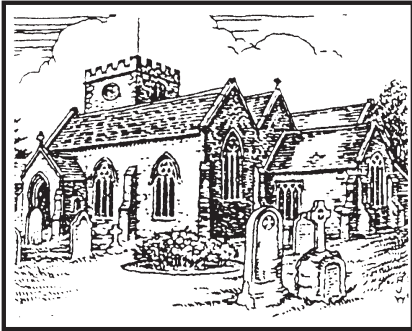
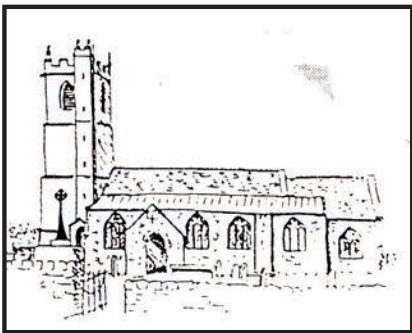


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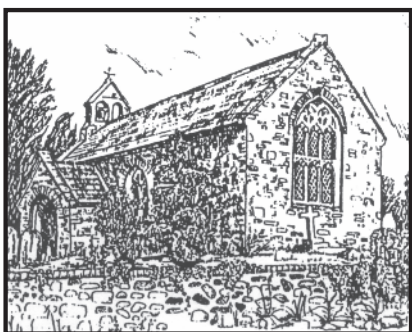
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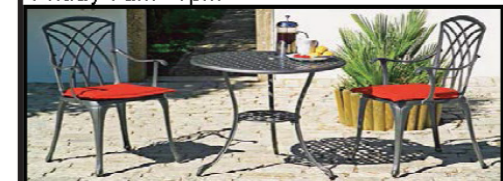
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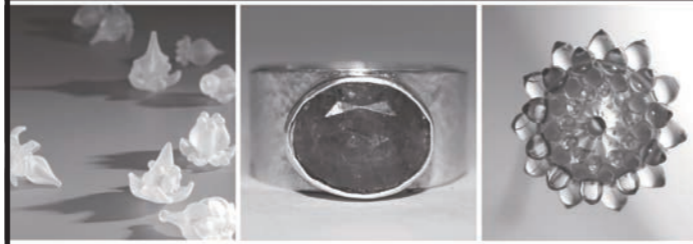


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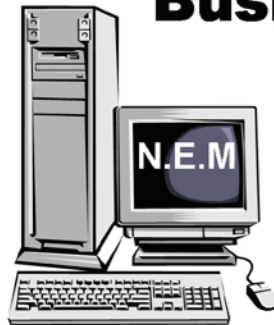


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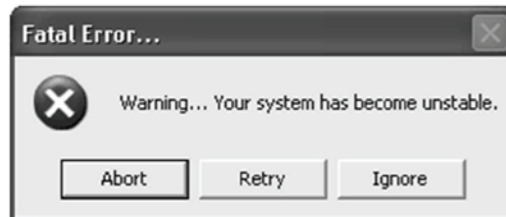
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FC = Family Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints'
Sunday 3 rd June	10.30am FS	No Service	8.30am HC	10.00am HC
Sunday 10 th June	11.15am MP	9.00am HC	3.00pm <i>Open Air Service at Fields Farm</i>	6.30pm EP
Sunday 17 th June	11.15am HC	No Service	6.30pm EP	9.30am HC
Sunday 24 th June	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP	10.30am <i>Joint Service with Rosemary Lane Chapel at St Andrews</i>	8.00am HC
Sunday 1 st July	10.30am FS	No Service	8.30am HC	10.00am HC
Sunday 8 th July	11.15am MP	9.00am HC	10.00am FS <i>Cyclist Service</i>	6.30pm EP
Sunday 15 th July	11.15am HC	No Service	6.30pm EP	9.30am HC
Sunday 22 nd July	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP	10.00am HC	10.00am HC
Sunday 29 th July	10.30am at St Andrew's Clayhidon Joint Benefice Eucharist			

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

PARISH PUMP – No. 267 June – July 2018

Beginnings and Endings

When I was being trained as a teacher, I remember being told that the beginnings and endings of lessons were very important – and I still apply that to services, where it is important to have a clear beginning on time and a clear ending after which people know that they can go.

Beginnings and endings make up our lives. The big beginning happens when we are born and the big ending happens when we die; but there are many other, important and not-so-important, beginnings and endings that happen in between.

Starting school, college or one's first job, are beginnings we may remember well. They are important points of transition when we move from one place, one mode of being, to another. Getting married, getting some kind of qualification or honour, getting promotion – are other instances where significant changes will happen in our lives.

When we begin a new thing, it very often means leaving – leaving school, leaving college or university, leaving an old job. Such times can be mixed with emotions of sadness – at leaving behind good friends and colleagues – and of excitement, anticipation and some apprehension about the new thing you are about to begin.

Within our lives many of us will go through a number of important transitions – some, often the 'endings', can be high in the 'stress stakes'. Losing a loved one can be particularly tough for any of us. Moving house or getting divorced, being made redundant or retirement also feature high in the events of highest stress.

All of us will have to go through times of major change and transition in our lives – sometimes the changes are good and positive and to be celebrated; sometimes the changes are difficult and painful, through which we need help and support.

In my work I am privileged to share in many of these important life events, both happy and sad. The Church has provided, and can continue to provide, a framework to celebrate or commemorate important times of transition – especially at christenings, weddings and funerals – but at other times too.

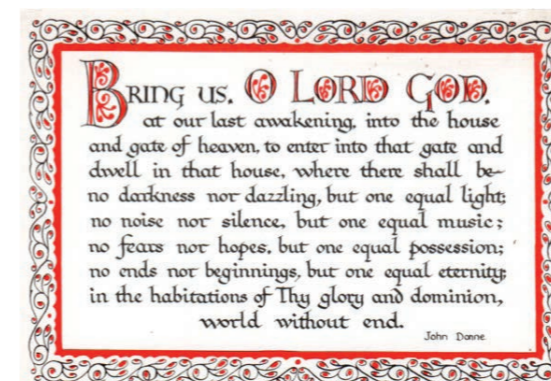
It has been such an honour, as a representative of the Church, to have been involved with so many families at these important times of their lives. I hope that I have managed to help in a process over which I believe God oversees, and helps individuals and families move forward with faith and hope.

Sadly, I will soon come to an important time of transition of my own, and be retiring in September. I will miss the day-to-day contact with so many different people in our parishes – not just the Sunday services – but the involvement with so many people at these important times in their lives through which I have got to know so many.

But every ending has another beginning - even our final one – and whatever sadness we may have (and I know it will be considerable when the time comes for me to depart), there will be new beginnings with new challenges, new people to get to know and a new open fields to explore.

May God bless you.

David



Easter Sunday



Cheyenne Jordan: Easter Garden

Traditional spring flowers and lilies in memory of loved ones adorned St Mary's church, Hemyock for Easter Sunday. Particularly striking was the arrangement of lilies by flower co-ordinator Monica Smith and the Easter garden by David Bawler and Cheyenne Jordan.

The service conducted by Rev David Burton began with the Easter Vigil - no lights or candles lit prior to the Pascal candle which in turn saw the altar and individual congregation candles lit and lights switched on. After which the first hymn was sung.

The service of Holy Communion followed the renewal of Baptism promises when water from the font was sprinkled over those present.

Although there is building work taking place at St Mary's the church is open every day and visitors are welcome to view the beautiful floral arrangement.



Monica Smith: flower co-ordinator

Janice Bawler

St Georges Day Service

Rev John Stone and St George led members of 1st Hemyock Scout Group through the village for a service at St Mary's Church for St Georges Day service.

The highlight of the service was a costumed enactment of St George defeating a dragon. Ricki (John Northam) told the story and whilst St George stood quietly at the back of the church a loud bang followed by smoke through the main door saw the entrance of the dragon. Chasing around the church good eventually overcame evil to the applause of the congregation.

The congregation were told that one of the local Scouts was at Windsor Castle as he had gained his Queen Scout Award. The retiring collection of £118 was in aid of the Air Ambulance Landing Lights Appeal in Hemyock. Following the service the AGM of the Scout Group and barbecue took place.



1st Hemyock Scout Group with St George and the dragon

Induction & Installation Service

All Saints church, Culmstock, beautifully decorated in floral arrangements containing cream roses, welcomed guests from the churches of St Mary's with Culm Davy Chapel Hemyock and St Andrews Clayhidon for a service that saw the Induction and Installation of the Rev David Burton as Rector of the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community by the Archdeacon of Exeter, The Venerable Christopher Futcher. Rev Burtons previous title had been Priest in Charge. The choral service of Holy Communion was led by Rev Burton with St Mary's choir and Ron White, organist after which wine, coffee and biscuits were enjoyed.

Janice Bawler



Rev David Burton with the Archdeacon of Exeter

Friends of St. Mary's

SUMMER SUPPER



**Saturday, 16th June
7.00pm**

**Church Room, Hemyock
No need to book
Food and drink for £10**

**St Mary's Hemyock
Charity & Coffee Shop**

Opening in

JUNE

Saturday 2nd

Tuesdays

12th & 26th

10am - 12noon

Church Rooms, Castle Hill

Well worth visit!

**St Mary's Hemyock
Charity & Coffee Shop**

Opening in

JULY

Saturday 7th, 2-4pm

Church Fair, Recreation Ground

Tuesdays 10th & 24th

10am - 12noon

Church Rooms, Castle Hill

Well worth visit!

