just come along and purchase anything that takes your fancy for a small donation. The Committee are providing coffee/cakes so hopefully it will be a good social morning. That's the hope anyway!!!

After that, it is back to our normal speaker evenings on 9 May when we have Don Everitt talking about Pottenger and Cottage Gardens.

New members are always welcome - we are now holding our meetings in the Main Hall so we have much more room for everybody, particularly when it comes to time for coffee and biscuits!!

*Judith Major  
(Secretary – 680746)*

## Hemyock History Report

Two good meetings were held these last two months with a good attendance. Both the speakers were from the SW Heritage Trust who are developing their services at all the buildings which house unique documents and artefacts. We will be organising visits to their premises in the summer.

The February talk was from Will Partridge, the new Finds Officer and who intends to increase the public awareness of the finds already recorded and would like to work with interested amateurs in where to search for potential valuable finds.

This is the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the Treasure Act and over this time thousands of archaeological items have been acquired by public museums. The Frome Hoard of 52,000 Roman coins beat the Staffordshire Hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold as the Nation's favourite find in a national poll. The Treasure Act provides recompense equivalent to the value of the find. Locally there are records of 684 artefacts including Roman gold, spoons, coins, brooches, and Saxon enamel buckle plates etc.

The March talk was from Mary Siraut representing the Victoria County History for Somerset housed at the SW Heritage Trust. Most Counties have a representative body set up in the Victorian era for researching, recording and protecting historical material as a continuing record of England's places and people from earliest times.

The Somerset group have crossed the border occasionally on projects since there is currently no Devon group. Somerset have published 20 books on various subjects and have many properties of historical significance including the Fairfield estate where Alfred's jewel was found. One property they had to cross the border for was Compton Castle which has had an interesting history since the 12th century and where legend has it that Sir Walter Raleigh smoked the first pipe of tobacco in Britain. The April talk will be from John Somers on the subject of "How we used to live" and the May talk will be given by David Rabson on the Sanford family of Nynehead.

*Stephen Major  
Chair of Hemyock History*

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## Poet's Corner

### The Birth of Spring

With lengthening strides, slow Lenten days,  
Burst out, at last, in Easter's Blossoming,  
But God's Springtime blush dose not wait  
For Church and Man's calender of time,  
He slings His promise and His blessings wide,  
For all creation to wonder at and use:

But only man might take, and use,  
But use for ill!

*David Palmer*



## The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA)

### News

Our Business Lunches are a popular way to engage and meet other likeminded rural entrepreneurs in the Blackdown Hills, sharing best practise, expertise, mentoring, advice and support. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you are BHBA members or not. Don't forget as members your colleagues are also invited to attend to learn, network and promote your business as well as enjoy a delicious lunch out! Pitches in the Blackdown Hills Marquee at the Honiton Show hosted by the BHBA are now available. Contact us to check options available including our early bird special deal, flexible pitch sizes and sponsorship opportunities.

We are very sad to announce Claire Stepney will be stepping down from her role as co-ordinator from April. Claire took on the reigns 2 years ago from Val Baker and has achieved so much in a short space of time, but other commitments now takes Claire's career in a new direction. Claire shared 'It has been an absolute pleasure meeting, engaging and supporting members and the local community. Together we have accomplished so many great tasks and goals, which could not have been achieved without everyone's support and energy – thank you. I am delighted to welcome local business woman Gemma Sparks into the new role and wish her every success. I am sure I will see many of you around at community events, workshops and of course the Honiton Show! Thank you to everyone who has supported me, it has been a pleasure working with you all.'

### SPRING EVENTS – everyone is welcome!

#### April

- **Friday 6 April – Making the most of your money by Natwest**
- **Thursday 12 April – Employment law update by CIPD**
- **Wednesday 18 April – BHBA Business Lunch** – Meet your Local Community Beat Manager and learn about neighbourhood policing and local business community support
- **Friday 20 April – GDPR Done! A Practical Approach**

#### May

- **Tuesday 15 May – Essentials of Leadership**
- **Wednesday 16 May – BHBA Business Lunch**

Take a look at our Events Page on [www.blackdownhillsinteractive.org.uk](http://www.blackdownhillsinteractive.org.uk) for full details.

### 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.

*BHBA Co-ordinator | 07826 581365 | [www.bhba.org.uk](http://www.bhba.org.uk)  
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BHBA, St. Ivel House, Station Road, Hemyock, Devon, EX15 3SJ*

## Dear Residents

I am not aware of any major problems in Hemyock, if there are please let me know, I hope to have a one to one with Dave Ashford, the Highway Neighbourhood Officer later this month. We ended the last year with an underspend of £2.6m. To start this year we have already spread over 12,000 tons of salt, compared to last year when we spread 9,500 for the whole year, not a good start.

You will know that the budget has now been set. You might also like to know the main issues of the finances of DCC, are, the Nett Revenue Budget is £511m, within that the Adult services get an increase of 6.1%, Children Service 5.5%, Communities PH and Environment minus 2.3% and Highways and Waste minus 2.7%. Interesting to know, Police have increased by 6.81%, Fire 2.99%, DCC 4.99%, this includes 2% for Adult Care, MDCC 2.99% and the average increase for Parishes Councils is 7.7%. The Locality budget is retained at £10k, with an additional Investing in Devon Budget (IID) of £10k and the TAP fund is still in place at just over £10k, but these budgets are spread over 9 Parishes. Please let me know if any club/organisation would like to make an application for funds.

I always keep on about waste, we put on average 4.94kg in the black bag every week, down from 5.94kg in 2012, a reduction of 20%. As for recycling, Devon County is one of the best performers in recycling, behind Oxford and Surrey, we recycle 55.7% of our waste. We could do better, because County carried a test on 200 households in each District and it was found that 41% of what we put in our black bags could still be recycled, if that were possible, it would save County £6.7m in disposal cost and another £1m in being able to sell our recyclables, which would go towards keeping our Council Tax under control, particularly when every £5m saved represents about 1% reduction on our Council Tax. It costs £120 per ton to dispose of our waste, although none of it goes to landfill now, it is diverted to the incinerator in Exeter, we still have to pay a gate fee.

Thought you might like to know about Devon Norse, this is a Company jointly owned by Norse Commercial Services and DCC. This arrangement provides many benefits to the Authority including, access to new markets, building strong local communities, support for local charities, arts civic projects and community initiatives, as well as an income share agreement. In 2016/17 the business delivered a profit to DCC of £226k. Below are a few headline factors:

- Devon Norse directly employ 1080 people, around 91% which live in Devon.
- For every £1 of expenditure on suppliers, 67p is spent in the South West region, including 57p with businesses in Devon County Council
- £695k was spent on other businesses in Devon, These businesses supported further 31 jobs.
- Devon Norse spends a total of £7.8m on wages and salaries. For every £1 on wages paid, 88p is spent in the South West area and 66p in Devon.
- Each month the business provides over 200,000 meals to Schools.
- It also operates many initiatives within partner Schools to encourage physical activity and promote healthy eating.
- The business contributes Gross Value Added of £15.5m in Devon and £16.7m in the South West Region.

You know where I am, just contact me if you feel I can help in any way.

*Ray Radford  
Devon County Councillor  
Willand @ Uffculme Division  
Email: [ray.radford@devon.gov.uk](mailto:ray.radford@devon.gov.uk)*

## Hemyock Parish Council Business Update April 2018

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

### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/01831/FULL. Land at Nelson Farm, Hemyock. Change of use of land for the siting of 3 gite camping pods and associated parking, compost toilets and shower facilities.
- 17/02066/FULL. 24 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings.
- 18/00077/HOUSE. The Old Farmhouse, Hemyock. Retention of 2 car ports.
- 18/00322/HOUSE. 16 Logan Way, Hemyock. Erection of single storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.
- 18/00170/FULL. Old Storage Building, Culmbridge Mill, Hemyock. Conversion and extension of agricultural building to dwelling (Revised scheme).
- 18/00176/FULL. Land at NGR 313018 116670 Blackdown Hill Road, Hemyock. Erection of extension to existing livestock building.

### Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest and air ambulance night-time landing site donations.

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, subscriptions, Xmas competition winners, air ambulance night-time landing site costs, water bill, footpath work and external doors for The Garages.

The following grants were awarded:-

- Blackdown Support Group - £800
- Tiverton & District Community Transport Association - £100

### 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.

### Table Top Sale

On Saturday 12th May we are holding a **huge** table top sale at 34 Hollingarth Way Hemyock

10am to 2 pm. **Lots of bargains!**

Fund raising for Paul Moralee GB snowboard cross fund.

### Paul Moralee Update

Paul is due back in Hemyock at the end of the month having spent the last 3 months competing across Europe for the British Snowboard Cross team. He has done well and had 4 podiums and multiple top 10 finishes. This has been a good season and even more so after he had major surgery on his arm in October. Paul sends his best wishes to everyone and thanks you all for your continued support.

### 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.

### Litter and Dog Poo

Many thanks to all those who joined the recent community litter-pick and helped collect more than 15 sacks of rubbish from around the village.

