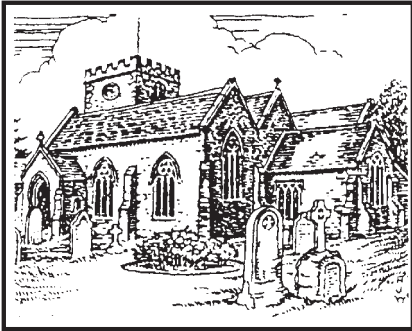
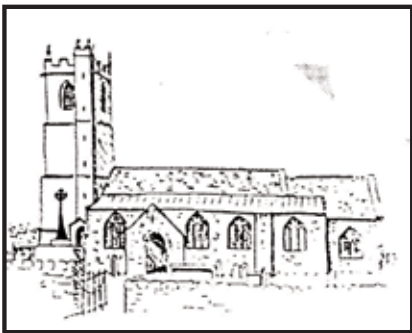


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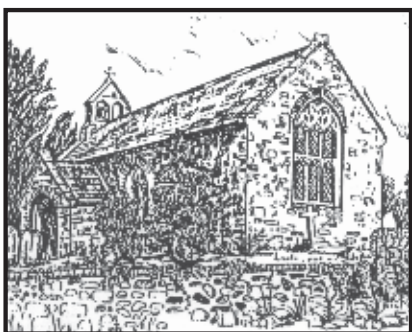
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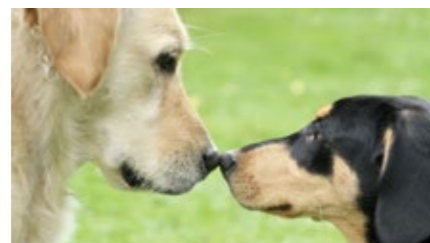
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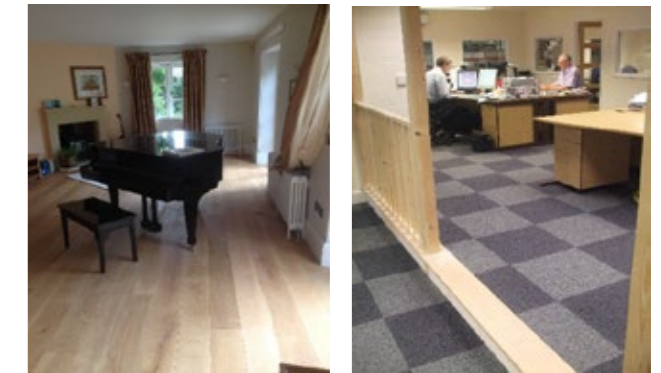
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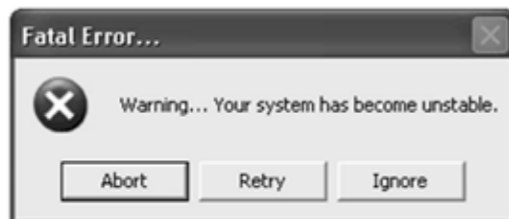
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February and March 2019

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

Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints'
3 rd February <i>Candlemas</i>	Joint Benefice Eucharist – 10.30am <i>St Andrews: Clayhidon</i>			
10 th February <i>4th before Lent</i>	11.15am MP (CW)	9.00am HC (BCP)	10.00am <i>Family Service</i>	3.00pm EP <i>With Methodists</i>
17 th February <i>3rd before Lent</i>	11.15am HC (CW)	<i>No Service</i>	3.30pm EP (BCP)	9.30am HC (CW)
24 th February <i>2nd before Lent</i>	11.00am <i>Joint service at the Baptist Church</i>	3.30pm EP (BCP)	10.00am HC (CW)	8.00am HC (BCP)
3 rd March <i>St David's Day</i>	10.30am <i>Family Service</i>	<i>No Service</i>	8.30am HC (BCP)	10.00am HC (CW)
6 th March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11.30am HC (CW) <i>With imposition of Ashes</i>	<i>No Service</i>	6.30pm HC (CW) <i>With imposition of Ashes</i>	7.00pm HC (CW) <i>With imposition of Ashes</i>
10 th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15am MP (CW)	9.00am HC (BCP)	10.00am HC (CW)	3.00pm EP <i>With Methodists</i>
17 th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	11.15am HC (CW)	<i>No Service</i>	3.30pm EP (BCP)	9.30am HC (CW)
24 th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Joint Benefice Eucharist – 10.30am <i>All Saints; Culmstock. With Baptism</i>			
31 st March <i>4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</i>	10.30am <i>Family Service</i>	3.30pm <i>Family Service</i>	10.00am <i>Family Service</i>	10.30am <i>Family Service</i>

Regular Mid-week Services: Tuesdays - Morning Prayer, 10 am at All Saints', Culmstock

Office hours for the parish Administrator Hilary Clements is between 9 and 12 every Thursday
or you can leave a message at any other time e:ucvmission@gmail.com t:07495 639 826.