Friends of St. Mary's present

**The Wyndham Singers
(men's singing group)**



in concert

**Saturday, 21st July, 7.30pm
in St. Mary's Church, Hemyock.**

**Free Admission
Retiring Collection**

Interval Refreshments

SMCCS

St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop started running in 2012. It aimed to give the village a "recycling" facility, a social centre and a financial stream not only for the church but also other local charitable groups. At the end of each year at least 25% of the year's income is given to groups either in the village, like the Scouts, or which help the village, such as the Air Ambulance.

The Shop normally runs three times a month, from 10am till 12noon on the 1st Saturday and 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The venue is the Church Rooms in Castle Hill. They accept a wide range of items, but not furniture or items needing mains electricity.

The "Coffee Shop" is run by the Friends of St Marys and provides cakes and biscuits to go with the coffee, tea and squash, and sometimes other goodies too. It's well worth a visit!

Hemyock Joins the world

Across the world on the second Sunday of July is a day when those whose business takes them onto the great waters of the world are remembered. Sea Sunday is organised by the Mission To Seafarers from its headquarters near the pool of London. Services are kept on the ships of the Royal Navy, cruiseliners, merchant shipping and in the 250 centres world-wide run by the Mission and by many churches in Great Britain across the globe.

Why should that affect our peaceful Devon valley? Because 90% of everything we consume, from food to cars, i-phones to footwear, has been transported at some point in its journey on a boat. So come and give thanks to those who brave the perils of the deep to bring us so much of what makes up our modern lifestyle. Morning service is at 11.15am on Sea Sunday, July 8th.

St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Summer Lunches

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

Thursday, 21 June
Thursday, 19 July
in The Church Rooms, Hemyock
(serving at 12.30pm)

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

Hemyock Bells

Hemyock's bells have been ringing out the news about the church for about 500 years. In 1553 there were 5 bells, a lot for a small village. Since 1858 that number has been 6, ranging in weight from 5cwt to just under 18cwt (280 to 907kg). They ring to announce services in the church, weddings, funerals and to mark many special personal, local and national events.

Standing next to a pillar erected by the Normans about 1120, ringing a bell nearly 400 years old in the style that was started in the early 1500s, one has a glimpse of the traditions of ringing, just one of the many facets which make this form of service for the church so fascinating.

Hemyock ringers meet for practice most Thursday evenings, and ring for 45 minutes before the morning service on Sundays. They will link up with their fellow ringers from Culmstock and Clayhidon when needed.

If you would like to know more please contact the Tower Captain, Lin Holway, on 681522.

St Mary's Church Summer Fair & Scouts Open Afternoon

At the Parish Hall Recreation Field, Hemyock
(inside if wet)

Saturday, 7th July from 2pm to 5pm



Scouting Activities & The Enigma Morris Dancers,

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Come and have tea on the village green

It's Moved

Thank you once again to all those who have donated clothes and bedding items to be sent to refugees. Thanks too to Parish Councillor Joclyn Pritchard who has unfailingly taken your offerings on the next stage of their journey to the Middle East. With the alterations going on in the church we have needed to find a new collecting point. The north aisle pews are no longer there. So we are now using the front pew of the south aisle (the one near the door) for items going to Syria etc.

The Food Bank donations (for which equal thanks) are still their long term places of at the foot of the notice board at the back of the church, and in the Church Room. Thank you all once again.

Poet's Corner

Full Spring

Full Spring breaks one May morning,
Golden Eastern sky chases night away,
Carried on wave of dawn-song
From a million avian throats,
Before light hardly dawned, is
Sung from every copse and hedge,
The Chorus; "We are here,
This World is good!"
With dawning daylight comes hint of
warmth,
Air filled with the song of coming life,
Newness, greenness, hope of fullness,
Scent of Goodness and of Grace.

David Palmer

Update on the building works at St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Thank you to everyone who has so generously given towards the provision of new toilets and associated works at St Mary's Church. When we sent out the leaflet with the Parish Pump in February there was a shortfall of £18,550; nearly £12,000 has been received in personal donations, leaving £6,700 still to be raised, but we are sure this is achievable. It is good that so many are prepared to support the Church which continues to be central to our community life. Thank you.

In spite of the inclement weather early on in the project, not least snow in March, the work is on schedule and the new extension with lovely stonework can be seen from the Churchyard, but also a particularly good view from the seat by the Castle Moat. It is fitting in well with the rest of the Church and will soon weather and blend in even though it is many centuries newer!



The good news is that services will now be resuming in the Church. For most of the last 3 months, services have been held in the Church Rooms because of no heating in the Church, but now the warmer weather has arrived (we hope) then it will be back to usual. We are grateful to the team of cleaners who have had a good spring clean.

One of the delights of the building work being has been the exposure of the C13th foundations which a number of visitors have been to view. The raised floor and pews in the north aisle had to be removed to give level access and a new floor has now been laid. A door has been knocked through from the Church into the new purpose built extension.

The work is being carried out by local firm BK Construction under the watchful eye of Russ Palmer, Church Architect.

Why not call into the Church and have a look. It is open every day (10am to 4pm). Further info from the Church Wardens David Bawler (07773 579809) or Jenny Doble (01823 680174); donations still gratefully received via Tony Bennett, 45 Prowses, Hemyock, Devon. EX15 3QG. (Cheques made payable to St Mary's Parochial Church Council. Hemyock).



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RETURN – once you have enjoyed the benefits of bringing silence into your life you may well want to make returning to silence a part of your life.

This is a regular event on the **4th Wednesday** of every month. Other dates are Wed 27 June and Wed 25 July.

For more information or enquiries please contact Clare Sibley on 680763 or 07967 051182

Hemyock Singers

For over 40 years Hemyock Singers have been entertaining the public with musicals, secular and sacred concerts. They have donated money for national and local charities and this years Spring concert was no exception with £344 being raised for the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital.

Performed at St Mary's Church the concert was a variety of spiritual songs, piano and violin duets and the choral suite from 'The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace' by Karl Jenkins. Opening with 'Hallelujah' by Cohen it was clear the audience were in for a special evening as the choirs musical tone and diction were excellent. Conducted by Musical Director Matthew Bale and accompanied by organist/pianist Nigel Atkinson the music flowed effortlessly through 'Deep River', 'Pavane' by Faure with its long organ introduction and the inspirational 'You raise me Up'. 'Romance' by Svendsen played by Atkinson (violin) and Bale (piano) was a beautiful addition to the first half of the evening and brought warm applause.

Following the interval, when light refreshments were served, the second half of the programme began with the haunting theme from the film 'Schindlers List' played as a violin/piano duet leading onto the work by Jenkins - Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, Hymn before Battle and the finale God Shall Wipe Away All Tears. Without doubt this contained one of the evenings highlights with a wonderful performance by the Singers of Sanctus with its staccato and adagio sections beautifully achieved.

The evening is probably summed up best by a comment from someone attending their first Singers event - "Wow, I would never have believed that a rural Devon village could produced such a wonderful and at times moving musical event. The time has flown by".

Janice Bawler



Royal Wedding

Apart from the Union flag flying from St Marys church towers and a small number of homes and businesses decorated with bunting, Hemyock was quiet for the royal wedding. The Catherine Wheel, Hemyock, though was the place to be as their noticeboard promised a 'right Royal knees up' to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Licensee Geoff Taylor, dressed in red, white and blue welcomed young and old as the celebrations unfolded with part of the day seeing a cake competition being judged. Bunting decorated the pub garden where sandwiches and cake were enjoyed throughout the afternoon in glorious sunshine.

49th Hemyock Holiday Club

6 - 10 August

"Watt-A-Lott Castle"

The next planning meetings will be on 5 June, 3 July and 31 July at 7.30 pm in Hemyock Baptist Church.

We will need plenty of helpers – please can you be one of them?

Thank you for your prayers.



Blackdowns Community Bus

Calling all clubs, groups, schools and organisations in the Blackdowns! Our new 13/14 seater bus was at last delivered on Monday 26th March after being delayed by snow!

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We are working on our pricing policy, which initially will be £75 a day (£50 a half day) plus fuel. In order to cover our costs we need to hire out the bus at least 40 times a year at that amount. Please spread the word and book your trips now!

Phone our mobile number 07762 813967 or email: blackdownbus@gmail.com.

Hemyock WI

In April the WI held it's Annual Meeting. It was chaired by the Vice President, Brenda Calcraft. Lynn Taylor was re-elected as President and all other Committee were voted in en-bloc. The Treasurer had sent copies of the financial report which showed a satisfactory position. However, Members decided to save some money by ordering less copies of County News as these can be shared. There were two competitions that evening, one for 'A Mouse' which was won by Sandie, Wendy and Annette and the Flower of the Month which was won by Annette, Janet and Wendy. The meeting closed after wine and cheese and a challenging quiz.

The May Meeting was chaired by Lynn Taylor, the President. The evening began with a talk on Guide dogs for the blind and life as a puppy walker for the organisation.

The Reading Group run by Brenda and the Lunch Club organised by Sandra are held each month.

In June the talk is entitled 'Born Free' and there will be a competition for 'Endangered Species' as well as the usual 'favourite flower'.

In July there will be a BBQ Supper and a Sheep Dog Demonstration in Payhembury. No Competitions in July. More details from Lynn Taylor on 680104.

Brenda Calcraft

Cream Tea Afternoon

This year's Cream Tea afternoon at Prings Farm, Madford will be held on **Sunday 24th 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



BEE PREPARED!

1)Swarms. May-July is the main season. Swarming bees are NOT usually aggressive but need to be dealt with, Go to British Beekeepers/ swarm collectors to find someone to help.