Following another recent litter-pick more than 20 bags of dog poo were found in hedges around Byes. The council has requested an additional dog bin for this area but in the meantime asks that dog walkers/owners please pick up after your dog and either take it home or deposit it in one of the 10+ dog bins in the village.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS TO KEEP OUR VILLAGE TIDY!

### Annual Parish Meeting: Friday 27th April at 7pm, Parish Hall

Come along and find out what's going on in the village. Short presentations from some of the clubs and organisations in the parish. Cheese & wine. Everyone welcome.

### 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 4th April 2018. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at [www.hemyock.org/index.php?topic=parishcouncil](http://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, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN  
Tel 01823 680968 Email [hemyockpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com).

### The Brightside Club

#### Celebrating our 5th Year!

The Easter bunnies are coming out of their winter stupor to hop amongst the snowdrops and daffodils, while the birds are darting here and there, busy collecting their building requirements meaning one thing, spring is establishing a firm foothold!

Pretty much the same applies to our 'brightside' members who are getting a twinkle in the eye as they prepare to participate in the next programme of events which include, a virtual holiday to a far-flung destination, members versus volunteers competitions, (we're a competitive lot!) and a visit from the Donkey Sanctuary who will be telling tales from the stables, amongst others no doubt! If you would like to join in with these activities, partake in a delicious two course lunch and have a good old fashioned chin-wag with like-minded people, what are you waiting for!

We are a happy, social group for the over sixties, particularly those who would like to get out and about a bit more including organised day-trips.

We meet on the first Friday in the month from 11am - 3pm. Look out for our posters or contact: Janet Elworthy  
The BLACKDOWN HEALTHY LIVING ACTIVITY CENTRE  
01823-680687 [brightside@bhlac.org.uk](mailto:brightside@bhlac.org.uk)

Transport can be arranged. We look forward to meeting you soon!



Hello, I am Callum, I am 12.

I live in Culmstock and go to Uffculme School.

My younger sister has **Juvenile Arthritis**. I am fundraising to help find a cure, because ...

**LIFE SHOULDN'T HURT**

Please donate at:  
[www.justgiving.com/callumscoast2coast](http://www.justgiving.com/callumscoast2coast)

To raise vital funds for **Arthritis Research UK** to continue their research into finding a cure, I am cycling the Devon Coast to Coast from Ilfracombe Pier to Plymouth Hoe in May. Please donate if you can.



Registered Charity 207711

### Coast to Coast Sponsored Cycle Challenge

My son is Callum, 12 years old and in Year 7 at Uffculme School. His sister is 11, due to start at Uffculme in September, and she has been diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis; she lives with daily pain in her hands, wrists and feet. She has to take painful injections and horrid medication. She has had to give up her hobbies, and school has been affected. 1 in 1000 children get arthritis, some of them have it for the rest of their lives.

Callum is fundraising so that Arthritis Research UK can continue to fund research into finding a cure for arthritis for children and adults.

In May, Callum is cycling the Devon Coast to Coast from Ilfracombe Pier to Plymouth Hoe. Its 102 hilly miles and its going to be really hard! His dad is going to be cycling with him. Callum would like people to sponsor him so that he can help find a cure for his sister and others with this awful condition.

There is a fundraising page which is [www.justgiving.com/callumscoast2coast](http://www.justgiving.com/callumscoast2coast) and all donations, big or small, will be very gratefully passed on to Arthritis Research UK.

### Watch this Space!!

Join us for a BBQ to help us celebrate 10 Years of the Longmead Sports Field and Leisure Facilities.



Try your hand at the sports available:  
Football, Tennis, Netball, Boules

**Celebrating 10 Years**



Watch out for Dates, Times and further details.....

### Hemyock WI

The year has started well for Hemyock WI. The Birthday Meal at the Catherine Wheel was much enjoyed and well attended. The Light House Keeper gave an interesting presentation at the February Meeting. Two teams took part in the County Quiz at Broadhembury and came 5th and 6th out of 13 teams. Lunch Club's visit to the Green Dragon was yet another enjoyable venture.

On March 6th, the President, Lynn Taylor, welcomed nearly 60 WI members who had come to Hemyock for the Spring Group Meeting. The Guest Speaker was Pippa Griffin who spoke enthusiastically about Tiverton Museum. This is an award winning Museum with thousands of exhibits, including the Tivvy Bumper which was moved into position in 1979.

An excellent meal of beef cobbler followed by fresh fruit salad was made and served by the Hemyock Members. The shield for first place in the competition for a simnel cake went to Clayhanger WI with Holcombe Rogus coming second. Hemyock was thanked for a lovely evening by Holcombe Rogus who are hosting the Autumn Group Meeting.



Hemyock President Lynn Taylor, (right) presenting the shield to Sue Francombe of Clayhanger WI

Brenda Calcraft



## 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:

<b>Monday</b>	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
<b>Tuesday</b>	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 – 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
<b>Friday</b>	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](http://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

Life is like a journey,  
Why take it at a run?  
It's how we make that journey  
That turns it into fun.  
We each must make our own map,  
Quite different and unique,  
May yours enrich and lead you  
To what you truly seek.

Looking forward to receiving news from you that you would like included on this page.

Janice Bawler  
jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

## Hemyock Tennis Club

As I sit to write this missive there is a blizzard blowing outside and a substantial covering of snow on the ground. Hardly tennis weather! However, the evenings are drawing out, warm weather is on its way and we hope to see our lovely courts being used to their full capacity soon. We are engaged in the process of arranging for the court floodlights to be upgraded and extended to cover court 3. We are using the club's accumulated funds and hope to also secure some loan and grant money. Club sessions for social tennis for all adult members remain on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. We have recently canvassed club members about increasing the social play sessions with an additional evening session and possibly a weekday daytime session. If any non-members would be interested in joining the club if club sessions were at different times, please do contact me. In the meantime club session remain:

Thursday: Mixed Club Night from 6.30pm onwards  
Saturday: Mixed Club morning from 10.00am onwards  
Sunday: Mixed Team Practice (higher standard, by invitation) 10.30am

**COACHING.** Coaching is available through the club coach Dan Sizer. Coaching sessions for the juniors are on Thursday afternoons: Reds (under 8's) from 4.15 – 5.00pm  
Ambers (under 11's) from 5.00 – 5.45pm  
Juniors (under 16's) from 5.45 – 6.45pm

Adult coaching sessions will be run if there is sufficient interest but in the meantime private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>.

**EASTER CAMP.** There is an Easter Sports Camp being run by Dan at the club on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th April. There will be sports specialist coaches attending who will be delivering many sports including tennis, football, cricket, tag-rugby and hockey for the children. The cost is £27.50 per day (9-3pm) or for the two days £52.50. Places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out. Children will need a packed lunch and suitable clothing for all weather. There is an indoor facility if the weather is bad. Please contact Dan as above.

**AGM.** The club Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th April 2017 at 8pm in the pavilion.

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

Suzy Besant, Secretary 07857 747979  
hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com

# DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> MAY

A week of community events raising awareness of and support to those living with Dementia in our community.

Did you know that someone is diagnosed in the UK with Dementia every 3 minutes?

Do you understand what dementia is? Are you confident talking to someone with dementia either in your family or in the street? Come and learn more about this condition and how you can help support people living with it!

**Dementia Friends Information Sessions**  
One hour, awareness-raising sessions with coffee and cake! – join us to learn more about what it is like to live with dementia and how we can all contribute to make our communities more dementia-friendly. Suitable for individuals, businesses, groups and clubs.  
Dates to be confirmed

**Tea Dance and Cream Tea**  
Join us an afternoon of live music from the past. Feel free to put your dancing shoes or glad rags on!

This is a dementia friendly activity and cares are welcome to join in the fun!  
Date to be confirmed

**Family Memories – Craft Session and Cream Tea**  
Memories are so precious! Come and join us to think about memories and what they mean to us. This is a multi-generational session, please bring older members of your family or neighbours as well as children. Bring an old or special photograph. We will be thinking about what's in the photo and making a special frame that will capture what you know about it and preserve the memory!  
Face painting and Cream Tea  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1000-1200  
There will be a small charge per family

**DATES FOR SOME EVENTS ARE BEING FIRMED UP! LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS OR SEE [www.facebook.com/BHLLAC.Riverside](http://www.facebook.com/BHLLAC.Riverside) for more information. To volunteer or enquire please contact Charlie on 01823 680687 or [centre@bhllac.org.uk](mailto:centre@bhllac.org.uk)**



Brought to you by the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre, the Blackdown Support Group and the Wellington Dementia Action Alliance

## Around Hemyock

One of the wonders of nature we have all seen recently is how, despite heavy snow, crocus, daffodils and other Spring flowers survive and continue to bloom bringing glorious swathes of colour. It will be interesting to see the displays at the Gardeners Spring Show, no doubt they will surprise us all.

Human nature was also seen at its best during the time the village was practically cut off for a few hours as friends and neighbours helped one another. At South View a young man cleared a footpath through the snow from Eastlands to Station Road asking for nothing in return. His help was greatly appreciated.