PARISH PUMP – No. 271 February – March 2019

This Year, Next Year, Sometime, Never

Last year, for the first time in many years – maybe as long as 25 years and perhaps even longer ago than that, I not only made a New Year Resolution but more importantly, perhaps, I actually kept it. I'm not going to tell you what it was because some of you know anyway as I have touched on it in Sermons a couple of times and now is not the time to be boasting at my achievement either.

New Year's resolutions are thought to date back about 4000 years to the time of the ancient Babylonians when, at the start of the New Year Babylonians would vow to their gods that they would settle all their debts and then in return the gods would support them and stand by them in the year ahead

More importantly what is the point of New Year's Resolutions at all and how are we to keep them? Well, let's put it like this; most of us are dissatisfied with some part of our lives, most of us would like to change some aspect of our behaviour and if we are Christians then most of us are bound to say that, and perhaps quite often, that we are not happy about some aspect of our character. And so, we arrive at a point where we want or need to put some changes in our lives and behaviour into effect.

Now, it may have been just a little easier for the Babylonians than it is for us because their New Year started in March – not January – and apparently cold weather and long nights make January a tough time to start on resolutions. In winter we are not motivated to change but in spring we may be.

I don't believe that it is ever too late to change. But to stick with your resolution you need help, support and encouragement. One of my favourite characters in the New Testament is a man called Barnabas who appears in the early church and is described by Luke as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith'. What he does is to go around encouraging people and churches who are having problems. That's his job, his function – to be someone who instead of complaining and criticising goes around strengthening and encouraging.

This year may you be both a giver and receiver of encouragement.

Rev Chris Hudson

Christingle Service



The parish church of St Mary's Hemyock was alight with candles when the village celebrated its Christingle service. The regular congregation was joined by children from the primary school and their families for the service which raised £273 for the Church of England's Children's Society which is celebrating its 50th year. It's aim being to support vulnerable and young people across the U.K. With candles in the centre of oranges to represent Christ as the light of the world and surrounded by toothpicks with sweets and dried fruit to represent the four seasons, young and old carefully carried their lit Christingles around the pews to form a circle before lights were extinguished and the first verse of the well loved carol 'Away in a Manger' was sung.

Despite the heavy rain and strong winds which worshippers met on leaving the church the evening was brightened by the village colourful lights which had been switched on the previous evening during the parade by the Lights Brigade.

Feast of Epiphany Service

As the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community consisting of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock are in a Vacancy the Feast of Epiphany service at St Mary's, Hemyock was led by a Lay team. During the service the presentation of gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were presented at the altar, under which was the crib, along with figures of the three Wise Men. The age old custom of Chalking of the Door took place with the letters CMB and the year chalked above the main door. The letters come from the traditional (9thC) names for the three 'kings' - Casper, Melchior and Balthazaar - asking Christ to bless the dwelling.

A similar service also took place at All Saints church Culmstock which was conducted by Rev John Stone. Entering a new year St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop held at the Church Room will be open from 10am - 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd January and the 2nd, 12th, 22nd February and 2nd March and continue along this pattern throughout the year.



Janice Bawler



Local Quakers invite you to ...
DROP IN TO SILENCE
At The Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock
Wednesday 23 January
Wednesday 27 February
Come at any time between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm.
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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.

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

St Mary's Carol Service

St Mary's church, Hemyock was aglow with candles and white lights on Christmas trees for the annual carol service attended by a large congregation. It was led by Rev John Stone with organist Rev Ron White after which mulled wine, mince pies and festive biscuits were enjoyed. Biblical readings of the Christmas story were given by Val White, Jenny Doble, Michael Cooper, Hazel Partridge and Rev Stone. Poems were read by David Bawler (The Baby Is Crying), Roger Lambert (Christmas Eve 1914) and Cheyenne Jordan (I Heard The Bells). During the service the choir, who had processed through the church carrying candles, sang unaccompanied a 14thC Advent carol 'Gabriel to Mary came', then with organ accompaniment the joyful 'Star Carol' and 'Torches, torches, come with torches' and finally 'Bethlehem Down' unaccompanied.