2)Asian Hornet. A very real threat to honey bees & danger that they will come to this country. One was seen in Devon last year, and one has now been seen this year. An Asian hornet is mainly black and has yellow legs. Lots on web "Asian Hornet"

Please catch, photograph, report to non-native-species.org.



Hemyock History Report

The two speakers in April and May gave entertaining talks: Dr John Somers a fellow of Exeter University talked about "How we used to live" with personal stories of growing up in a rural area after WW2 and the fight to get into Grammar Schools with the long journeys by public transport. Pocket money was earned by using ferrets to catch rabbits and trapping moles so that their skins could be sent off to a Suffolk company who sent back postal orders. Those present could recognise the apparatus on display and reminisce about their own experiences in a much simpler world where progress was achieved from hard work within a strict social structure.

David Rabson gave a talk on the Sanford family of Nynehead who bought the estate in the 16th century. Nynehead was listed in the Domesday book and was given to the Bishop of Winchester who advanced into the Tone Valley with the Saxon King Ina in the 8th century, with other Taunton property owned to this day by the Diocese.

The Sanford family still live in the area, although not at Nynehead. They added to their wealth over the years having made extremely fruitful marriages. William Sanford organised the fund raising in 1815 for building Wellington Monument.

New members are invited to attend the series of talks starting in September which include archaeologists and historians who have researched many of our local buildings including Dunkeswell Abbey and Canonsleigh Abbey.

Opening Times

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Weekends Closed

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Weekends Closed

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The Blackdown Practice
Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Hemyock Parish Council Business Update June 2018

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

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Mrs Heather Stallard was elected as Chairman and Mr Tim Barton elected as Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 18/00193/FULL. Longmead Recreation Ground, Longmead, Hemyock. Replacement of existing tennis court lighting with 16 LED lights on 12 8m poles.
- 18/00423/FULL. Former Station Yard, Hemyock. Erection of 6 detached dwellings with garages.
- 18/00383/HOUSE. Foxholes Farm, Clayhidon. Erection of a two-storey side extension and first floor extension to existing dwelling.
- 18/00461/FULL. Hillcott, Hemyock. Change of use of agricultural land and formation of outdoor winter equine exercise area.
- 18/00525/FULL. Madford Farm, Hemyock. Conversion of an agricultural barn into a hotel/guesthouse (Use Class C1) to include relocation of hedgerow.
- 18/00581/HOUSE. 25 Castle Park, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey extension.
- 18/00474/FULL. Land west of Elmdene, Hemyock. Erection of 2 dwellings, alterations to existing access, and associated works.
- 18/00527/HOUSE. Paddock Wood, Culmstock. Installation of UPVC folding doors to breakfast room and dining room to include construction of cavity wall following removal of sun room and canopy.
- 18/00356/FULL. Land and Buildings at NGR 313669 113266 Builders Yard, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/01510/FULL to allow substitute plans in respect of the addition of a garage to Plot 5 and re-siting of store and parking to Plot 6.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, precept, wayleave payment and donation towards air ambulance night-time landing site. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, subscriptions, trees on common, training, costs of meeting, cemetery water rates, parish plan costs, other administrative expenses.

The following grants were awarded:-

- £250 Hemyock Bowling Club

Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004.

Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

Police

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

Car park

A new pavement has been installed running directly through the car park from Redwoods Close so that pedestrians do not have to walk through the cars in the car park. It is hoped that the street light will be mended shortly.

HGVs using inappropriate roads

A meeting has taken place between Neil Parish MP, the Blackdown Hills Parish Network, Devon & Somerset Highways, Brookridge Timber and councillors from Clayhidon & Hemyock Parish Councils to discuss HGVs using inappropriate routes and a lack of signage. Devon Highways has agreed to review signage and routes through the Blackdowns. Another meeting has been scheduled for October.

Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th June 2018. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org//index.php?topic=parishcouncil and may be found on the two Parish Noticeboards located outside the Spar Shop and in the car park next to the Baptist Church.

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

Celebrating 10 Years of Longmead!

Friday 15th June 2018 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Join us to help celebrate 10 Years of the Longmead Sports Field and Leisure Facilities, and Hemyock Youth Football Club's Annual Awards.



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



Available for purchase: BBQ food and Bar drinks



Hemyock Gardeners' Association

My apologies if my missive in the last edition of The Pump caused any of you to miss our Spring Show. I inferred that it would be over when you read The Pump when, of course, it wasn't!!! A very "senior moment". As usual, despite the atrocious weather leading up to the Show, our members provided a wonderful display of spring flowers and shrubs and we had the most entries ever in the Floral Art classes. Brenda worked hard in the kitchen with her merry band of helpers to provide delicious Ploughman's Lunches which were as popular as ever and then again for Afternoon Tea and Cakes. The Chairman, David Major, together with Show Secretary Barbara Heaton, presented the trophies as follows:-

Phyl Kallaway Rose Bowl	Best Exhibit in Classes 1 – 5	Hazel Partridge
Val Wakeling Cup	Most Points in Classes 1-29	Brenda Calcraft
Webber Vase	Best Exhibit of Cut Flowers	Bob Hawkes
Carnival Cup	Best Exhibit of Pot/Bowl of Growing Bulbs	Jane Attlee
HGA Shield	Awarded for the best Pot Plant	Brenda Calcraft
HGA Cup	Best Exhibit of Flowering Shrubs	Phil Lewenz
Percy & Olive Salter Memorial Trophy	Best Exhibit in Hobbies and Handicraft	Annette Hart
HGA Rose Bowl	Best Exhibit in Floral Art Classes	Sandy Coe
Carnival Shield	Most Points gained in Floral Art Classes	Monica Smith/Diana Cooper
Hemyock WI Shield	Most Points gained in Culinary Classes	Karen Pinder
Mac's Trophy	The Peoples' Choice in Class 42	Janet Dolton
The Butterwith Cup	Awarded to the Exhibitor with the most points overall	Karen Pinder

On a sad note, with regard to our Annual Shows, Tony Spiller has been our judge for many years but sadly he passed away on the evening of our Spring Show. Our thoughts and prayers are with Frances and his wider family - Tony was a lovely man and he will be much missed by us all.

We don't have monthly meetings during the summer months - normally everyone is too busy gardening - but we aim to visit some local gardens instead. This year, in June Kathy has organised a visit to the Cerne Abbas Open Gardens Event and in July a visit to Kia-Ora in Cullompton. Members will have received information about these visits at our May meeting but if anyone needs to know more please do not hesitate to contact a Committee Member. We do try and car share wherever possible when making these visits.

We are all looking forward to our weekend away at the end of June when we will be staying at the Lanhydrock Golf Club and visiting gardens in Cornwall and on the journey back to Hemyock will visit RHS Rosemoor. An early reminder that the Autumn Show is on 8 September, at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to which all are welcome. I hope to get the schedules out to everyone early in July and there will be more details in the next issue of The Pump as there are one or two classes which are open to non-members. It would be lovely to see entries from non-members. As before, Ploughman's Lunches will be available from 1.00 p.m.

Enjoy the summer - both gardening and also taking a break and maybe visiting other gardens, for inspiration!!

Judith Major
(Secretary – 680746)

More Hemyock History

1) What a lovely film evening about Hemyock – marvellous pictures. Many thanks to Jenny Parsons.

2) Going further back. We moved into Brownings Farm a dozen or so years ago. One of the first things we did was to clear out the standings in what was the cowshed. There was, and is, a well in the garden, but the water supply was, and is, from a spring across the road and up the hill. We were told that the water supply from the spring was installed by Italian prisoners of war. During the war, there was a drive to produce more milk, but that would need cooling – hence the need for a better water supply. The milk would have been carried in buckets from the cowshed, across the yard to the dairy, which is now Brownings garden shed, and

then wheeled in churns to the churn-stand which is still there – “Labour intensive” might be a relevant term! I can picture gangs of prisoners with picks and shovel digging out a huge hole for the water tank, and a long trench across the field for the connecting pipe. Was here an armed guard standing over them? To what extent did they have to be prevented from escaping? Doubtless life, even in a P.O.W. camp would be preferable to fighting in Italy. And even if they did escape, getting back to Italy would be easier said than done! But then a question springs to mind – where did the prisoners live? And I wonder at the cost and logistics of shipping hundreds(?) of Italian soldiers all the way back to Britain and housing them for years. War is a funny old business! What contact, if any was there with the people of Hemyock? Are there any records or memories?

David Berkley



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

Cameo Club	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older people. Contact Tracy Howe for details on 01823 680687		
Bookworms	Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies and toddlers. Call 01823 680687 for details		
Phoenix Group	On the first Tuesday of every month 10am – noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)		
Brightside	Every first Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who want to get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information and to book on 01823 680687		
Memory Cafe	On the second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone affected by memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information and to book on 01823 680687		

Classes:

Monday	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 – 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Steph Leitner

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

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

Around Hemyock

After some unseasonable weather we have been blessed with glorious sunshine for a number of days and the entire countryside is aglow as leaves and petals unfurl bringing jewel like colours to gardens and hedgerows. The sun is streaming through the window as I write and birds are busily nest building. "Oh to be in England now that April's there" springs to mind but perhaps we need to change the month to May this year!