I'm sure the school will tell us of their journey from London which for the children concerned proved to be doubly exciting as the severe weather saw their trip extended delaying their return home.

Heavy snow made it necessary to cancel one of the charity shop open mornings and St Mary's service the following day as the Church Room had frozen pipes whilst at the parish church the extreme weather and the lack of heating due to building work is seeing condensation running off the walls.

Snow clearly has no worries for **Paul Moralee** who gained a 2nd and 3rd place whilst racing for Great Britain in the Czech Republic with the British Snowboarding Cross Team. Many congratulations! We send best wishes to those who are unwell or have needed hospital treatment recently including **Les Bowden, Audrey Lowman, Karen Pinder, Wendy Baldwin, Cora Doble, Bob Anderson, Edward Grabham, and Diane Bradbeer.** We also continue to remember past residents who are now living in care homes including **Barbara Hole.**

Many will remember past villagers **Mac McEwan** and **Ken Johnson** who have died recently. We send their loved ones, and those of the late **Jean Ould**, our condolences, love and prayers. We have received the following:

**Ken** moved to Hemyock in 1986 with his wife **Maud** and lived here until they moved together into the British Legion Home in Bishops Lydeard in 2014. The couple were involved in village life, and especially the life of St Mary's, for all those years. Ken used his carpentry skills and propagated plants for the church annual summer fete. The couple also enjoyed walking locally. He was 93 when he peacefully passed away having become increasingly frail.

We say farewell to **Bob and Kate Darlington** who have moved to be nearer family and **Arthur (Art) and Diane Bradbeer** who are moving to Wellington and welcome all who have recently moved here.

A group of local folk are once more off to visit the area our locality is twinned with. We wish them a safe and happy journey.

It seems incredible that it was during March 20 years ago that an electrical fault caused a fire at the Parish Hall. Those here at the time will probably remember the hole left in the roof as flames shot heavenward and explosions heard as tiles flew off. The Fire Brigade were here for many hours bringing the fire under control and making sure all was safe.

As well as the joyous Easter celebrations April sees us come together for the **St Georges Day** parade and service at the parish church. Led by the church choir our uniformed youth groups (others are welcome to join them) will walk from the Parish Hall to St Mary's for what is traditionally a fun service. Do go along and support our young people and leaders especially if you have ever been involved in the Scout and Guide Movements.



# WHAT'S ON April 2018

Sun 1	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		
Mon 2	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Tue 3	Phoenix Carers <i>BHLC</i> 10-12		WI <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 4	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL</i> 12.30		Parish Council <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 5	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mothers' Union Communion, All Saints, Culmstock	
Fri 6	'Brightside' <i>BHLC</i>		
Sat 7	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00 Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Market Gardeners' <i>SPRING SHOW PH</i>		
Sun 8			
Mon 9	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 10	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00	Memory Café <i>BHLC</i> 10.30	Tuesday Group <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 11		Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting <i>FL</i> 19.30	
Thu 12	Taunton Farmers' Market		History Group <i>CR</i> 19.30
Fri 13	"Melange" (Music from the Mediterranean) at Sheldon Village Hall 19.30		
Sat 14	Gardeners' PLANT SWAP <i>FL</i> am, Hemyock Pre-School Dance <i>PH</i> Mobile Library C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's		
Sun 15			
Mon 16	School Term begins	"Mature Movers" 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 17			
Wed 18	Tiverton Farmers' Market		Acorns <i>FL</i> 14.30
Thu 19	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets		Summer Lunch <i>CR</i> 12.30
Fri 20			
Sat 21	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market	Hemyock Cricket Club Quiz Night <i>PH</i>
Sun 22			
Mon 23	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 24			
Wed 25	"Crafternoon", 10 Lower Millhayes, 14.00-16.00		
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market		Mobile Library
Fri 27	<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b>		
Sat 28	Uffculme Farmers' Market		Spring Concert by Hemyock Singers <i>St Mary's Church</i> 19.30
Sun 29			
Mon 30	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		

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Wed 2	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL</i> 12.30		Parish Council <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 3	Mothers' Union, HC at St Mary's & Coffee		Taunton FM
Fri 4	'Brightside' <i>BHLC</i>		
Sat 5	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00		
Sun 6			
Mon 7	MAYDAY BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 8	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10-12	Memory Café <i>BHLC</i>	Tuesday Club Trip to Royal Mint
Wed 9			Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 10	Taunton FM		History Group <i>CR</i> 19.30
Fri 11			
Sat 12	TABLE TOP SALE in aid of Play Area <i>PH</i>	Mobile Library	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's
Sun 13			
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Fri 18			
Sat 19	Hemyock Market		Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 20	Sponsored Hymn Sing in St. Mary's Church 15.00-17.00		
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Tue 22			
Wed 23			
Thu 24	Taunton Farmers' Market		Mobile Library
Fri 25			
Sat 26	Uffculme Farmers' Market		REPAIR CAFE <i>PH</i> am
Sun 27			
Mon 28	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 29	School Half Term Week		
Wed 30	"Crafternoon", 10 Lower Millhayes, 14.00-16.00		
Thu 31	Taunton Farmers' Market		

*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*

	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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup> 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed	7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 <sup>st</sup> 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> / History & Archiving 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Clayhidon History Group 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat <b>(Fri before Market ONLY)</b>		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## Forthcoming Events

2018		
<b>June</b>		
Sat	09 <sup>th</sup>	Guide Dogs Coffee Morning <i>FL</i>
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	Summer Lunch <i>CR</i> 12.30
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hemyock Pre-School Race Night <i>PH</i>
<b>July</b>		
Sat	07 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's Church Fete <i>Rec. Field</i>
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Lunch <i>CR</i> 12.30
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	End of School Term
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Repair Café, morning in <i>PH</i>

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](mailto:sueliz.lambert@virgin.net) by the "Pump" deadline date (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

**Parish Pump Deadline**  
**June – July issue: 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
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**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](http://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](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com).

**Hemyock Cricket Club**

Cricket returns to the Recreation Ground in May as our village side enters another season in the West Somerset Cricket League Third Division. Over the winter the club invested in a BOLA Professional bowling machine so that our players can test themselves in our net against bowling speeds of up to 95 mph! Good luck to one and all!

We welcome spectators to our matches. Here are the dates and times of our fixtures:

**HEMYOCK CRICKET CLUB  
HOME FIXTURES 2018**

Day	Date	Opponents	Venue	Start Time
Saturday	19th May	Huish Champflower	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	2nd June	Stoke St Mary	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	16th June	North Curry Saints	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	30th June	Brompton Ralph	Home	2.00 p.m.
Saturday	14th July	Cannington	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	28th July	Winsford	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	11th August	Carhampton	Home	2.30 p.m.
Saturday	25th August	East Huntspill	Home	2.30 p.m.
Sunday	8th September	Minehead	Home	2.00 p.m.

New players are always welcome. Please contact Neil Punnett on [neilpunnett@aol.com](mailto:neilpunnett@aol.com). Finally all are welcome to join us in testing their general knowledge at our ever popular Quiz Night on Saturday April 21st in the Parish Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

*Neil Punnett, Secretary*

**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](mailto: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.

  
**Hemyock Cricket Club**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**With Quizmasters Tony and Vanessa  
on  
Saturday 21st April 2018**

**Parish Hall 7:30 p.m.**

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

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

**£100 Cash Prize  
& Raffle**

**Valley Arts**



Our AGM will be on Friday 6th April it is an open meeting and all are welcome, it will be the usual format – A short meeting in the Cornhill Room, followed by a meal in the Catherine Wheel. By popular demand we are having another themed evening on May 12th, this time it will be a 1960s theme. Tickets will be £10 per head and include a 60's supper and pudding, a 60's disco and a Babycham or Coca Cola welcome drink. Of course it will be fancy dress and we will transform the Parish Hall with 60s memorabilia. There will be a bar available and if you would like to book a table contact Caroline on 680854 or Gillian on 680047. We are looking at scripts for our Autumn production this is always dependent on who would like to join the cast, so now is the time to show interest by contacting Gillian on 680047 or Sally or Caroline. It is a good way of being part of your community, meeting people and having fun.

We always welcome new members, if you are interested in joining our group contact, Caroline at [cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk) or Sally at [sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk).

*Caroline Pinder (Chairman)*

**Women's Music Group**

**Did you used to play an instrument at school and it's been sitting in the cupboard for years gathering dust? Or have you been just waiting for the opportunity to get together and jam?**

If you want to revive your musical talents in a women-only music group then get in touch. There's no plan, no audition... and currently no music! What type of music we play and when we play will all be worked out together over time and there will be no pressure to play in public if you don't want to.

**Call Jilly on 01823 680073 or email [jilly.ould@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jilly.ould@yahoo.co.uk) if you want to find our more.**

First session won't be till the end of April so that gives you plenty of time to get a bit of practice in!

Cheers,

Jilly (Clarinet) and Mary (Trombone/Trumpet)

**Acorns**

We are a club for anyone who prefers an afternoon meeting to an evening one. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.45pm in the Forbes Lounge. Annual subscription only £5. New members always welcome.