Janice Bawler

St Mary's Church, Hemyock Lunch Programme to Easter



Winter Lunch
In the Church Rooms
(soup, rolls, pudding & coffee)
on Thurs, 21 February
serving at 12.30pm
Donations to St Mary's Building Fund.

Ash Wednesday Service,
6 March at 11.30am

followed by

Frugal lunch at 12.30pm

selection of cup-a-soups, warm rolls, cheeses & coffee in our new social area in St Mary's Church north aisle.

Come to the service or come to lunch or come to both! Enjoy some company and a chat.
Bring your favourite soup mug!
Donations to Potters Village looking after babies and young children in Uganda

Lent Lunches on
Thursdays
in the Church Rooms
(home-made soups, fresh rolls & bread, cheeses & coffee)
14, 21 & 28 March
4 & 11 April at 12.30pm
Donations to Jenny Green, our link Missioner working in Bradford, UK

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Will be open in
FEBRUARY

on

Saturday 2nd

Tuesday 12th

Tuesday 26th

All 10am - 12noon

Church Room, Castle Hill.

Well worth a visit!

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Will be open in

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Saturday 2nd

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Tuesday 26th

All 10am - 12noon

Church Room, Castle Hill.

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**Mothering Sunday
Family Service**

Sunday, 31st March, 10.30am

St Mary's Church, Hemyock

Singing, story, craft & snack.

Posies for the ladies!

You are welcome to join us for a more relaxed 'cafe-style' church

St Mary's Church Rooms,
Castle Hill, Hemyock

Join us for pancakes and
coffee/tea etc. at this

All Age Family Service



Sunday, 3rd March at 10.30am

singing, story, craft & more!

50th Hemyock Holiday Club 29 July - 2 August 2019

Yes, we really will be celebrating **50 years of Hemyock Holiday Club** this year. Please put the dates in your diary and join us for another fantastic week of fun, games, craft etc. Any child of primary school age is welcome. They will need a packed lunch but drinks are provided.

It will run from 11.00 to 2.45 pm every day. Cost is £1.50 or £6 if prepaid for the week. This is jointly run by volunteers from St Mary's Church and Hemyock Baptist Church.

It's Time To Vote!

Whilst our politicians at Westminster differ about what they want to vote for and why, here in the Hemyock Parochial Church Council office we are more concerned with when we are going to vote for next year's Council.

One of the "joys" of the early Christian church taking over other peoples' festivals is that Easter Sunday can be on about 32 different dates. This year it is relatively late, on April 21st. Why does this matter for us? Well we are required to have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by April 30th each year. Traditionally we have held it on the Tuesday after "Low Sunday" (That's the Sunday after Easter) So April 30th then? Well that doesn't give any time for adjournments, problems etc.

So the Church Council has decided to have the meeting on Tuesday March 19th, when we will have the APCM (getting reports and electing Council etc) and the Annual Vestry meeting (That elects the Church wardens) . Anybody over 16 living in the Political parish or on the Church electoral roll can vote in the Vestry meeting. To vote in the APCM you have to be on the Church Electoral roll. (slight problem number 2).

The Church of England scraps its Electoral Roll every 6 years and produces a new one. This is done in the 2 months before the APCM And 2019 is one of those "Scrap it" years, so we need a new roll. All people on the current list will be notified and sent a new application form. There will be details displayed on the notice boards at both Culm Davy and Hemyock churches. Anyone wanting details or an application form can contact our Electoral Roll officer, Diana Cooper.

Brian Samuels

1633 and All That

In the fourth decade of the 17th century Western Europe was being swept by an attack of bubonic plague. Thousands were dying. All sorts of things were being done to try and halt its spread, usually unsuccessfully.

In the Bavarian Alps of Germany the villagers of Oberammergau pledged that if spared they would put on a play about the death and resurrection of Christ, and do it once every decade. And they were saved, virtually everyone in the village survived. And apart from the interruption of the Second World War the villagers have kept their promise. Every 10 years the Oberammergau Passion Play enthalls thousands of visitors with its portrayal of events that took place around 33 AD. 2020 is the next year that the play takes place. It takes place between May and September and tickets sell out quickly. Some tours to the play from the UK have already sold out.

This for lots of people is a "once in a lifetime" experience. For many it is a life changing experience. So if you are thinking you might like to go... Don't leave it too late!