Hemyock Scout Group paraded through the village to the church as St George's Day was celebrated. The service continued with its joyful theme until a terrific roar and a fire breathing dragon entered startling everyone. Well done to all concerned for bringing this tale to life and huge congratulations to the Scout who was at Windsor Castle that day having gained his Queen's Scout Award. The Scouts will be one of the attractions at **St Mary's Summer fete** to be held at the Recreation Field in early July and around the same time the **school will be fundraising** at their event whilst towards the end of June the always delicious and well attended **Cream Tea afternoon** at Madford raising funds for cancer charities takes place. All these events, and others, of course depend upon volunteers to run and public to support so do go along and enjoy.

The local papers usually print a column informing readers of past events and one that caught my eye was in the Wellington Weekly News from May 60 years ago. It mentioned that

Hemyock Amateur Dramatic Society fought and defeated coughing, shuffling, paper rustling and whispering as they gave a performance of 3 one act plays.

The critic wrote if he had closed his eyes he would not have been aware the play had started! Where you amongst the cast who overcame this noisy crowd? The late **Elsie Board** and **Stan Powell** were possibly members. I'm sure that Valley Arts and Hemyock Singers appreciate the more respectful audiences of today!

Someone who was instrumental with the success of drama and music here was a past Headmaster of Hemyock School **Clive Richardson** who had previously taught maths at Uffculme School. His wife Jan was a petite, calm and unassuming lady who you may remember. After retiring the couple moved to family in Australia. We recently watched a 3 part series on BBC2, Secret Agent Select, concerning training some troops went through during WW2. Purely by chance at the same time this was televised I came across a letter Jane (Jan's daughter) had sent the Pump following her mother's death a few years ago. In it she quotes some of the notes Jan used in a talk given to her local church group. In brief it says:

At 18 she left her job in newspapers in Fleet Street and joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry and shortly afterwards found herself in a huge country house for 3 weeks training. This in turn led to Jan volunteering for overseas service with Special Operations. Jan worked as a radio operator for the SOE in Naples then at Bari on the Adriatic working with the Albanian Section before being sent to Sienna working with the Italian partisans before eventually being demobbed and returning to her old job. Obviously Jan's work involved dealing with dangerously secretive information with her life often in danger.

Re reading the letter me wonder do we have any SOE members living locally. If so would you be willing to share your experiences through the Pump? Do get in touch if this is something you would like to do.

St Mary's Church annual meeting heard **Rev David Burton** announce his intention to retire later this year. David has been the Priest in Charge since moving here but less than a week after his announcement congregations from the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community gathered at Culmstock church for a service which saw the Induction and Installation of David as Rector. A happy occasion. Work at St Mary's nears completion although around £7,000 has still to be raised. On removing the pews and the raised floor in the north aisle the 13thC foundations could be viewed. A doorway has been knocked through from the extension to the church and a new floor laid.

Amongst those who have recently moved here - and to whom we say welcome - are **Martin and Claire Bridewell**. We hope you will all enjoy reading our hugely successful magazine giving details of the large number of listed events that will be happening locally as well as the many groups and organisations who warmly welcome new members.

Jack Churchill, a very fit and athletic young adult, found himself in hospital recently following a nasty knee injury and the Pump understands he could be facing quite a long recuperation period. Others who have needed hospital care include **Daphne Symes, Claire Bridewell** and **Ron White**. Many will know **Edna Doble** who has been very poorly and is now in Bridgwater hospital recuperating. We send get well wishes to those mentioned and others known to us personally including those with long term health issues.

Condolences and prayers are sent to the families of the late **John Harris, Elizabeth (Betty) Fisher** and **June Cook** and to **Jill Burton** on the death of her mother. The following has been received from Betty's family:

Elizabeth Fisher – 1932 – 2018

Betty had lived in Hemyock since April 2007, having moved here from South Devon to be with her daughter, Jayne, son-in-law, John, and granddaughter, Annabel. She grew up in the West Midlands where she worked as a legal secretary to the senior partner of a long established and well-known law firm. She married Charles William David Fisher or Bill, as he was known, when she was 21 years of age and they had nearly 50 happy years together, sharing their love of ballet and opera. Betty had the opportunity to train as a solicitor when she was younger but declined it, preferring instead to support Bill in his career as an engineer and to concentrate on family life. Bill sadly passed away 16 years ago with Betty nursing him with huge dedication though his last years of ill health.

Betty was a great inspiration to her daughter, Jayne, in many ways and in particular, when Jayne was studying law and training to be a solicitor. She played a huge role in the lives of Jayne, John and Annabel, moving to the annexe at their home in Hemyock at around the same time as she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, an affliction which she bore with great dignity. She was an avid reader, a huge fan of Agatha Christie and PD James and never missed a good murder drama. Betty was a special lady, she never complained about what life threw at her and was always kind and generous to others. She passed away peacefully following a fall at home and will be sadly missed.

This was received by June's family:

June Cook – 11th June 1938 – 3rd May 2018

June was born in Romford, Essex and during WW2 was evacuated to Fry's Farm, Culmstock and this was the family holiday destination until only son Paul was a teenager.

June worked as a legal secretary to Smeathmans Solicitors, Ducorum District Council and Kodak. She and her husband Peter, who survives her, moved to Hemyock around 20 years ago and in 2017 celebrated their platinum anniversary. June had three great interests - flower arranging, Cliff Richard and earrings. She had many friends in the village and will be much missed.

This time of year sees a variety of different events – The Catherine Wheel will have held a Royal Street Party to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry prior to this issue being distributed – so keep an eye on the centre page dates and we hope you will enjoy many of them.

If you have anything you would like to share on this page please get in touch – jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk Enjoy the summer!

Janice Bawler
jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Calf Club Centenary

In two years time Hemyock will be celebrating its role as the birthplace of the Young Farmers movement in the UK. 2020 will mark the centenary of the formation of Calf Club No 1 in Hemyock at a time when milk was in short supply after the First World War. Milk yields were static at about 500 gallons a year, and farmers were resistant to change.

But Hemyock teenagers, seven girls and 12 boys, took on the challenge of increasing milk yield and within three years the local dairy had doubled its intake. Each young person was given a British Shorthorn calf and charged with caring for it for a year. The idea came from the young Canadian manager of the local Wilts United Dairy, as he had seen successful young peoples clubs in North America. This small experiment led to today's vast modern dairy industry and the formation of 619 Young Farmers Clubs in England and Wales.

Now a small group of people, led by Heather Stallard want to commemorate this centenary with backing by Hemyock Parish Council and the Culm Valley Young Farmers. They are currently planning ways to do this including a recreation of the first parade of calves, a sculpture, an exhibition, rally, a legacy booklet and a social event.

So now they want to contact everyone whose family was involved in some way in farming in the Culm Valley between 1900 and 1930.

We want you to talk to relatives, dig around in your attics, and check out your family history to make sure we can record this centenary in the best way we can. We would love to see Calf Club records, details of milk production, milk recording, photos, diaries, farm accounts and farm sales. We aim to scan them and add them to our research. And maybe you could identify people in photos we already have and will have on display.

Please come along to the Forbes Lounge at Hemyock Parish Hall on Saturday, June 23, and we will scan your precious documents and return them to you. If you can't come along on that day but are happy to have your documents scanned, we can come to your home and do it there.

For any further information please phone Penny Lawrence on 680595.

Left Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

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

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course. More details and an Application Form can be obtained from the Secretary, Rev Ron White, 10 Hollingarh Way, Hemyock, EX15 3XB Phone 681020 email revron@btinternet.com

Fri 1	'Brightside' BHLIC		
Sat 2	Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Market		
Sun 3			
Mon 4	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 5	Phoenix Carers BHLIC 10-12		WI FL 19.30
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club CR 12.30		Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 7	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mothers' Union 'Quiet Day' with Katherine, plus lunch	
Fri 8			
Sat 9	Coffee Morning for Guide Dogs FL	Mobile Library	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's
Sun 10	St Andrews Church OPEN AIR FAMILY SERVICE 15.00 Fields Farm, Bolham Water		
Mon 11	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 12	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLIC 10.30	Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 13			
Thu 14	Taunton Farmers' Market		History Group CR 19.30
Fri 15			
Sat 16	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market	Summer Supper FOSM, CR 19.00
Sun 17	FATHERS' DAY		
Mon 18	"Mature Movers" 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 19			
Wed 20	Tiverton Farmers' Market		Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 21	LONGEST DAY	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	Summer Lunch CR 12.30
Fri 22			
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market		Hemyock Pre-school Race Night PH
Sun 24			
Mon 25	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 26			
Wed 27	"Crafternoon" 14.00-16.00		
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 29			
Sat 30	Cullompton Farmer's Market 20 th Anniversary Celebration (Food and Drink!)		