**Meetings**

April 18 Naval Expressions – Gerald Toghill  
May 16 Yoga in a Chair – Julie Burchill



**Outings**

April 26 Mystery Trip  
May 24 Dawlish and Teignmouth

For further information please contact Joan Fewtrell 680674.



Invite you and your friends to a

**60's Evening**



**Welcome Babycham or glass of Coca Cola**

Fancy dress, 60's salad supper with a variety of home made puddings, 60's fun quiz, disco and memorabilia

Parish Hall May 12th 7.30pm-11.30pm Tickets , to book a table ring 680047

**BAR AVAILABLE**



**Hemyock Village Hall**  
**Saturday 26th May 2018**

**10 am to 12 noon**

Bring along items for repair:  
ELECTRICAL BIKES CLOTHING TEXTILES COMPUTERS  
FURNITURE CERAMICS GARDEN TOOLS  
(or any other small items that need mending)

Volunteer specialists will be on hand to help you with repairs.  
There will be a selection of repair materials available, or please do bring your own.

**Tea, Coffee and Cake will be on sale**



The Blackdown Hills Repair Café is an initiative of the Blackdown Hills Transition Group.  
Contact [trishacomrie@gmail.com](mailto:trishacomrie@gmail.com) or 01823 602908 for more information. Village Hall Postcode is EX15 3QW  
Find us on Facebook - RepairCafeBlackdowns



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello. Welcome to Spring, or is it. Rather a lot of snow recently! Never mind, the evenings are getting longer with Summer just around the corner.

Some of you may read – Wellington Weekly, Tiverton Gazette or Culm Valley Gazette. There was a report in these papers about Snowdrift, but GSL Andy has asked me to mention the activity here. Snowdrift has been part of Hemyock scouts for many a long year as I mentioned last time. Our young people did well back at the beginning of February. They braved the elements to sleep under the stars with no tents and very little equipment. Matt, our Explorer leader was with his team and some of the older scouts who will be joining the Explorers in the near future. They started on Saturday morning by heading up to a friendly farmers patch of woodland (many thanks to him). There they had what is described as “yummy” porridge. Must have been good! Ever onward - next a five mile hike to the campsite which was an area in Blackborough Woods. Having built shelters, they ate well on rabbit and swede cooked over the camp fire. It was a cold and a bit wet night but some sleep was achieved. Next day, having left the site as they found it, it was time to head home and much deserved showers and baths. Well done to all of them and those who helped in the running and planning. The spirit of Snowdrift is alive and well. I am sure they are looking forward to next year. Meanwhile Spring programmes continue for all sections. With an eye on the summer and camps!

Moving on. St Georges Day Parade and Service. 22nd April. This will be the fifth year that we have been with you in Hemyock (prior to that we attended the District event in Tiverton). We will gather at the Parish Hall for the Parade at 10.00am to St Marys and the service. As some of you may know Old Rikki says a few words during the service. This year will be quite active. Everybody can be involved if they want to. Doing what? You will have to join us to find out. After the Service we go down to The Garages for our AGM. You are very welcome to join us and perhaps become a member of our Group Executive, we are always looking for new input.

That is about it for this time but for BP's finally. This is from camp fire yarn no:4. The Patrol system. A word to patrol leaders from Baden Powell. I want patrol leaders to train your patrol entirely yourselves, because you know them and can make good fellows of all of them. It is no good having one or two brilliant fellows, you must try and make all of them fairly good. The most important step to this is your own example because your chaps will follow that example. But remember you must give them the lead and not the push. Rikki thinks that that is still pertinent today and always will be.

A quick note for your diaries or calendars hanging on the wall: 6th October. Our famous Annual Sale in the Parish Hall.

Bye for now,

*Old Rikki*

**SUTTONS SEEDS**  
Inspiring Gardens  
1894

**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](http://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](http://hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk)



## Your Community Needs You!

The Blackdown Support Group aims to relieve sickness, loneliness and isolation by connecting local people in need with local volunteers who can offer them practical support. Those who are suffering from physical or mental ill health, who have disabilities or learning difficulties, or who are experiencing bereavement or the effects of old age can find themselves cut off in rural areas like ours, without access to transport, support services and social opportunities.

The BSG has over 600 people registered with us for support. We cover the 200sq miles covered by the Blackdown Practice. The services our volunteers provide include:-

- Driving – to appointments, shopping trips, social and well-being events, generally enabling greater independence
- Befriending - visiting those who may be unable to leave their own home or have limited social contact with other people, relieving feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Social events - lunch clubs, coffee mornings, carers groups, providing opportunities to meet friends and enjoy a home cooked nutritious meal
- Mentoring - trained volunteers provide a structured support programme for those who are struggling to re-integrate back into the community, perhaps after bereavement, an accident or long period of ill health
- Advocacy – providing support with filling in forms and paperwork to ensure people have access to the services or financial support they need
- We also offer short-term wheelchair loans and a disabled access vehicle.

If you'd like to find out more please get in touch, whether you would like to help as a volunteer or you may know someone who needs help, who is alone, feeling isolated or struggling to care for a loved one. Either way we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Elizabeth McNabb  
01823 681 036  
d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net  
www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk

## CRAFTERNOON!

HEMYOCK. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 2.00-4.00.

Come along to CRAFTERNOON!  
Bring your sewing/knitting/crochet.  
Join our friendly group for a chat and a cuppa.  
Ring Gabbi 680690 or Lynn 680104 for further information.



## The Blackdown Support Group

The Blackdown Support Group's Annual Cream Tea for Friends and Volunteers took place on Friday 23rd February, this year held at Churchinford Village Hall. Why we have a cream tea in the depths of winter is a mystery but it is certainly an excellent way to lift the spirits!



We had an amazing 70 plus people attend, which is testament to the quality of the savouries and cakes provided. A huge thank you must go to everyone involved in making it such a lovely afternoon.

Our Chair, Sarah Folland, gave her thanks to everyone for their continued help and support, and especially our volunteers for all their hard work. Sarah also paid tribute to Alice Hodges who has been running the charity stall at the Churchinford Village Market for 20 years. During that time Alice committed herself to attending the market every month, and storing all of the stock in her office at home. After such a long term, Alice has reluctantly decided to hand over the reins to someone else.

The post is currently vacant, so if you know of anyone who is able to (a) store our stock of bric-a-brac, and/or (b) run the stall once a month



please get in touch. It might be an opportunity to operate a rota of volunteers, so that no one individual is over-committed. It would be a terrible shame to lose our presence at the market after all these years, so if you feel you can help, please get in touch with the BSG office on 01823 681036.

Finally, our new co-ordinator, Elizabeth McNabb, introduced herself to everyone and made an appeal for attendees to 'Recommend a Friend'. We have a limited number of £10 Marks and Spencer vouchers available and while stocks last, one will go to each person who recommends a new volunteer to the BSG. Elizabeth also asked for help identifying those in our communities who might need help. If you know of someone who is alone, feeling isolated, in need of transport or some company, please pass on our contact number or get in touch with us on their behalf, 01823 681036.

## Social Prescribing Conference - 26th January 2018



At the end of January, the Blackdown Practice and the Blackdown Support Group hosted a “Social Prescribing Conference” at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock. “Social Prescribing” enables GPs, nurses and other healthcare professionals to refer patients to local non-clinical services. It has been recognised at a national level that health and general well-being can be significantly improved by social or physical activities, learning new skills, having

more contact with others or feeling part of a community. The BSG has been operating on this principle for over 25 years now, so along with the Practice, we decided to hold this event, bringing together professionals from the local authorities, health and social care teams, local and national charities and representatives of other community organisations.

The event was introduced by Dr Michael Dixon who has been a GP in Cullompton for over 26 years and is also Chair of Council for the College of Medicine, which emphasises the importance of non-biomedical interventions in health and care, including social prescription, lifestyle interventions and complementary and traditional approaches. The 35 conference attendees discussed the services which are currently available in the Blackdowns, what we could do to improve links with each other and how we can ensure local people have the relevant information they need in order to access appropriate services and support. The event was a great success and we hope to continue working together with other organisations in this way. If you or your organisation would be interested in learning more or getting involved please get in touch with Elizabeth McNabb at the BSG office on 01823 681 036, email d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net.

*Elizabeth McNabb*  
Co-ordinator

## Experienced Cook Required - Blackdown Support Group

### Volunteer Vacancy, Hemyock Lunch Club

Hemyock Lunch Club is a hugely important event in our monthly social calendar and we are very sorry to be losing a long-standing member of our volunteer team. We are therefore looking for a new cook or cooks to take over the catering for our monthly lunch club which usually attracts over 30 attendees and takes place on the first Wednesday of every month.

The role involves menu planning, shopping for ingredients and cooking on the day as well as co-ordinating and supervising the other kitchen and front-of-house volunteers.

This is an important role and an important social event for local people who really enjoy the company and good food.