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304? It's the choirmaster's favourite hymn? Nope. Number of sweets consumed by the Bellringers in one practice session? No. Number of times you have to ask the PCC secretary before he does anything? Nearly.

No. It's the amount, in kilograms, of food that was taken to the Wellington food bank centre from St Mary's last year. So a big "thankyou" from Clare and her team who operate out of the United Reform Church in Fore Street. We are one of the most regular contributors to that centre. Don't forget should circumstances mean that the Food bank might be of use to you in an emergency, then you can apply for vouchers to use the Bank at the local surgery. The Bank is open from 3pm-4pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

War Memorial

Over the Christmas period a number of un-named wreaths were placed around Hemyock War Memorial. Despite many enquiries we have been unable to discover who was responsible for this so the decision has been taken to remove them. If anyone can help solve the mystery please contact jbwaler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

Hemyock Baby and Toddler Group

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Viikki 01823 680138
or
Heidi 07771771980

Hemyock Lights Brigade: The Party Rolls On!

Once again, we owe a massive thank you to all the helpers, sponsors and participants for the annual Lights Parade in the lead up to Christmas 2018!

This year's theme was "Castle", with a wonderful lantern display featuring towers, portcullis, battlements, heraldic shields and more wending their way up through the village. The Primary School Choir kicked off the proceedings, and then we had at least twelve drummers drumming in the form of the Blackdown Samba Band, as well as the Big Noise Street Band to bring a touch of festive brass to the proceedings. For the finale, a short film crammed eight hundred years of history into about four minutes - and then an illuminated archer shot a magic arrow to light the church star! After that, there was a delicious array of food and drink from local producers to keep everyone merry!

If you enjoyed this event, plus all the other lights in the trees, fields and house windows around the village, please bear in mind the huge joint effort from dozens of people and local organisations all working together to make it such a wonderful occasion. And thank you for turning out to be part of it on the night!

And now... the party rolls on, as we get on with planning our next Spring Dance!! This is our big fundraiser to help pay for the Parade, and for maintaining and replacing the lights.

This year, we have the brilliant Baghdaddies to get you jumping with their madcap humour and exuberant blend of Jazz, Ska and Balkan grooves. In support are London's ACM (A Cinematic Masterpiece) - the only super-galactic opera-punk band around! We'll have the famous Spring Dance cocktail bar, as well as some barrels of Otter Brewery's finest!

Admission is by advance ticket only, and tickets will go fast, so get 'em while you can!

Lights Brigade Spring Dance, Saturday 23rd March, Parish Hall, Hemyock. Tickets £12.50 on sale at Hemyock Spar from Saturday 2nd February. All profits to the 2019 Lights Parade and Christmas Lights.

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

Longmead Field

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LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

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Those interested should please contact Jocelyn Pritchard (01823 680972) for further information.

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Info: 01823 680351 Doors open 7.30

www.lightsbrigade.org.uk Lights Brigade Hemyock

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An evening of live music,
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Saturday 6 April 2019

20:00 – 00:30

Hemyock Parish Hall

Tickets £18 to include a cold buffet supper

Lynn Taylor, 01823 680 104, rodandlynn10@hotmail.com
Jess Skinner, 07890 363 106, jestaylor10@hotmail.com

For those of you that don't know, our daughter Matilda was born 10 weeks premature at 30 weeks. We are not sure why, all we know is that she was breech with cord prolapse. Thanks to Bliss and the neonatal units at Musgrove Park Hospital and Bath Hospital we have a very happy and healthy daughter now. For this reason Edd is running the London Marathon in aid of Bliss.

Bliss make a real difference to the 95,000 babies born premature or sick every year. Every donation that's made brings Bliss closer to ensuring that every baby born premature or sick in the UK has the best chance of survival and quality of life.
Jess & Edd Skinner

Opening Times



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 Weekends Closed

If you require urgent medical assistance or advice outside of normal surgery hours **please call 111. In a genuine emergency you should call 999.** Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute an emergency.

Local Shooter Takes Aim at World Championship

Hemyock resident Matthew Charlton is currently in New Zealand with the Great Britain Rifle Team, aiming to win the World Long Range Rifle Championships. The team is currently taking part in the New Zealand Championships; the World Championships start on 4th February with individual matches and culminate on 9th-10th February with the Palma Match for national teams.