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Wed 4	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30		Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 5	Mothers' Union, coffee with Meg	Taunton FM	
Fri 6	'Brightside' BHLIC		
Sat 7	Ch'ford & Well'ton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	St Mary's CHURCH FETE, Rec field
Sun 8			
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Sun 15			
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Wed 18	Tiverton Farmer's Market		Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 19	Taunton & Honiton Farmers' Market	Summer Lunch CR 12.30	Mobile Library
Fri 20			
Sat 21	Hemyock Market PH	Wellington Farmers' Market	Wyndham Singers, St Mary's 19.30
Sun 22			
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Tue 24	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10-12		
Wed 25	"Crafternoon" 14.00-16.00		
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market DEVON SCHOOLS END OF TERM		
Fri 27			
Sat 28	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Hemyock Repair Café PH	
Sun 29			
Mon 30	"Mature Movers" 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 31			

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

	Parish Hall	Forbes Lounge	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2 nd and 4 th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group Mature Movers (Over 50's) (GS) 11.00-12 md
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	7.15-9.45 WI every 1 st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Club every 2 nd	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed	7.30-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 nd	12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 st 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 rd 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 st	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 st week
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2 nd / Hemyock History & Archiving 2 nd (CR) / Clayhidon History Group 3 rd
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (Fri before Market ONLY)		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3 rd		

Forthcoming Events

2018 August

Thu	02 nd	Honiton Show
Mon	06 th	Holiday Club starts
Fri	24 th	NHS Blood Donor Day
Mon	27 th	BANK HOLIDAY

September

Sat	08 th	Gardeners' Autumn Show
Sat	22 nd	Repair Café PH

October

Sat	06 th	Annual Scout Sale PH
Sat	22 nd	Repair Café PH
Wed	17 th	Gardeners' Pottinger Cup Evening
Mon	22 th – 26 th	Annual VASS Show
Sat	27 th	Hemyock Pre-School Halloween Night PH
Sun	28 th	Clocks change

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 680664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

Parish Pump Deadline

August – September issue: 14th July

Editor: James Winrow
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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

Longmead

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

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

Hire charges

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

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

Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

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

Sue Lambert

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



Valley Arts

At Our AGM on Friday 6th April, The voting took place and the committee are as follows: Caroline Pinder – chair, Sally Cartledge – vice chair, Lynn Pulman-secretary, Stuart Summers-treasurer, Alison Robson-booking secretary, Gillian Hawkes – membership secretary, Hilary Moles, Andy Pulman, Paul Featherstone and Alice Martin. Bob Hawkes, Graham Tottle and Chris Western formed a working group for stage and set construction. It was decided to invest in refurbishing our stage and lighting. 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.

The 60s evening was very successful, the food was delicious, music and hall decorations perfect and the bar was well used, our barman had to get emergency supplies early in the evening! The bingo added a 60s authenticity and the photo set allowed us to take some groovy photos, we have already had requests for a 50s evening next year, so look out for Sandy and the pink ladies.

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

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)



The Violet Chapman Trust

The Violet Chapman Charity (Charity registration number 299996) was established in 1986 after Mrs Violet Chapman, who was a patient of the Blackdown Practice, gave a substantial gift to the doctors, which was intended to provide patients with services and help that were not available under the NHS.

The original Trustees were Dr Jonathan Meads, Mrs Chapman and Sir Christopher Palmer who, at that time, was senior partner with Ashfords Solicitors and one time president of the Law Society. The Trustees were, at this time, all volunteers not drawing any salary or expenses, and this remains the case to date.

The Trust has discretion to give grants for medical equipment and treatments as well as giving financial assistance to patients of the Blackdown Practice for numerous purposes.

All grants are given for the physical and mental wellbeing of the patients, and many will gain support by the help the Trust gives in supplying counselling where the NHS is unable to supply.

There are many examples that we could give of the patients we have helped recently and would cite one that required their bathroom to be modernised to enable them to continue to live at home; another patient who needed a chair that would help them in getting in and out without assistance. Another example is a patient who had severe back pain and a grant was given for them to have remedial massage.

If you feel the Trust can help you we would suggest you talk to your GP or any person who gives you support and submit an Application form which can be found online or pick one up from any of the Blackdown Practice surgeries. The Trustees are only too happy to consider any applications. Alternatively for more details please contact the secretary, Mrs Judy Barton on 01823 680975 or j.h.barton@hotmail.co.uk.

The Trustees are proud of the speed with which they are able to help patients and in many cases are able to provide financial assistance within two weeks.

The current Trustees are Mrs Shirley Wyatt (Chairman), Mr Stephen Walker (Legal representative - Ashfords), Mrs Judy Barton (Secretary), Dr Susan Brocklesby, Mrs Doreen Pike and Mr Tom Baker.

COULD WE HELP YOU?

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club

The Short Mat Club has been busy since celebrating their tenth year anniversary in October 2017. A very successful meal with presentation of trophies took place at Oake Manor early this year. We are now organising Club competitions, friendly games against other Clubs in the area, tournaments and summer leagues plus our own tournament to be held at the end of September.

Please come and join us if you enjoy gentle exercise and meeting new people. Our rates are very reasonable, twelve pounds annual subscription, plus two pounds per session, which take place on Monday's, 10.00 a.m - 12.30p.m and Thursday's, 2.00p.m - 4.30p.m. One stipulation is to bring indoor, flat soled shoes (no tread) with you to change into, as dirt and grit can damage the mats.

Hemyock Parish Hall

I have no wish to offend anyone but as someone who has lived in Hemyock all their life I have noticed in the Parish Pump and local papers that more and more people representing organisations are referring to the **Parish Hall**, run by a **Parish Hall** Management Committee, as the 'village' hall. I suspect that this is being done by people who have moved here from an area where village hall is the correct name but it is not so in Hemyock.

May I respectfully ask that if you are organising an event that uses the hall to give it the correct title – Hemyock **Parish Hall**. Thank you.



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1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello again, looks like summer is here at last- fingers crossed it keeps going!

Firstly, St Georges Day Parade and Service.

We had an excellent turnout of our uniformed members, together with a goodly congregation. This year we had St George himself at the head of the parade from the Parish Hall to St Marys. Thanks to leader Tom who dressed in the appropriate costume. He said it was extremely warm, as not only was he complete with chain mail, he also had his kilt on underneath! I think I have mentioned before that four of our splendid leaders are wearing kilts for a year. The year is not up until this coming summer camp. Well done Tom. We had a most enjoyable service with you with some lovely hymns. As we had St George with us, we obviously had to have a dragon. Thanks to leader Matt for being the dragon, he survived much hissing and booing! Having entered the Church in a cloud of fiery breathe he was chased by St George, aided and abetted by the congregation until his final surrender to much cheering from all. Rikki was the Director and narrator. He enjoyed it as I hope did the congregation. He has been invited to do the talk again next year. What will happen then? You will have to join us to find out. I am already planning it!

As we always do after the service we adjourned to The Garages for our AGM. This was preceded by burgers and hot dogs from our chuck wagon, deliciously prepared by our usual band of helpers. Thanks to them. As you probably know all scout groups must have an AGM where chair, secretary and treasurer are elected together with a group of executive members who sit in the wings to help and support our leaders. This duly happened and we are scout legal for another year. Reports were given by our chair, treasurer and leaders. I am pleased to say we are doing good! All sections of the group are in fine form and most importantly having FUN.

The group is now enjoying summer programmes, outdoors in the light evenings. Our scout section enjoyed their Woodjam camp over the May bank holiday weekend. Great weather. They look forward to summer camp at the end of July into August. Run to the Fun. I will tell you all about it in due course. Our cubs are also out and about. Akela Julie says they are always open to help on a Wednesday evening, its only a couple of hours, not even every week. If you feel you would like to support our leaders and young people, please give Akela a ring , her number is on the back page.

I hope that you all have the date – 6th October firmly fixed in your minds. Our famous Annual Sale. Full details next time.

Thats it for this time. But of course we must have a finally from our Founder, Robert Baden Powell. This is from Camp fire yarn no6. BP reminds us that scouts can be sea scouts and air scouts. These groups were formed to support young people who would like to be involved with the sea and up in the air. He told us that sea and air scouts were all part of our brotherhood, all well trained in scouting on land , as all scouts need to be observant and resourceful. He said over seventy years ago that you could get information from the Training Secretary, at the Boy Scout s Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London. I wonder what he would make of modern technology which of course is available to our scouts in this day and age. Scouting never stands still, never!

Old Rikki



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

Do you buy from Suttons Seeds? New code for 2017/18
Get **35 % off** seeds and 10% off other items from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group. Just use the offer code **GC1003D** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

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

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

Allcomers

Up until October 2016, I spent many hours a week working for B.S.G carrying folks of all ages to and from all sorts of places. It was the most enjoyable phase of my life, and I got to know so many new friends, and to meet so many old ones too.

Then I suffered a catastrophic stroke which has left me disabled, in many ways. But I find that I can still think, and I think that I still have the ability to contribute to our society as I am in the rehabilitation stage of the problems I had. It's just another challenge to overcome. I think there are a lot of lonely people out there, of all ages, who can do the same thing, and benefit themselves, and others, from the doing of it.

Through our lives we have gathered skills and knowledge that could be shared with others and make life interesting and enjoyable again for us all.

My thought is that we could form a Hemyock and Blackdown Hills Self Help Group to do our own thing – become creative again – raise funds for local things – use the experiences that we have had through life to encourage others. Tell each other of the way we operate to get things done, show each other how we do it, and what tricks we employ to make life easier, and more self-sufficient.

We would not have to rely on the “so called” experts, just ourselves, and people of interest who could share their experiences and knowledge, that we invited to our meetings.

I'm an enthusiast and could go on for ever – so I'll stop. BUT, How about you? Could you be interested in a Self-Help Group, meeting, maybe weekly, maybe monthly, in Hemyock, and having fun together while moving on through our lives? And learning something new or remembering what it was we used to do years ago. You know – handicrafts etc. - Card Games –Dominoes - whatever.

Allcomers – A Selfhelp Group of Local People

This can only be made to work with people joining in, so call me on 01823-680392 or email me on allcomers@btinternet.com to register your interest, and just maybe we can get together and start doing things again. Again, you know – form a committee for ourselves perhaps to take ideas forward. It won't take many to start up. It will take some though to start it off. How about it, it could be good fun you know. Go on you know you would like to. To paraphrase an old catch phrase “YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU”

Tony Durbin. WAITING FOR YOUR CALL!
(Supported by The Blackdown Support Group.)