If you or anyone you know might be able to help please get in touch with the Blackdown Support Group office: 01823 681 036 or email d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net

## Hemyock Bowling Club

### Open Day – April 21<sup>st</sup>

Hemyock Bowling Club will commence the new outdoor season with the opening of the green to all members on Saturday April 14th, with fun and games bowling and a bring and share tea. On the following Saturday, April 21st, the club will have a stall at the market in the Parish Hall, and the green will be open to all-comers, male and female, of all ages, who would like to try their hand at bowling. Membership to new bowlers is free for the first year, and free coaching is available. New members will be made very welcome. All you will need is a pair of flat soled shoes, and everything else will be provided. Do come along and enjoy a fun sport.

## WANTED! Blackdown Hills AONB Environmental Education Volunteers

### Background

The Blackdown Hills are designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for their landscape value, including their importance for wildlife, geology and culture. We have a team of staff and volunteers who work in the Blackdown Hills AONB helping to protect and enhance the landscape and provide opportunities for local communities to become involved. Our teams undertake a wide variety of work and projects including working with volunteers to undertake habitat management work, wildlife surveys, setting up community groups and much more. We are now looking to set up a programme of environmental education in 10 primary schools aimed at 5 to 11 year old children with the goal of engaging them in the unique and special wildlife found in the Blackdown Hills AONB.

In order to make this work we are looking to recruit a team of Environmental Education Volunteers to work as a team alongside Catherine Farnell (Environment and Heritage Educator) to support this projects work. This team of volunteers will be key to making this project happen, helping us to deliver the environmental education sessions in 10 schools.

### What will this role involve?

We are looking for someone who can commit approximately 10 half days (although we are happy to be flexible about this) to work alongside Catherine Farnell and the other volunteers recruited to deliver this project. The role will involve helping to support the following:

1. Delivery of outdoor lessons involving pond dipping, mini-beast hunts, wildflower, tree and bird identification and habitat creation activities such as making bug hotels and bee homes.
2. Assisting with the planning of lessons including creation of resources and helping to transport resources if needed
3. Recording your volunteering hours
4. Promoting the Blackdown Hills AONB and how it can benefit the children and teachers within the school

### What skills do you need?

- We are looking for someone with some or all of the following skills:
- The ability to work as a team to ensure smooth and professional delivery of lessons
  - Confident working with a wide variety of people and ages
  - Experience working in schools and delivery exciting and inspiring experiences for Key Stage 1 and 2.
  - The ability to inspire and motivate young people
  - Experience identifying wildlife and inspiring others about the natural world

- Competent in the use Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Attention to detail and able to forward plan to meet deadlines
- A good command of the English language
- Driving Licence

### What's in it for you?

- Experience working within the conservation sector with volunteers, members of staff and our AONB partners.
- Full training is provided
- Expenses reimbursed
- Experience in the planning, delivery and review of projects
- Experience working in environmental education, working in schools and a variety of Key Stages.
- Experience in planning, delivery and review of lessons and the creation of resources
- Opportunity to work in the Blackdown Hills AONB Office

As a volunteer for the Blackdown Hills AONB you will have the opportunity to be involved in other aspects of volunteering such as a wildlife surveys, attending events, and being involved in other community engagement work. You will also gain knowledge about how AONBs work to conserve and enhance the landscape as well as invaluable work experience in the environmental sector.

For more information, please contact Samantha Fraser:  
 sfraser@somerset.gov.uk  
 Blackdown Hills AONB  
 Saint Ivel House  
 Hemyock  
 Cullompton  
 Devon  
 EX15 3SJ  
 01823 680681

### Funding for community projects



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

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

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

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

## Hemyock Bus Timetables



### Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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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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—	—	—	0924	—	1149	—	1449	—	1749	
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0738	—	—	0939	—	1204	—	1504	—	1804	
0741	—	—	0942	—	1207	—	1507	—	1807	
0743	—	—	0944	—	1209	—	1509	—	1809	
0749	—	—	0950	—	1215	—	1515	—	1815	
0753	—	—	0954	—	1219	—	1519	—	1819	
0756	—	—	0957	—	1222	—	1522	—	1822	
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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	—	—	—

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## Hemyock Primary School

At Hemyock Primary school, we are committed to a creative curriculum that is broad and balanced and that includes awe and wonder. However, after a recent school health and safety audit it was deemed that the decking that surrounds the pond was not safe for use (it was showing its age and had been repaired several times). Therefore, our new focus was to remove and replace the damaged timber so that the children could access this vital component to the broad and balanced curriculum. After submitting a proposal for a grant to the 'Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)' to help fund the replacement of the decking, we were granted the money and with voluntary help from Mr and Mrs Bar, we were able to complete the task, thus ensuring that awe and wonder was still enhanced in the curriculum.

### How we went about it...

The Children and staff had previously worked with the AONB team to develop the pond area by clearing the pond and making habitats for the local wildlife that frequently visit. After their help we started to create a hide-out from reclaimed timber so that the children could watch and record the inhabitants as they go about their daily routines.

Part of the remit was to ensure that local businesses were part of this and, with thanks to Brookridge Timber, we were able to source the wood we needed to carry out the repairs and replacement. The decking was a major task. At first we thought it was only the deck boards that needed replacing but we soon found out that this was not the case and we also needed to replace the supporting joists.

After the decking had been replaced the next stage was to clear some of the weed that had over grown the pond. This is an annual task that needs to be done, otherwise the children will not be able to see the wild life living below the water line. So, the big operation to clear the pond for the dwellers was under way. We remembered to leave the weeds on the side, like the AONB had showed us, when they came to help us at school last year. We did this so that the pond inhabitants could find their way back home.

The pond was starting to look over grown and the pond dippers were unable to see the life that lurked beneath the water so we cleared the weed.

The final step was to make the wildlife hide water tight and safe for use. We used some of the left-over wood to create windows so that the children can peer through whilst looking for the inhabitants of the pond without disturbing them as they go about their busy lives.

### All ready for use

Sun class went on a hunt to find out what lives in the pond area during the winter.

The children noticed the flora and fauna that either surrounded or grew in the pond, particularly pointing out the bulrushes. I carefully pulled one towards the children so that they could look closely at the brown soft head that was about to fall apart, showing the children the seeds that it had stored. "Wow they feel soft, like my furry blanket," a pupil commented when she felt the bulrush head.

The children then looked carefully into the dark, cold water of the pond. "Look"! A shout of excitement came from one of the pupils as he pointed eagerly into the depths of the pond. Right enough, there, floating on top of the water, was a small (very small) pond beetle and alongside were seeds from the trees that surround the area. The seeds had been blown into the water over the winter months. This opened up another adventure - looking for the trees that had shed their seeds into the pond.

"Look at what's happening to the conkers" a pupil asked as he showed me new life emerging from the conker that had been deposited in the pond area. I explained to him this was how the tree starts to grow. "Can we plant it?" he asked. I suggested that we take it back to the classroom, plant it and watch it grow.

The children were very excited to use the hide-out as the weather changed from a lovely sunny morning, to a rain shower that turned into a flurry of snow. We stood inside the hut looking through the window watching the British weather changing before our eyes. It was beyond educational!

Moon class children went searching for the pond dwellers too. They found some signs of life and will be on watch over the next few months as spring raises its head.

Although the decking has been replaced, our work has not finished. The children will continue to work alongside their parents and staff to develop the pond classroom. In addition to this, we will continue to work with Blackdown Hills AONB to develop our understanding of the beautiful area that we live and learn in and how to help sustain a healthy population of wild life. The area will also be a vital hub for the school community to take part in national wildlife surveys as we develop the flora and fauna.

Thank you once again to Blackdown Hills AONB for the grant, Mr and Mrs Bar who kindly offered up their skills to help replace the decking and Brookridge Timbers for supplying us with the materials.

*Suzy Cole*



## St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

Lent is the quietest time of the Church year which will end with the joy of Easter. There is however half way through, the happiness of Mothering Sunday when traditionally the workers would have had a day off work to go home to visit their mother. This year, at St Andrew's, the gift of flowers to the ladies was slightly different in that the children had the opportunity to make posies in church and present them with great delight. There has been a series of Lent meetings in Clayhidon and also Hemyock discussing the Eucharist and listening to the voices of some of the leaders of the Church. There will be waving of palm leaves on Palm Sunday a week before Easter with singing 'Ride on, ride on, in majesty'.

During April and May there will be the delight of welcoming two new little children into the Church at their **Baptism, Christening**. This is always such a happy occasion. There is also the lovely **Rogation** service on Sunday afternoon, May 13th, at 3pm when we come out of the church, walk down to the Half Moon and through it to the road to gather to sing, before moving on to their garden then on to Garlands Bower, the Old Rectory and finally back to the churchyard. We are usually favoured with good weather which adds to the excitement. **May 20th is Whitsuntide** and there will be Holy Communion at 6.30 in Clayhidon but earlier in Hemyock. **May 27th is Trinity Sunday** with 10am Holy Communion and a baptism.

After the early sunrise service on Easter morning we can look forward to the joys of springtime in our beautiful parish where we can enjoy fellowship and pray for good health.