Competitions on tour take place at distances ranging from 300 to 1000 yards, with the World Championship matches (including the Palma Match, which first took place in 1876) all occurring at 800, 900 and 1000 yards. The Trentham range, near Wellington in New Zealand, is well known as one of the trickiest in the world because of its very variable winds. They will be a huge test for Matt, whose team role is principally to read the wind so that team-mates' shots hit the bullseye rather than being blown off-target!

We wish Matt and the Great Britain team well as they seek to retain the World Championship. To keep up with their performances, go to <https://www.gbrt.org.uk/palma19>.

Matt started shooting at school aged 13 and is now on his 11th overseas tour with the GB team, with whom he won the World Championships in Canada in 2007 and Australia in 2011. He met his wife Ellie (who shoots for England) at Bisley, and they were married at St. Mary's Church, Hemyock, in 2016, leading to the birth of daughter Ursula just over a year ago.



Friends of St. Mary's AUCTION OF PROMISES



Friday, 22nd March, 7.30pm

Church Room

Schedules will be in the
Post Office and Church

Refreshments available

Hemyock Tennis Club

By the time you read this edition of the 'Pump', work will be well underway to resurface the courts and install new floodlights to all three courts. The project should be completed by mid February at the latest, and we're very grateful to Viridor Credits for their help in getting things off the ground. Whilst the courts in Hemyock are closed, members may like to make the trip to Upton to play. If so, contact me for details.

On the evening of Thursday February 28th, at 6.30 we will hold an opening event (the big switch on). A sub committee is handling the arrangements, and we'll make sure details reach all members and other interested parties. On this date, it's unlikely the courts will have been finally painted – this will have to wait for frost free weather in the spring, so the playing surface will be black tarmac with temporary white lines.

Paint should be applied however by Saturday April 27th, and we will hold an open day – an official unveiling of the project. Again – look out for news, but the club is determined to make it a great event. It has decided not to run the race night mentioned in the previous edition. This is because of the current workload on committee members. However, here's some further dates you might like to make a note of:

February 22nd

This is the deadline for 'Opting In' to British Tennis on the LTA website. The more members that opt in, the greater the Wimbledon ticket allocation, so please go the LTA site and follow the link.

March 11th

This is the date of the next committee meeting. Members are; Julie Steed (Chair), Jerry Popham (Treasurer), Bob Hawkes (Secretary), Rachel Bussell (Welfare Officer), Tim Julier, Suzy Besant, Lucy Tonkin. Feel free to raise club issues with any committee member.

April 1st

Membership fees will be due for the 2019/20 season. Fees will be £90 Senior, £135 Senior plus partner/spouse, £45 for additional senior in household, £20 Junior, £10 additional sibling. Social member only – £10. There will be 20% membership discount for the first year for new members.

April 27th

Court Open Day.

May 2nd.

AGM at the courts pavilion. 8.00 pm.

Other things to look out for are requests for availability for the coming league season, 2019 league fixtures, and the date for 'Strawberry & Champagne' event in July.

The men's team are doing well in the Men's Winter League, holding 2nd place at the time of writing. Friendly matches against Upton have now run their course, but have been thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part.

Coaching: An error appeared in the last couple of editions of the club's Pump entry, where junior coaching appeared to be free. This should have read that Dan Sizer, our club coach, will be offering coaching for juniors as follows, on Thursday afternoons, the first session is free, further sessions payable to Dan.

Reds (under 8's)	from 4.15 – 5.00
Ambers (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@dstenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dstenniscoaching.co.uk>.

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, with some interest in setting up a Wednesday morning sessions. There is ample court time available, and I am happy to be used as a conduit to help arrange something if there is sufficient interest.

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.

Bob Hawkes, Secretary 07540 435149

bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com or hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com

NEWS FLASH - SUMMER FETE VENUE

Over recent years St Mary's have held their **Summer Fete** at the Recreation Field. Prior to that it had been held at the Rectory garden.

2019 will see it taking place at a new venue:

Outside the Parish Church

The fete will be held on **Saturday 13th July** and run from 2-4.30pm

Stalls will be around the churchyard, with certain areas cordoned off.

Refreshments will be served inside the church where visitors will be able to use the recently re ordered communal area

Watch out for further details.

David Bawler
Churchwarden

EASTER BINGO

Friday 5th April

Hemyock Parish Hall

Doors open 7pm – Eyes down 7.30pm

Raising funds for 1st Hemyock Scouts



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
- Stay & Play Hub** Every Thursday 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in stay & play session for parents, babies and toddlers. Arts & Craft, Messy/Sensory Play, Baby Massage & more. Call Peta Dayus-Jones on 01823 680687
- Phoenix Group** On the first Tuesday of every month 10am –12pm, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)
- Brightside** On the 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 (2 classes)	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Tai Chi (2 classes)	10 – 12.30pm	Alice Ringrose
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Steph Leitner
Complementary Therapies	Acupuncture Aromatherapy, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology, TCM. Please contact therapists direct to book appointments.		