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

Memory Café

Memory Café At The Blackdown Healthy Living Centre Provides 'Moments To Remember'

The Memory Café at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock is one of 55 Memory Cafes across Devon to have benefited from a generous grant from the Provincial Grand Chapter of the HRA of Devon-shire, giving people with dementia and their carers 'moments to remember'.

The Memory Café offers practical and emotional support, information, guidance and the hand of friendship to people living with dementia and their carers in Blackdown Hills and Culm Valley.

For many, a visit to the Memory Cafe is the only regular support they receive following a diagnosis. The social contact and peer support gained from spending time with others who have experience of the difficult every day reality of dementia, is invaluable.

The BHLAC Memory Café have used the funding to provide Reminiscence Sessions for the group, organised and run by the Tiverton Museum. In April they were delighted by toys and magazines from their childhood and spent time discussing their favorite toys, sweets and activities. One member clearly remembered sitting in a large pram and could describe the feel of the lining material and even its smell! This wonderful morning activity was followed a taste hot lunch. We are looking forward to a second session run by the Museum in August... they will surprise us on the day with the topic.

Charlie Botting of Blackdown Healthy Living Centre said, “We are very grateful to the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire for their generous support. Their grant has given those who attend our memory cafe 'moments to remember' and the opportunity to engage in unique activities.”

Simon Rowe, the Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire said, “Memory Cafes, the majority of which are run solely by volunteers, make a personal difference to the lives of people affected by dementia - and this is a cause very close to the hearts of freemasons. We were delighted to be able to contribute in such a way to the work of Memory Cafes across Devon and are grateful to Devon Memory Cafe Consortium for distributing these funds in order to reach as many people affected by dementia as possible.”

To find out more about Memory Cafes in Devon, visit: www.dmcc.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.



Hemyock Tennis Club

The season is well under way, and some welcome sunshine into the lighter evenings has made the tennis all the more pleasant. Our three teams entered in the West Somerset League have all played their first matches (Men's & Mixed A & B) and look forward to a good season. Dan Sizer, our club coach will be offering free coaching for children at the following times: under 8's: 4.15-5pm, under 11's: 5-6pm and under 16's: 5.30-6.30pm. He will be available during the evening and will be offering coaching to adults from 6.30pm on the first Thursday in each month as numbers allow, and of course, the ball machine will be available. Feel free to pop along or if you would like further information then contact Dan on 07951 828760.

The club draw for Wimbledon tickets has taken place and the lucky winners will be heading to SW19.

On Sunday 15th July, we will be holding our CHAMPAGNE AND STRAWBERRIES club tournament. This is the day of the Wimbledon Men's singles final which will be shown on the large screen television in the clubhouse. Non members are welcome and it's always a friendly sociable afternoon, ending with 'refreshment', and prizes for the winners. This year we are again offering HALF PRICE membership to all new members. The HALF PRICE fee for new adult members is £42.50 and for a couple £65. For new junior members the HALF PRICE fee is £10 with any additional siblings £5 each. For further details and application forms please see the www.hemyock.org website.

COACHING. Coaching is available through the club coach Dan Sizer. Coaching sessions for the juniors are on Thursday afternoons,

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

Private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP will be run by Dan on a similar basis during the first week in August. The cost for the week will be £110, reduced to £95 for bookings before 30th June.

CLUB SESSIONS. The club weekly sessions are:

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

Further club sessions have been considered, and if there is enough interest there is ample court time available, so please feel free to contact me.

AGM. The AGM took place on 26th April, and one major discussion point was the aim of the club to replace and improve the present floodlights. Some funding may be possible through a grant, but the club will also need to raise additional monies, and any help or ideas that members (or non members) have would be most welcome. The objective is to install LED floodlights on all three courts.

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).

Bob Hawkes, Secretary 07540 435149
bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com or hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com

GARDENS OPEN at REGENCY HOUSE

for the National Gardens Scheme

**Sunday June 17
Monday June 18**

2 - 5.30

*with Croquet on the lawn and
Tea & delicious home-made cakes
on the terrace*

Adults £4.50 Children free

Regency House is the original Hemyock Rectory, built in 1855 with a traditional Blackdown Hills barn and yard dating back to the 1700s. Over the last twenty five years the garden has been sensitively restored and brought back to life; it is now mature, tranquil and interesting, bursting with interesting plants and wildlife and once again the walled garden produces copious quantities of delicious fruit and veg for the house.

There are ponds and meticulously-trimmed yew hedges, a blue and white garden, bog garden, winter garden and many other interesting areas to explore or just sit in.

Do come and visit this wonderful garden, only a five minute walk from the Catherine Wheel on the Dunkeswell Road and there's plenty of parking space too. For plantaholics there is a very comprehensive plant list to help with identification.

All proceeds go to Charity, the principle one being Macmillan Cancer Support

If you can't make it this time we are open again on Sunday October 14th

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Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

0850	1115	1415	1715				
0900	1125	1425	1726				
0911	1136	1436	1736				
0920	1145	1445	1745				
0924	1149	1449	1749				
0729	0930	1155	1455	1755			
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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Mondays to Fridays

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

Saturdays

0900	1200	1500	1700	--		
0904	1204	1504	1704	--		
0908	1208	1508	1708	--		
0913	1213	1513	1712	--		
0920	1220	1520	1718	--		
0929	1229	1529	1726	--		
0935	1235	1535	1732	--		
0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	--	
0705	0942	1242	1542	1544	1739	1740
0712	0951	1251	1551	1746		
0719	0958	1258	1558	1753		
0722	1001	1301	1601	1755		
0725	1004	1304	1604	1758		
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0735	1014	1314	1614	1808		
0738	1017	1317	1617	1811		
0748	1027	1327	1627	1820		
0753	1032	1332	1632	--		
0757	1036	1336	1636	--		
0806	1045	1345	1645	--		
0813	1052	1352	1652	--		
0831	1105	1405	1705	--		

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BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham

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Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

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

This service is financially supported by Devon County Council

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS TRUST

The Blackdown Hills Trust is looking for local volunteers to help check stock fencing around the grazing units in the Neroche Forest area. These sites are managed by the Blackdown Hills Trust in the Blackdown Forest for grazing conservation: they are a magnet for rare butterflies such as Wood White and Duke of Burgundy and an array of plants, insects, birds and mammals. The areas are part of a Higher Level Stewardship and are grazed by English Longhorn cattle in the summer months.



Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve. Image credits Peter Eeles, Butterfly Conservation.

What will the volunteer role involve?

The role will involve walking the stock fence twice a year during the spring and autumn in the grazing compartments to check for any rotten posts or damage to the wire, and reporting back to the Trust. There may also be opportunities to get involved in practical conservation work, for example clearing conifer re-growth to allow native flora to thrive.

Full training will be provided for the role, including maps of the sites, appropriate contact information and information on what to look out for.

Interested? Contact John Greenshields on 01823660764 or parkfarmwoods@talktalk.net

The Blackdown Hills Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England no. 07181053. Registered Charity no. 1138327. Registered Office: c/o Park Farm, Wellington Somerset TA21 9NP

Neighbourhood Watch – Police Phone Message 10 May

There has been a spate of theft of work tools from commercial vans.

When parking up make sure your van is secure with side doors against walls, or doors, and locked.

Park on gravel if not in a garage or shed and remove all valuable items, preferably garage your vehicle and securely lock it.



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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

School Office
01823 680240

Hemyock Pre School
Parklands, Hemyock
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16TH JUNE 2018 | 12 - 3PM

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St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

There were many of us from different churches and chapels in Clayhidon and Hemyock, who gathered together round the fire at Gray's Quarry early on Easter morning. We wore our warm clothes and the joy and praise rang out. There was another service at ten-o'clock in the church and many children were present for the excitement of the wonderful day. Refreshments followed and around the churchyard Easter eggs were discovered.

Towards the end of April it was a delight to welcome Iona into the church for her baptism/christening. Once more there were many small children who came with the families. At the end of April, we were able to go to Culmstock Church for the official induction and installation of Reverend David Burton by the Archdeacon of Exeter. We have always accepted David as our Rector of the whole benefice and now it is official.



On 2nd May at the beautiful Ottery St Mary Church, the archdeacon was again present to install Stephen Bullett and Denis Sanders as churchwardens at St Andrew's for the coming year. Recently, Stephen has been very busy organising the repairs of the roof over the south aisle. It has been giving us problems for some years and at last it was decided that we must bring in the experts to recover it in steel. The work has been completed and two broken Fleur de Lys on the ridge have been reinstalled. We now need contributions and donations to raise funds for the remaining £20,000.



Immediately before going to print, we will enjoy the annual Rogation Day when we walk round the church's boundaries, through the Half Moon and into the Rectory garden singing and praying with thankfulness. Rev Ron White was able to join us with his accordion while we sang on our way and walked back to the churchyard. Refreshments followed once more. Now we look forward to a service at **Fields Farm on 10th June at 3pm**. This is always a happy occasion with refreshments and a swim for those who would like one. In **July** we have our **Cyclists Sunday service**, when many people go for a ride before returning to eat a packed lunch in the churchyard. (Please check Sunday services at the front of the Pump for exact date.) We hope you all have a happy and healthy summer time and we look forward to welcoming you at any of our forthcoming events.

Churchwarden

St. Andrews Church, Clayhidon Summer Specials

OPEN AIR FAMILY SERVICE
JUNE 10th at 3.00 pm

At FIELDS FARM BY KIND INVITATION of the PERSEY FAMILY Followed by a BARBECUE and a SWIM in their pool. Do join us for this relaxing occasion in lovely surroundings.