*Churchwarden*

## St Andrew's Flower Rota

Easter Sunday is Sunday April 1st. Flowers to do on Saturday 31st March at 10.30... Daffodils and greenery please.

### For Sunday

#### APRIL

8<sup>th</sup> Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith

15<sup>th</sup> As above

22<sup>nd</sup> Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn

29<sup>th</sup> As above

#### MAY

6<sup>th</sup> Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes

13<sup>th</sup> As above

20<sup>th</sup> Julie Bullett and Bridget Drew

27<sup>th</sup> As above

#### JUNE

3<sup>rd</sup> Nicola Bendle



## Cancer Research UK 'Big Breakfast'

On Saturday, 10th March we held the annual 'Big Breakfast' at Clayhidon Village Hall.

Once more it was very well attended and the cooks and helpers were kept busy for four hours while people kept arriving for breakfast or lunch time.

We were fortunate in that various items were donated by generous people such as eggs, butter, bacon, hash browns all of which helped to provide a wonderful meal much enjoyed by the enthusiastic visitors.

Everybody liked to gather together for a social occasion so there was much laughter during the morning. Our young helpers were kept busy serving but participated with enthusiasm.

A raffle had been donated with numerous prizes including several bottles, biscuits and chocolates. This added to the generous atmosphere of the morning.

I would like to thank so many kind people for their generosity in goods and also monetary donations which have been received since Saturday. Cancer Research will be delighted that once more we have passed our previous totals. At the moment we have reached £1230!

Thank you very much indeed. Best wishes for your good health.

*P. Reynolds.*





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## News from Clayhidon

### Rubbish Buys New Roof For Hall

Rubbish from thousands of Devon households is paying for a new roof on a popular Blackdown Hills entertainment venue.

Taunton-based Viridor Credits, which is funded by donations from Viridor's 18 landfill sites across the UK, including Broadpath, near Uffculme, is giving £25,856 to Clayhidon Parish Hall.

The committee running the 100-year-old building, originally a Victorian village schoolroom, wants to raise over £100,000 to bring it up to 21st century standards.

"Worn slates, leaking ceilings and poor insulation mean we have no choice but to start with the roof," said committee chairman Gareth Weekes.

Despite its shortcomings, the hall hosts many live music gigs, community events and film shows, and attracts audiences from a wide area. Once a new slate roof has been added, the committee plans to build an extension with new toilets, a meeting room and a parish archive room before thoroughly modernising the hall interior.

Work on the kitchen roof will start in May, but nesting swifts will delay completion of the hall roof until early September. Roofing contractors Courtney Bowden & Son, of Wellington, will be making special nest boxes for them to be fitted once the birds have flown on their annual migration back to Africa, "We are immensely grateful to Viridor Credits for this generous grant, which has given a flying start to our fundraising campaign," said Gareth. Clayhidon Parish Council has also given £2,000 towards the roof and Richard Drew has donated £1,000 from the proceeds of the music festival he runs, Drewfest.

The grant is being made under the Landfill Communities Fund, a Government scheme which allows companies to give part of their Landfill Tax to local community and environmental organisations.

### Il Divo Meets Morecambe and Wise

The Opera Dudes return to Clayhidon Parish Hall on Saturday 14 April at 7.30pm. They are two fantastic tenors, who combine wonderful singing with hilarious comedy. "Il Divo meets Morecambe and Wise" is how they have been described.

The Opera Dudes comprise a posh former Cambridge scholar and an ex-builder turned international operatic tenor. These modern day Mario Lanzas perform some of the world's most romantic music, in all styles and in their own unique vocal arrangements.



Between them, they have performed over 50 operas as well as more than 3000 concert performances in most of the major theatres and concert halls around Great Britain. Each of them is an accomplished and established performer in his own field.

Tickets £10. Pre-booked supper £5. To book call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com

### Gigaclear Reassure Councillors

The public turned out in force for Clayhidon Parish Council's meeting on 19 February – and everyone who wanted to speak had their say. Many were there to comment and ask questions about the laying of fibre-optic cable in the parish.

If the officials from Gigaclear, MGM Utilities, Devon County Council and Connecting Devon & Somerset had expected a hard time from the audience, it never happened. All signs of hostility melted away as people praised the work teams. Their most vocal critics had apparently already had their say about the damage to roads and verges and been listened to.

Maurice Bendle said: "We still have concerns about our roads, and it's reassuring to know that you are going to keep an eye on things after you have finished."

Richard Olive, of Gigaclear, quoted Alan Redwood as saying to him: "We have forced you to raise your game". "It's a fair point," added Mr Olive.

### War On Potholes

There's a simple way to get Devon County Council to repair Clayhidon's potholed roads – and everyone in the parish can play a part, says parish councillor Graham Langford.

If there is a pothole in your vicinity 40mm deep, with a vertical edge and at least 300mm wide, simply go online and mark the spot on the map. Visit the Devon County Council website and type "Report a problem" into the search box. If it is not repaired, go online and report it again and again, says Graham. Every report is logged and his theory is "in the end they will get so fed up with logging it they will come out and fix it."

There are many isolated deep craters, but parish councillors agreed that the worst stretch was between in the parish hall and Hidewood Farm, which former councillor Alan Redwood described as "almost impassable".

### 'Outstanding' House is Planned

A highly unusual application to build an "architecturally outstanding" modern house on the hill above Carlingwark, Clayhidon is to be considered by Mid Devon planners. Clayhidon Parish Council voted by a majority of three to one to support plans, by Susan Annett and Richard Brown, for a four-bedroom beech-beamed building with "an agricultural look". Planning laws normally prevent new homes on the green belt, unless they meet specific criteria, not least that they should be architecturally outstanding.

### Frozen River

There's a river under there somewhere. The Culm completely froze over in places on 2 March. It's thought to be the first time this has happened in about 20 years. The whole parish was effectively snowed in for the first two days of spring, when Storm Emma collided with the Beast From The East - a freezing gale that blew from Siberia.



### Happy About The Blues

The prospect of two blues bands - the Moosehead Blues Band and 11th Hour - drew a crowd of nearly 50 to Clayhidon Parish Hall for what turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening. It soon emerged that this wasn't just going to be a Blues Night as advertised, as both bands slipped into classic rock and roll covers. The hall committee organised a raffle, supper and a licensed bar and made a profit of more than £400



### Hedge Champion Helps

Colin Risdon, Britain's national champion Devon hedge layer, has used his famous skills to raise £200 for Clayhidon charities and open up another lovely public view of the Culm Valley. For weeks, Colin has been working on Maurice Bendle's hedge along the top road

## Clayhidon Parish Council Update April 2018

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

### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/01979/FULL. Land at NGR 317450 110777 Tickle Penny, Clayhidon. Retention of mixed use building comprising farm workshop, storage, water reservoir, smokery, cold store and food processing area, farm office, welfare facilities, kennels and stables.
- 18/00044/HOUSE. Gladhayes, Clayhidon. Erection of detached garage.
- 18/00130/FULL. Harts Farm, Clayhidon. Erection of a general purpose agricultural building.
- 18/00171/FULL. Land at NGR 316200 113609 - Adjacent to Carlingwark, Clayhidon. Change of use of agricultural land for the erection of a dwelling with associated garden area and access, formation of ponds, and creation of access tracks.

### Finance

Income – interest, VAT reclaim and grant monies.

Expenditure – clerk's wages, expenses, Wiltown Turbary works, hedging plants for car park extension, website hosting, subscriptions and field rent.

### 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.

between the Half Moon Inn and Battle Street. He offered one day's training to anyone interested in learning the craft and donated his fees to the Parish Hall improvement fund and St Andrew's Church.



### Hedge Planting

The new car park at Clayhidon Parish Hall has transformed parking on busy nights, but it also meant the loss of an old hedge. That was put right when parish council chairman Richard Kallaway arrived with 192 tree plants, which this team of volunteers promptly planted. Pictured from left: David Ball, Richard Kallaway and Russell and Caroline Bendle. They planted quick thorn, field maple, beech, hazel and horse chestnut.

### 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.

### Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 30th April at 7.30pm

James Maben, Culm Community Crayfish Project, will give a short update on the project. Come along and find out what's going on. Reports from clubs and organisations in the parish will be included in an information pack available on the evening.

### Parish Lengthsman

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

### Local Tradespeople

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

### And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Monday 9th April 2018 (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](http://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](mailto:clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Clayhidon Friends

### February Meeting

Despite the Diversions set up in the lanes due to cable laying, nineteen of us managed to gather to hear a Talk on Dementia by Brian Standing who is a "Champion" for the Dementia Friends. This means he is trained to talk to people and educate every one's perceptions of Dementia. He hasn't been trained in the medical side of it. Dementia is a Disease. You cannot catch it! People still need you to be their friend.

Dementia can happen to anyone from the ages of 30 to 90 years of age. Alzheimer's is only one type of a hundred different types. Every person is unique in the type of Dementia they have. It is impossible to generalise about what a person is going through. Brian told us one of his sayings; "If you know one person with Dementia, you know one person with Dementia". The message was to not say that a person is 'suffering' with Dementia, but say that person is 'living' with Dementia. Many people, with adjustments to their lives, manage to carry on their lives for a long while. The disease can progress in stages and also revert backwards and forwards day by day.