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

Around Hemyock

Feb – Mar 2019

Once again Hemyock was alight with colourful decorations over the Christmas period as householders, businesses and the **Lights Brigade** brought a festive feel to the village as well as attracting numerous visitors to enjoy our celebration. Congratulations to the winners of the best decorated premises.

Father Christmas and his elves brought great excitement to our youngsters as they visited various parts of the village collecting for **Devon Air Ambulance and Bristol Children’s Hospital**. This was so successful we understand the **Big Visit** is likely to become a regular event in our December calendar. As is often the case a few have brought a great idea and much joy to many. I’m sure many of the children will remember the event as I can remember all too clearly a visit from Santa whilst visiting relatives in Hemyock when I was quite young.

December saw around 300 runners meet at the Square for the annual race when athletes from as far afield as Bristol, Wells and Minehead start and end at the Catherine Wheel running to and around Wellington Monument. Taunton Vale Harriers also met there for their traditional Boxing Day meet with around 20 riders and 300 supporters. Hunting sees strong views on both sides but this hunt is for dogs and riders to follow an earlier rider dragging a smelly rag leaving a scent to be followed by the hounds.

The new **Hemyock Cookbook**, raising money for St Mary’s, has proved to be very popular with a variety of recipes from young, the young at heart and organisations. Thanks to all concerned.

Overdue congratulations to four of our young people who attend Uffculme School. **Wilf Arrowsmith, Sam Persey, Ben Simpson** and **Sam Arrowsmith** attended the National Team Swimming Championships in London. This was only brought to the Pumps

attention thanks to a local paper report so apologies to all concerned. **Cheyenne Jordan** has completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and has been invited to attend St James Palace in early February for the presentation ceremony. Are there any more recent Gold Award winners out there?

It is always good to receive news like this so if you have anything you would like to share please do get in touch (details below).

Sadly for many, recent weeks have seen the loss of a loved one. We send condolences and love to the family and friends of **Betty Hill, John Heath** (past Headteacher of Uffculme Primary School and a member of our Bowling Club) **Tony Soley** as well as **Gordon and Betty Brown** who lived at Hollingarth Way and were also members of Hemyock Bowling Club. We also remember Claire Sibley and family on the death of her mother.

The following has been received from Martin son of Betty Hill:

Betty Margaret Redstone was born on 17th September 1924 and lived at 21 Churchfields in Wellington. She attended High Street Infants School and afterwards Coram’s Lane School.

Mum had two brothers – Eric who was three years older, and Crofton 3 years younger. Crofton and Mum went to South St Baptist Sunday school – they were given a penny for the collection but only put in a halfpenny and spent the other half on chewing gum.

As a child, she used to walk with friends up to the Wellington Monument for a picnic and play all day, then walk back home quite safely. As a young girl, Mum was a member of Doc Balls gymnastic team in Tonedale and was always very keen on keeping fit from then onwards – when in her 80s she would go to ‘keep fit’ and also go swimming with Mary Lowman once a week, when 30 lengths of the swimming pool was average for Mum.

She worked at International Stores in Wellington where she went out on her bicycle taking orders around Ashbrittle, Hockworthy, Hemyock and beyond, and then later on driving the van delivering the groceries. She met my Dad, Richard [Dick] Batchelor, on one of these occasions – he ‘wolf whistled’ at her and she told him “I’m no dog”!

He won in the end and they got married on 3rd September 1949, and bought a little farm at Higher Willand, Churchstanton on mortgage. I was born the following year in October 1950. She worked hard on the farm and was a good mother to me – always cheerful, and nothing was ever too much trouble.

Dad died in 1980 and Mum then met Bert Hill on a coach trip with Redwoods. The week after, there were runner beans delivered and they became firm friends. They eventually married and had a great life together taking holidays, bowling and enjoying the company of her grandchildren and later her great grandchildren. One of her greatest joys was visiting her grandson Richard’s farm just out of Torrington in North Devon. There only a few months ago when Alec, who is just three years old, wanted to be cuddled by her and when she picked up her sandwich to take a bite he would pull her arm back around himself.