ROSEMARY LANE CHAPEL will be joining us for our eighteenth **ANNUAL PARISH SERVICE JUNE 24th at 10.30am**. It is always a special when as a PARISH we worship together.

FOR THE FITTER! our CYCLIST SERVICE
JULY 8th at 10.00 am.

After an informal service there will be a short CYCLE RIDE, suitable for any ability and age. This will be followed by a picnic together; please bring your own food; drinks will be provided.

BICYCLES ARE NOT COMPULSORY! Everyone will be very welcome for this social time.

FURTHER AFIELD a note for your calendars:
HORSE RIDERS SERVICE 2.30pm SEPT 16th

We hope you will be able to join us at these services.

St Andrew's Flower Rota

As we have many new families in our Parish, if anyone is interested in flower arranging, please do get in touch with me (Nicola Bendle on 680 541).

For Sunday

JUNE	
3 rd	Nicola Bendle
10 th	As above
17 th	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
24 th	As above

JULY	
1 st	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
8 th	As above
15 th	Julie Bullett
22 nd	As above
29 th	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith

AUGUST	
5 th	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith

Everyone's invited to our
Midsummer Party

7pm Saturday
30 June 2018
In marquee
next to
hall

In aid of Clayhidon Parish Hall improvements

Featuring
The Stirabout Ceilidh Band
Barn Dance
Hog Roast
Licensed Bar

Plus great raffle prizes including Seaside holiday for 5

SAVE ON TICKETS: £10 for over 16s (if ordered in advance, otherwise £12 on the door); £5 for 11-16 year olds (must be accompanied by an adult) Under 5s free. Book in advance from Caroline Bendle 01823 681047 or carouselle@btinternet.com



MIDSUMMER PARTY

A Midsummer Party in a Clayhidon marquee is planned for Saturday 30 June – and everyone is invited

It's being organised by the parish hall committee as a big summer social event to raise funds for building improvements.

There'll be a hog roast, a barn dance with the Stirabout Ceilidh Band, a licensed bar and a raffle with the star prize of a Cornish seaside holiday for five. The marquee will be pitched in Russell and Caroline Bendle's field just below the hall.

"It's going to be a real family and friends get-together and everyone from the area will be welcome, not just from the parish," said hall chairman Gareth Weekes. "Stirabout are great at getting children dancing as well as reluctant grown-ups, so we are hoping it will be an all-ages fun event."

After 125 years serving the Blackdowns, as a school, community centre and entertainment venue, Clayhidon Parish Hall urgently needs improvement.

Work on replacing the roof starts this month. The hall's supply of electricity is to be increased during the summer allow for much needed improvements in the kitchen, including a new cooker and glass washer.

The whole building suffers from condensation and is hard to heat. The toilets are cold and damp. Rain drips in between the slates and heat leaks through the poorly insulated roof.

Tables and chairs have to be stored on the stage and carried down before every event, then lifted back again afterwards. The stage has

woodworm and is poorly lit. Visiting performers change in a garden shed.

The hall committee plans to build an extension behind the stage to house new toilets, a warm room where performers can change, or people can hold meetings, plus an upstairs room to house the parish archives. The old toilets will be converted into a furniture store. All this will cost in the region of £100,000. "It sounds a daunting prospect for a parish where barely 300 people live, but we are already about a third of the way there," said Gareth "We have been promised a £25,800 by Viridor Credits plus great support from the parish council and gifts from generous individuals."

• See advertisement on this page for booking details and visit www.clayhidon.org.uk for latest news.



MP PROMISES ACTION OVER LORRIES

Somerset and Devon highway departments have agreed to work together to solve problems caused by huge lorries getting stuck in the narrow one track lanes of The Blackdown Hills.

Parishes complain of articulated lorries damaging bridges, house guttering and overturning. Residents complain lorries do not follow designated routes and use inaccurate sat navs.

Somerset has put signs on its border saying many roads are unsuitable for lorries, but Devon's stance has been that there are too many signs. Several parishes have resorted to buying their own signs saying lorries are not welcome.

Now two MP's have promised to try and sort out a coordinated scheme for the Hills which straddle the Somerset Devon border. A meeting on Monday in Clayhidon chaired by Neil Parish, MP for Tiverton and Honiton, gathered members of the Blackdown Hills Parish Network steering group with councillors from Clayhidon and Hemyock with Devon County Council chairman Ray Radford, Mid Devon Councillor Frank Rosamond and officers from both Devon and Somerset highways departments. Rebecca Pow, MP for Taunton Deane, was unable to be present.

It was agreed to hold another meeting in six months, on October 15. Mr Parish said: "We are absolutely fed up with all the lorries tearing up banks and generally causing havoc. Some of these lorries don't need to be where they are, some just see it as a cut through. They don't care which side of the border they are on."

And Catherine Bass, coordinator of the BHPN, said the area needed a combined effort to work in a joined up fashion. Richard Kallaway, chairman of Clayhidon PC, said a joint approach would make all the difference.

Mr Parish stressed the need for speed and said he would talk to the Minister for Transport.

SIGN UP TO STAY INFORMED

If you are already on Clayhidon Parish Hall's mailing list, you need to send an email confirming that you wish to remain on it.

If you don't do this by the end of May the hall committee will have to remove your name to comply with new Data Protection laws.

If you are not on the mailing list you are missing out!

Either way, if you would like to join or remain on the list simply email clayhidonhall@gmail.com and tell us.

Then they will ensure you receive a reminder every time the organise an event.

SHELOADS OF FUN

What do you get when you cross a former Cambridge music scholar and conductor of the Scottish Opera with an ex-bricklayer with a voice like Mario Lanza?

Answer: A pain in the jaw from laughing so much, according to one man who watched the Opera Dudes at Clayhidon Parish Hall on 14 April.

Tim Lole and Neil Allen are a top-drawer double act with a unique musical comedy show, switching between sublime music and hilarity. It was funnier than anything seen here for five years, when they last paid a visit.

Stand-out moments were Neil impersonating Michael Crawford as Frank Spencer singing Phantom of the Opera, Tim playing a Rachmaninov Prelude on the piano keyboard (wow!), both singing the Pearl Fishers duet (wow again) and an old Dean Martin cover, That's Amore.

They had a wonderful straight man/funny man routine, reminiscent of Morecambe and Wise. Perhaps their finest achievement of the evening was persuading their highly appreciative audience not merely to sing, but to squeeze their buttocks and rise from their seats at the same time. Unbelievable!

They made a recurring joke about the hall's artists' changing room, which is a garden shed behind the stage. Before the evening was over they had posted a video about our shed on Facebook.



SIGNPOST RESTORED

At last! The traditional signpost on the crossroads at the top of Ford Street, which was wrecked in a serious accident three years ago, has been rebuilt using funds from a Somerset heritage scheme. It was returned to its old site on 3 May.

In aid of Clayhidon Parish Hall improvements

Cream tea



and a

gentle walk

in the Upper Culm Valley

Sunday 1 July 2018

Clayhidon Parish Hall

Walks starts at 2.30pm. Teas served from 3.00 £5 (£2.50 under 16s). Price includes walk and tea.

Everyone welcome.

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To make sure of a place call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com

£2,000 GIFT TO HALL

An anonymous donor has given £2,000 to Clayhidon Parish Hall to replace the cooker and buy other kitchen equipment. The committee is planning to buy an electric range cooker and a commercial glass washer. The committee has a new vice chairman and treasurer. At its AGM in April the committee elected Anne Langford as vice chairman and David Bearne as Treasurer. Members thanked retiring VC and treasurer, Lucy Ball and Sandra Aldworth, for their year of work supporting the hall. Caroline King was re-elected secretary and Gareth Weekes as chairman.

Clayhidon Parish Council Update June 2018

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

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Richard Kallaway was elected as Chairman and Sue Hay elected as Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

Planning

Applications received for:

- 18/00382/FULL. Kingsmead Centre, Clayhidon. Erection of a rural worker's dwelling (135 sq.m) with employment space (44 sq.m).
- 18/00366/HOUSE. Beech Hayes, Clayhidon. Erection of single-storey extension and gable roof expansion.
- 18/00215/HOUSE. Ashcleeve, Clayhidon. Retention of conversion of garage to annexe, and extension of retaining garden wall.
- 18/00542/CLU. Ashfields, Clayhidon. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy Condition (C) of planning permission 89/00291/OUT for a period in excess of 10 years.

Finance

Income – interest, rent, footpath grant, precept, vat reclaim.
Expenditure – clerk’s wages, expenses, audit fee, lengthsman maintenance work, insurance and subscriptions.

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).

Or report the problem online www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

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.

HGVs using inappropriate roads

A meeting has taken place between Neil Parish MP, the Blackdown Hills Parish Network, Devon & Somerset Highways, Brookridge Timber and councillors from Clayhidon & Hemyock Parish Councils to discuss HGVs using inappropriate routes and a lack of signage. Devon Highways has agreed to review signage and routes through the Blackdowns. Another meeting has been scheduled for October.

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 11th June 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 and a schedule of meetings may be found on the Parish Noticeboards.
* please note meetings will be held in the Church Rooms from May-September 2018.