It isn't just about losing your memory. You lose Motor skills such as getting lost, not remembering the sequence and routines you once had. They might lose their inhibitions or their personality changes back and forth from aggression to loving. One day remembering how things are done, the next unable to. They might be unable to cope with escalators or automatic doors.

Although their sight might be perfectly alright, their brain doesn't always compute what they are seeing. Seeing things as they aren't, with example maybe seeing a black mat as a hole and standing there in fear of falling into it.

What Dementia people pick up, long after memory has started to fade, is your non-verbal communication. Smile at them, give them a hug if appropriate, and look them in the eye. They can be feeling very lonely. Don't give up on your relative or friend, they need you more than ever to connect at whatever level they can. It is best not to ask direct questions as they won't be able to reason it through. Better to say, "I am making a cup of tea". Don't say "Do you want a cup of tea?". Take them for a walk and point and name things that you observe to include them into the trip.

Brian gave us a very graphic analogy to imagine a bookcase with your most recent memories on the top shelf, each shelf holding a different stage in your life with the bottom shelf being all your childhood memories. As things progress all the top shelves start to tilt and fall off and those memories are gone. The last one to go is the bottom shelf with all the childhood and teenage memories. Knowing that, try to communicate with their childhood memories or skills and connect with them through those. Music stays with people and often ignites wonderful times and memories. We were told to think about how you would make a cup of tea. Perhaps the person with Dementia was born before the electric kettle and the milk was kept in a fridge and tea was loose, not in bags. Be aware how confusing the modern things are for them now.

The whole group was very grateful to have listened to Brian, who brought the whole subject over very well. We now feel enlightened in how to communicate with people 'who are living with Dementia'. If you are interested in joining the two million Dementia Friends you can contact them through [dementiafriends@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:dementiafriends@alzheimers.org.uk) or call 0300 222 5855. You can do as much or as little to help the organisation.

### March Meeting

Having survived the snow and water shortages we were all pleased to meet at Clayhidon Parish Hall to watch Jenny Parson's "Snapshot in Time" Part One. A film about Hemyock.

What a treat and a privilege to see Jenny's film. She hopes it will be a historical memory of the Village for years to come. Hopefully people will value this and treasure it more than past chronicles that have disappeared over the years.

Jenny's first film starts off at New Year, outside the Catherine Wheel. Revellers are gathered together to count in the New Year and enjoy the community spirit. How glorious the Church looked with the Christmas Star still shining.

Then into a very snowy January. Jenny is on horseback, out in the countryside and the scenery is truly magical. An impromptu game of Ice Hockey on the pond, with participants using what comes to hand beside the hockey sticks, cricket bats, brooms and bits of wood. The game was still going on into the dark evening with floodlights. With the oncoming of Spring there is beautiful footage of the snowdrops. Doesn't everyone feel that Winter is nearly over when those lovely delicate white flowers brave the cold? The Seasons progress, the birds start to sing and the frogs have morphed from tadpoles and bring the pond alive. The birthing of the lambs and calves viewing was not for the faint hearted, but how wonderful to see a new life. Lambs' games of 'King of the Castle' will always bring a smile.

There is some excellent footage going around and watching the Farmers at work. Even, a first for me, watching the Farrier not only change a shoe, but give the horse a good old dental clean. Even cows have a chiropodist! It was so interesting to see how diverse and hardworking all the Farms, Orchards and Chicken Farms and to appreciate how hard a life the Farmers lead. How sad to hear that one of the Dairy Farmers is calling it a day. The demolition of Dobles Garage on the main road through the Village is captured. He explained how the Garage had been in the family for many, many years. Now a set of houses is built on the land to feed the ever growing demand for more housing.

There is plenty going on in the village besides the surrounding farming. The Annual Parade of Vintage Tractors through the main thoroughfare, the Clay Shoot and the Easter Bonnet competition, won by our very own Ruth at The Healthy Living Centre. A hub of activity and meeting places be it for craft or Keep Fit. The Bicycle Group swamped Ruth overtaking her at various stages of her cycle home, looking for all the world like Miss Marple. A lively Walking Group is captured. Undeterred by the weather. All wrapped up and off for a morning soaking up the fresh air and discovering the walkways of Hemyock.

What an important duty the Parish Hall undertook for the two National Voting Days last year. One to decide if Britain wanted to exit the European Common Market and then a National Election to decide who would take us through that difficult time. The solemnity of a funeral procession into the Church, with the Catherine Wheel in the background. In a community it is always sad to part with one of the long term residents. But it makes you realise that in the natural world, as in the human race, it is all a Circle of Life.

I haven't been able to mention everything we saw, it was so diverse and interesting I strongly recommend people to see it for themselves.

Clayhidon Ladies meet every second Thursday in the month for sometimes a Talk or sometimes to chat and practise a new skill. Anyone wanting to join in our friendly company please contact Anne Langford on 01823 680086.

Lynda Ridout

## News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

There is something very special about living, serving and worshipping in a rural setting – in particular, the strong sense of community. Recent weeks presented several challenges for us in our meeting together at Rosemary Lane Chapel: First, the laying of fibre optic cable in and around Clayhidon often restricting accessibility; second, the 'Beast from the East' struck during the first weekend in March. Drifting snow had rendered many places inaccessible. However, we were able to have a service as usual due to the hard work and resilience of a farming community that would not grind to a halt. The roads were cleared and those that were able to, enjoyed the opportunity of meeting together in the beautiful snow covered Blackdown Hills.

We were grateful that no such problems of snow or road works persisted into the second weekend in March, allowing us to welcome Pastor Onisim Mladin from Romania alongside our own Chris Menzfeld for our SGA Sunday (Slavic Gospel Association). It was wonderful to be reminded of another community to which we belong as believers, a community that, through Jesus and our shared faith in him, transcends geography. Our family service in March would see us welcome Barry Palmer from Newton Abbott to lead us through a time together as a church family – This service would be to our family a special blessing with the planned inclusion of the dedication of our son, Arlo.

Our Winter Bible Study drew to a conclusion as we looked at what it is to be a Transformational Church – a church filled with people transformed by the grace of God and now working in that grace to bring transformation in the communities in which we serve. In February, David Herring helped us consider the theme of 'Daring to Fail' before Dennis Gurney concluded our series in March with the challenge of 'Sharing Christ in a Christless Culture.' At the time of writing, we, as a church, are making the final preparations for our Good Friday services, which, God willing, will have taken place upon your reading. We look forward with anticipation to the visit of Ian Coffey, Vice Principal of Moorlands Bible College, who will lead us in a time around the Lord's Word as we consider our Saviour who died for us upon the cross of Calvary. However, the darkness of Good Friday brings all the more vividly to mind the brightness of Easter Sunday when we celebrate the bursting forth of glorious light; a Risen Saviour who has conquered death and sin in resurrection power. All at Rosemary Lane Chapel will be gathering together to celebrate the Risen Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns.

Whether celebrating a rural community's resilience and determination, a church community's love of meeting together or a community of believers that transcends geography, each one is a reminder that we are made to live in relationship with others. We are blessed with opportunities to forge relationships with those we live next to, those we work alongside, those we can serve and those we worship alongside. Indeed, we at Rosemary Lane Chapel look forward to the coming months when we hope to continue to reach out with the love of Jesus and serve our community – A highlight will no doubt be the opening of the chapel field on Saturday 30th June for a Family Fun Day and the running of 'Christianity Explored' during the Summer – both of which come with a warm welcome to all. Perhaps the greatest blessing is to be reminded that we too are created to be in relationship with God and how this is made possible because of His Son, Jesus Christ.

*Jesus Christ went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.*

—  
1 PETER (MSG) 3:18

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Rosemary Lane Chapel

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Come and be a part of our Blackdown Hills community ride on **Sunday 9th September**, all in the name of charity.

Last year almost 90 cyclists from Churchinford and surrounding local villages pedalled an undulating 74 miles from Minehead to Charmouth and raised over £25,000 for Bike4cancer, Musgrove's Beacon Centre and the Blackdown Hills Community bus fund. More than that though, we had memorable Saturday morning fun training altogether, getting fit and the support of our community beforehand and on the day.

If you really can't ride the 74 miles, you can join us at Churchinford and ride to Charmouth or help Marshall – come and be part of whatever you can! Anyone interested in taking part or sponsoring the riders can contact Paul Thomas via [3countiescoast2coast@gmail.com](mailto:3countiescoast2coast@gmail.com) or please look at the York Inn page.



## Vale Veterinary Group Press Release

### Parvovirus update

Following a recent case of Parvovirus, the vets at The Vale Veterinary Group are raising awareness of the importance of pet vaccination for dogs. In an attempt to prevent further cases of the disease, all owners are being asked to check their vaccination records; If they believe that their dogs may not be currently covered they should contact their veterinary practice.