Money cannot buy that wonderful end to a great life. Mum died peacefully with a pure faith.

This time of year always brings its share of illness and nasty viruses so to all who are unwell we send good wishes for a speedy recovery. We also continue to remember all who have a long term illness and past villagers now in care homes sending all our good wishes.

As 2019 is still very young this seems appropriate:

The New Year
by Louise Stephens

A New Year stands before us

Like a book, its pages bare
It’s up to us the writing
To us what’s written there.
Let’s try a lot of loving
Let’s try a prayer for peace
That war and lust and killing
May for ever cease.
May we live in quiet contentment
Heads held high and conscience clear
Filled with determination
To make a nearly perfect year.

May we all enjoy 2019 and all it may bring us.

Please send any news you would like to share to:
jbowler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Janice Bawler

History Group Report

The December talk entertained our group with interesting films of canals that have provided Maritime shortcuts cutting through the SW corner of England and the latest updating of the Panama and Suez canals from Colin Vosper. The January talk was given by the County Archaeologist, Bill Horner on The Romans in Devon.

The next two talks include one on Thursday February 21st on Canonsleigh Abbey at Burescombe and one on Thursday March 21st on "Who sank the Mary Rose and the Devon connection". Interested, then come along to the Church rooms at 7.30pm on these evenings for a relaxed informative evening. We would welcome any suggestions of subjects or speakers that you think would be interesting. Why not research a subject yourself and share the details you uncover with our group. You will find us very supportive.

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?

WHAT'S ON February 2019

Fri 1	'Brightside' BHLIC		
Sat 2	Ch'ford, Well'ton FM's	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Hemyock Pre-School & PTFA "Nosh & Knowledge" PH
Sun 3			
Mon 4	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 5	Phoenix Carers BHLIC 10-12	Mother's Union Triennial Service, Ex. Cathedral, 11.00	WI FL 19.30
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club CR 12.30		Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 7	Taunton Farmers' Market	Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLIC 13.30-15.00	
Fri 8			
Sat 9	C'mpton & Yarcombe FM's		
Sun 10			
Mon 11	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 12	Memory Café BHLIC 10.30	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Tuesday Club FL 19.30
Wed 13	Empty Spaces, 16 Castle Park, 2.30 – 4pm		Gardeners' Meeting PH 19.30
Thu 14	Taunton Farmers' Market	Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLIC 13.30-15.00	
Fri 15			
Sat 16	Hemyock Market PH Wellington Farmers Market		
Sun 17			
Mon 18	Local Schools Half-term starts (until 22nd)	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 19			
Wed 20	Acorns FL 14.30		
Thu 21	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Market	Winter Lunch CR 12.30	Bl'down, Play & Stay hub 13.30-15.00 History Group CR 19.30
Fri 22	Tiverton Farmers' Market		
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	
Sun 24			
Mon 25	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 26	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00		
Wed 27	Crafternoon 14.00-16.00		
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Markets	Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLIC 13.30-15.00	

	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 2.30 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 3 rd (CR) / Clayhidon History Group 3 rd / Bl'down Stay & Play(BHLAC)
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		

WHAT'S ON March 2019

Fri 1	'Brightside' BHLIC		
Sat 2	Ch'ford, Well'ton FM's	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Race Night, Tennis Club PH
Sun 3			
Mon 4	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 5	SHROVE TUESDAY Phoenix Carers BHLIC 10-12		WI FL 19.30
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club CR 12.30	Ash Wednesday Lunch CR 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 7	Taunton FM	Mobile Library	Bl'down, Play & Stay hub BHLIC 13.30-15.00 Mother's Union Bible Study Culmstock
Fri 8			
Sat 9	Cullompton & Yarcombe F'Mkts		
Sun 10			
Mon 11	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 12	Memory Café BHLIC 10.30	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Tuesday Club Meal, FL 19.30
Wed 13			Gardeners' Meeting PH 19.30
Thu 14	Taunton FM	Lent Lunch CR 12.30	Bl'down, Play&Stay hub 13.30-15.00 Avon & Somerset POLICE CHOIR, SM for B.S.G
Fri 15			
Sat 16	Hemyock Market PH 10.00-12.00 Well'ton Farmers Market		
Sun 17			
Mon 18	"Mature Movers" 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)		
Tue 19			
Wed 20	First Day of Spring		Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 21	Honiton & Taunton FM's	Lent Lunch CR 12.30	Bl'down, Play & Stay hub 13.30-15.00 History Group CR 19.30
Fri 22	Tiverton Farmers' Market "AUCTION of PROMISES" for F.O.S.M. CR		
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Hemyock Repair Café PH	Mobile Library
Sun 24			
Mon 25	"Mature Movers" 11.00-12.00 Mothers' Union "Lady Day", Tea at 4 Blackdown View		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 26	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10-12		
Wed 27			
Thu 28	Taunton FM	Lent Lunch CR 12.30	Bl'down, Play & Stay hub 13.30-15.00 Crafternoon 14.30
Fri 29	Parish Council Annual Meeting PH		
Sat 30			
Sun 31			