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

Clayhidon Friends

April Meeting

Members always like a good chance for a chat, and a craft evening is one of those times when we can be creative but catch up with each other at the same time. Jan Rimmer from Wellington brought card, hand-made paper, ribbons, clips and glue which she had already cut to size so that assembly was easy, even for the most fumble-fingered. Jan showed us where to bend the card, and where to stick so we could form the basis of a pocket photo album. We decorated it with one many different coloured hand-made papers (a difficult choice which to choose!) and finished with the attaching of a clip and ribbon - again a beautiful range of colours to choose from. Everyone was not only delighted with the result, but had thoroughly enjoyed the evening too. Our grateful thanks to Jan for coming to us, and providing the materials, expertise and her time.

Anne Langford

May Meeting

We were all very intrigued by the title of Ken Atherton’s Talk of “10 Places You Will Never Visit”. He explained to us that he had shortened it from 100! We were not disappointed and our appetite for the unusual thoroughly stimulated. Who knew that there are so many places the General Public are not allowed into, existed?

In London the General Post Office (GPO now BT) built warrens of underground tunnels. Primarily to house the communication cabling, but big enough to walk through. These join the Ministry of Defence and the Government buildings. Also includes Buckingham Palace and Downing Street, going all the way up The Mall. Despite being built for World War I, they continue to be used to this day. What with the Underground Railways vast network, one wonders why more sink holes haven’t appeared in London as they do in the other parts of the UK. Ken went through the 10 places which included MI5 and MI6. He explained it was not just London that had tunnels. Buildings such as the “The Doughnut” at Cheltenham which carries on the work of Bletchley Park. The Pindar Bunker which is radioactive proof and houses the Crisis Management Base and would house people in time of Nuclear Attack.

Also outside of London are other buildings we will never enter. Menwith Hill – RAF Yorkshire is surrounded by a high hedge. Initially used by the US in the Cold War, it is now back in the UK hands and used solely to concentrate still on Russia. No one knew it was there until the 2014 Cycle Race which had BBC Helicopters tracking the race but gave a full view of the grounds to the outside world.

The Manchester Guardian Telephone Exchange is much, much more than that. It too conceals underground tunnels. Primarily to house and keep active communications. An initial innocuous Victorian House in Wood Norton, Near Evesham was bought by the BBC to provide emergency broadcasts during the war if the BBC premises in London were bombed. Now it is used as a training centre but within the grounds is a ten level underground building, which would survive a Nuclear Attack and be able to take over from London to broadcast. One does have to ask the question who, if the UK had suffered a nuclear attack, would they be broadcasting to in the outside, unprotected public world? After the Talk we were treated to Refreshments by Helen and Margaret, for which we were very ready and grateful for and the chance to discuss amongst ourselves what we had learnt. I am unable to write in detail here the accounts of all ten places, but hope I have given you a taste of things that the General Public just don’t know about. It was very, very interesting and if anyone would like to read my full account, please let me know.

Lynda Ridout

Clayhidon Local History Group

We have had some interesting speakers this year at our monthly meetings which are held in the Church Room on the third Thursday of each month. In April, one of our members, Peter Fisher, gave us a photographic evening of some Clayhidon people of the past. On this occasion he was able to concentrate on Miss Hayter who lived at School House and was the head mistress at Clayhidon School until 1942. He has done much research through our great wealth of documents, photographs and memorabilia and was able to read to us much information previously unknown to us.

In May we will be enlightened by Geraldine Beare, a well known speaker at Dillington House. She will be speaking to us about suffragists and suffragettes – yes, we remember there is a difference – and of course the ultimate change in the Representation of the People Act which happened exactly 100 years ago.

During the summer we will be making external visits, as is our custom. June will be an opportunity to have a private visit to Killerton House where there is a memorable display concerning the Ackland family’s conflict over suffrage. We will have a speaker to enlighten us. In July Colin Spackman will welcome us on a private visit to Wellington Museum. Plans are going ahead for our August exhibition which will be in St Andrew’s Church for three days of the Bank Holiday weekend.

New members are always welcome. If you wish to join us ring 680481 or email lhgclayhidonex15@waitrose.com. We look forward to meeting you.

Wanted For August Bank Holiday Exhibition

The Clayhidon Local History Group are organising an exhibition over the August Bank Holiday weekend and due to the two Royal Weddings being held this year, the subject is Weddings in Clayhidon Church. We would like to display any wedding dresses that were worn by brides from the Parish and wedding photos from weddings held in the church over the years. It would also be very helpful if anyone has any dummies or mannequins that we could display the dresses on. Anyone who would be willing to loan those items for the display, please contact either the Chairman, Pam Reynolds on 680481 or Secretary, Bridget Drew on 681050.

Meetings

The last meeting of the History Group was held on 19th April. The talk was given by Peter Fisher who presented a slide show of photographs from the Parish Archives that had not been seen by the members before. These were photographs of the Schools, both Church and Council, the Parish Peace celebrations of 1919, bell ringers, W.I and Clayhidon School and it’s Headmistress from 1928 - 1942. Peter accompanied the photos with stories associated with them. It was a most fascinating talk.

The next meeting is on June 21st which is a visit to Killerton House to view an exhibition about The Suffragette Movement and the two opposing views of an aunt & her niece of the Acland family.

On 19th July, the group will have an evening visit to Wellington Museum. For details of any of the visits, please contact Pam Reynolds on 680481. We are always looking for new members to join the group and anyone would be made very welcome. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Church Rooms at 1930 and the meetings always include a very interesting talk given by guest speakers.

Bridget Drew (Secretary)

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Easter seems like a long time ago falling as it did at the end of March/ beginning of April. As a church we were delighted to welcome Ian and Ruth Coffey from Moorlands Bible College who spoke at our Good Friday services. In the afternoon, Ian shared a wonderful message on the meaning and magnificence of the cross of Christ, before addressing the implications of living a life shaped by the cross in the evening. In addition, four members of Devon Christian Youth Camps (DCYC) worship team were in attendance, each one taking time out of their own busy church life to help lead worship during our evening meeting. It was a special blessing to welcome many into the chapel over the Easter weekend with people from the local community and further afield joining us on Good Friday and our Easter Sunday Services when, with joy filled hearts, we remembered Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. So much seemed to take place in such a short space of time and so many people made it possible.

Since Easter, alongside our regular ministry, we were grateful to welcome Mervin Byrd, Tom Smith, Matthew Edwards and David Beazley whose ministry was, in each way, a great blessing. Whilst Rosemary Lane Chapel becomes a hive of activity each Sunday, activities are not limited to this one day a week. Parents and Toddlers continue to meet each Friday in term time at the chapel with youth activities taking place on the same day in the evening. With warmer weather and the lighter evenings, Ventures (primary age) took to a local landmark, Wellington Monument, for a walk and treasure hunt. Ignite (secondary age) also ventured beyond the chapel walls with a bowling trip to Taunton. Not to be outdone by the youth, more mature members of our community continue to enjoy meeting together at Rosemary Lane Chapel once a month for the Luncheon Club run in connection with the Blackdown Hills Support Group. In April the group were joined by a local historian who took us on a tour through the history of Wellington. In May a member of the Devon and Somerset Fire Service joined us to provide a very interesting insight into fire safety.

Looking ahead, June and July bring with them several exciting events that will provide an opportunity for us as a fellowship to join with the wider community. On Saturday 2nd June Rosemary Lane Chapel, alongside fellow members of the Blackdown Hills Christians, look forward to welcoming Jonathan Woodhouse (former Chaplain General of the British Army) to Throgmorton Hall for an evening where we hope to learn something about the vital support afforded by the chaplaincy teams within the armed forces, as well as the reason for such care – the Love of Jesus. On the 25th June we look forward to joining with friends at St. Andrew’s, Clayhidon for a combined service. Later on in the month (Saturday 30th June - 2-6pm) the chapel field at Rosemary Lane will be opened up for our annual Family Fun Day with bouncy castles, a BBQ, refreshments aplenty and lots more fun – All are welcome to join us for this free-to-attend event. Into July and we look forward to welcoming Luc Van Damme from Mission Aviation Fellowship (8th July) to give us an update on this vital work that enables the gospel to reach far flung and otherwise inaccessible places around the world. Indeed, this vital work partners with numerous international NGOs to facilitate medical programmes and emergency care. Reflecting upon all that has happened and all that is ahead in the coming months we have cause to give thanks to God. These blessings are amplified in the opportunity to serve together as a community – each person, with servant-heartedness, responding to the love of God that He has made known in our own lives through the example of our Servant King, Jesus Christ.

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

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MARK 10:45

Jonathan Hillman – Rosemary Lane Chapel

Community Fun Day

Saturday 30th June
2-6 pm
Rosemary Lane Chapel

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The Fayre this year is on Sunday 26th August - August Bank Holiday weekend - and will take place at Churchinford Village Hall (opposite the shop) with gates opening at 12 noon. Cream teas will be served from 12- 4pm and there is provision for parking in a nearby field so congestion in the main street is avoided.

The money raised last year, including that from the raffle and donations, was given to the local volunteer-run Community shop and Churchinford Pre-School. Worthy causes both so please come along and show your support and enjoy a great day out.

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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 or please look at the York Inn page.



The Blackdown Food & Craft Fayre

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Our Thatching Life
Featuring Ferrari the Thatcher and Daisy his Apprentice

If my last article was all despair at the rain, this one couldn't be more different...spring sprung at last and we kept pace with her green mantling of the land, adding our own finishing touches to Ian and Jenny's roof. Once the ridge is on, we roll out 3 foot of galvanised chicken wire along each side of it, fixing it to the ridge with hazel spars and twisting together any excess wire so that it fits to the shape of the roof exactly. Finally we twist the top wires of each side together, which like drawing up a zip, pulls both sides tight together.

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Alan Ferrari

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Lindy Astbury, Secretary

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