Vet Alan Benson explains "Parvovirus is usually spread by environmental contamination with dog faeces. There does not need to be direct dog to dog contact and it can be brought into the household on shoes. Unprotected dogs, especially the young, develop severe vomiting and bloody diarrhoea, and in most cases, despite the best veterinary care, the dog cannot be saved." Alan continues, "The distress to the dog and their owners is obvious. Unfortunately there are still a large number of dogs which have never been vaccinated or whose vaccinations have lapsed, making them vulnerable to infection. We believe that preventive care including regular vaccinations and health checks are the best way an owner can actively help their pet's long-term health" concludes Alan.

Vale Veterinary Centre, Honiton

## Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Gathering

The show this year will be on Sunday 12th August at Uplowman Village Hall. Once again the charity will be the **Devon Freewheelers also known as the Blood Bikes**.

This is an important and well deserving charity which transports blood and transplant organs to the various hospitals in the county. As always any type of vehicle welcome, no age restrictions, craft/trade stands too!

For more information and application forms or if you would like to help out please contact Lindy Astbury ( Secretary ) on 01884 830527 or [lindyastbury@gmail.com](mailto:lindyastbury@gmail.com).

Lindy Astbury, Secretary

## Music from the Mediterranean at Sheldon Village Hall, Friday 13th April 7.30pm

Our next "Villages in Action" performance at Sheldon takes us on a journey around the shores of the Mediterranean when the group "Melange" brings the dynamic music of this region to our little village hall.

Melange was formed by cellist Shirley Smart, after 10 years in Jerusalem studying and playing the music of the region. Shirley is one of the UK's most versatile and creative cellists and has worked with many leading jazz and world music groups. She is joined by Peter Michaels, a guitarist with a performance style, influenced by his classical and flamenco guitar training, combined with jazz influences, and also joined by Demi Garcia Sabat, who is a master of flamenco percussion. This group of talented musicians seamlessly blend music from North Africa, the Middle East, Greece, Italy and Spain into a lively on-stage show. Their recent performances have included the Songlines Encounters Festival, the IGNITE series at the Royal Albert Hall and BBC Radio 3's World on 3 Sessions.

This will be an evening of fabulous music and lively rhythms. Tickets: adult £10, child £5, available from Siobhan on Tel 07999 538 408 or by email on [smurphy315bb@gmail.com](mailto:smurphy315bb@gmail.com) Please book early to ensure your ticket.

Doors for this event open at 7pm and the show begins at 7.30 pm. There will be a licenced bar and other refreshments (tea/ coffee) available, so come early and enjoy a drink beforehand.

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## Water's Edge – Claire Western Art Exhibition

Blue Planet may be the most influential TV programme for many years. It speaks so directly to people's endless fascination with the sea. "We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, we are going back from whence we came," wrote John F. Kennedy, a career navy officer before becoming US president.



Painter Claire Western shares that deep and endless fascination with the world of wave and tide. Her first one-woman show for 10 years, entitled Water's Edge, is a collection of new work that homes in on the Westcountry's shorelines.



"I grew up by the sea in Exmouth so my earliest memories are of being on the beach and looking across to Dawlish and the headlands towards Torquay," said Claire. "Work and family have taken me to live in other places over the years but never far from the sea. I still spend many weeks a year sailing or walking around Devon and Cornwall's coastlines.

"However, there are pluses to living now between the Quantock and Blackdown Hills. The rivers and streams where my spaniel loves to swim are giving me other perspectives on water in motion and some of these paintings are part of the new exhibition."

Claire has been Head of Art at a Taunton school for the past decade but has continued to paint, with her work featured in galleries and exhibitions across Devon and Cornwall. "I'm leaving my job this summer to focus my teaching energies on a series of adult classes, plus another exhibition in the New Year," she explained. Details of the courses will be at [www.clairewestern.co.uk](http://www.clairewestern.co.uk) later this year.

### Water's Edge

The Old Brick Workshop, Wellington TA21 9HW  
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## Our Thatching Life Featuring Ferrari the Thatcher and Daisy his Apprentice

Well our year was off to a bumpy start, with Daisy's bid for the winter Olympics failing on the first day of her snowboarding holiday when she cracked 2 ribs. It didn't stop her snowboarding the rest of the week mind you, but on her return to work she declared that she could do no sweeping or raking as it hurt too much. What an excuse! ...anyway all is well now. Mr and Mrs H's simple block ridge turned into one with several diamonds, which took a while longer but does look well all the same.

Several customers old and new have been having trouble with bird damage this winter. It can happen a lot at this time of year as the hollow stems and gaps between them provide shelter for hibernating flies. Jackdaws in particular will work their way up the hips and barges pulling out a straw at a time, teasing out flies too sleepy to flee. It doesn't take long before the lawn below looks like half the roof has fallen on it. It's rarely as bad as the evidence would suggest, and depending on the age and condition of the roof, there are several things that can be done, from repairing any holes, to wiring the weakest points to discourage the birds. We are back in Churchinford, so will be looking forward to those chocolate cakes at the Monday café in the village hall...

Alan Ferrari

## Sheldon 'Gardens Open' Weekend

Sheldon is holding a 'Gardens Open' event on the weekend of **June 2nd-3rd** together with an exhibition: 'Sheldon Parish – a look at its history through records, recollections and photographs'. Tickets to cover both days will cost £3 per person, children free. Proceeds will be shared between the Church of St James and the Village Hall. Look out for posters with further details next month.

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**FORCE – Friends of the Oncology and Radiotherapy Centre, Exeter**

FORCE Cancer Charity is based in Exeter. It believes that anyone affected by cancer deserves the best possible treatment and professional support close to home and face-to-face. Since 1987 the charity has been funding local research and buying equipment to improve patient care at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

In 2004 FORCE opened a Cancer Support and Information Centre in the grounds of the RD&E. The Centre is open every weekday 9:30-4:30 (Wednesdays 6:30) for people needing physical, emotional, psychological and practical support at a difficult time in their lives. The Centre receives around 25,000 visits a year with patients, their families, carers and friends all able to access support. It has a well-stocked library and information nurses on hand to help with questions and offer advice.

There are counselling services for individuals and within support groups, including for children and young people, plus complementary therapies, exercise guidance, relaxation and mindfulness sessions, a benefits advice service, help to cope with hair loss and a wig fitting service.

FORCE also offers support and information sessions once a week in Tiverton and Okehampton with plans to offer a service in East Devon. The charity also funds the delivery of chemotherapy in Tiverton and Okehampton.

All of FORCE's services are free of charge. Since the charity was founded it has spent well over £8million on support, equipment and research. FORCE receives no Government funding. The charity needs to raise £1.5million every year to maintain the services it offers.

That money comes entirely from voluntary contributions - legacies, donations, the FORCE charity shop and from fundraising events. Fantastic support from the community it serves enables FORCE to fulfil its mission to support anyone locally affected by cancer.

**About FORCE Cancer Charity**

- FORCE stands for Friends of the Oncology and Radiotherapy Centre Exeter
- FORCE works locally to offer face-to-face support for anyone affected by cancer.
- An independent charity founded in 1987, it provides help for patients, their families and friends at its Support Centre in the grounds of the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.
- It also funds a local research programme and has spent more than £1million on high-tech equipment to enhance patient care at the hospital.
- In 2014 it launched outreach services in Tiverton and Okehampton with others planned
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The WORKING WOOL MUSEUM re-opens for the season on 30th March 2017. For all other information about the Mill and its history, admission prices, volunteering opportunities, shop and products, or to book guided tours for school or adult groups, contact the Mill Office by phone on 01884 840960 or by e-mail: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk or view the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk.

**Special Events and Activities**

**Forthcoming Events:**

**2nd April 2018 – Easter Eggcitement Steam Day**

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**7th May 2018**

Steam Day (Details as above).

**9th May 2018**

Quiz night at Uffculme Village Hall. Quizmaster, Peter Walter. Please ring Jenny on 01884 243071 to reserve your table. Teams of 4, £6 per person to include supper. Please bring your own wine or soft drinks. Tea and Coffee provided with supper.


**The Friends** urgently need more members for their Committee. If you feel you could join our friendly group and help out with fund-raising events and on Steam Days, please ring Jenny (secretary) on 01884 243071. In addition, we need more Friends to join us in supporting the Mill.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – please help to make a difference at this unique heritage site! Volunteers are always needed for a range of activities including, repairs, painting, gardening, sweeping, helping with school visits, working in the Mill Office and as part of the Steam Group. For more information, phone or e-mail the Mill Office 01884 840960, info@coldharbourmill.org.uk.

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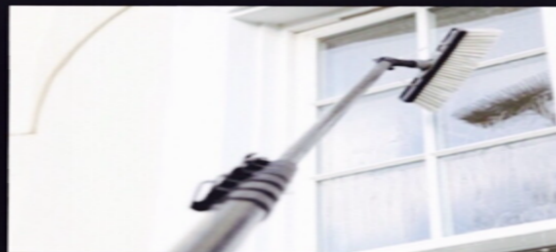
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