Forthcoming Events

April	04	Lent Lunch, CR, 12.30, Mothers' Union
	05	Local schools' End of Term
	05	Easter Bingo
	06	Gardeners' Spring Show PH
	11	Lent Lunch
	12	Blood Donors
	14	Palm Sunday
	19	Good Friday
	21	Easter Sunday
	22	Bank Holiday
	23	St. George's Day
May	02	Parish Council Elections
	06	Bank Holiday
	11	VASS 50's Social Evening
	16	Summer Lunch, CR, 12.30
	25	Repair Café
	27	Bank Holiday
May	27 – 31	Local Schools Half-Term
June	15	School Summer Fete
	20	Summer Lunch, CR, 12.30
July	13	St Mary's Church Summer Fete
Sept	07	Autumn Show, PH
Oct	05	Scout Annual Sale
	23 - 26	VASS Show
Dec	14	Hemyock Market

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

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

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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

Valley Arts finished 2018 with a very good NODA report and an excellent Christmas Meal at The Catherine Wheel. Most of our cast and many behind the scenes crew came to the meal, it was a lovely way to start the Christmas celebrations, delicious food, good company and only just down the road. We are starting to prepare for our 2019 production, AGM and 50s evening. The committee are meeting soon to confirm dates and the next show.

If you are interested in being involved in any way please contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk.



Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

Poet's Corner

This column is open to all – if you like to write poetry, please do email the editor with any verse you may wish to be considered for publication: pump@lickham.co.uk.

God's Love

In the beginning was God's Love,
All things from it grew,
While the Earth spun on at creations pace,
Till humans multiplied, and said,
"The Earth is too slow and small for us,
would all of Space be enough for us
To satisfy our greed?"

But, God's great wisdom provides for us
Enough for all to share,
for all creations need!
And to us another gift. Of how to know and grow,
Replenish and to care;
And most, how to love this world,
Born long ago of love!

This Valley Night

Beyond black hills a hidden village glows,
Soft shaded light that casts
Blacker still the dark of hills and woods,
But, high domed sky shades to moon and stars,
That shed, pale, ghostly light o'er field,
And densely shadowed tree.

David Palmer.

The Garages

The Garages are available to hire for children's birthday parties, clubs and sporting activities. For more information contact Karen 01823 681034 / kazapinder@hotmail.com.

HEMYOCK MARKET CAKES

Due to the retirement of the current cake stallholder, we are looking for someone to take on this vital role. If you are interested please **contact me on 01823 680 237**.

Heather Stallard
heather@culmpyne.com

Hemyock Youth Club @ The Garages

The Garages continue to be a popular meeting place for young people from Yr 7 to Yr 11. We open on Tuesdays during term time between 6.30 and 8.00pm with an average of 25 young people attending each evening.

There is a range of activities including a pool table, basketball, table football, Playstation, table tennis, TV and the ever popular Tuck Shop. We have huge main hall for all sorts of activities, a games room and a chill out room for Yr9s and above with comfy sofas and bean bags, TV and DVD. Having reached this successful point, the current committee will all be standing down from the running of the Youth Club at the end of this term. (There are currently 6 committee members) So we are looking for willing helpers take over the running of the Youth Club, duties would include opening and closing up the building, taking weekly fees, shopping for tuck and compiling the parent helper rota. There would need to be one committee member and two parent helpers at each session.

We have tried to organise activities in the past but generally the young people just want to pursue their own agenda and not be organised, so duties are a pleasure. The current committee will be happy to help with the changeover but if no one comes forward we would have to make the difficult decision to close the Youth Club. This is a fun opportunity and if you enjoy the company of young people and would like to carry on this successful and rewarding work please email youthatthegarages@outlook.com or call: Lynn Taylor 01823 680104 or Karen Pinder 01823 681034.

Running in the Park

After the celebrations of the Christmas and the New Year period many of us are not quite in the best of condition. The ideas to rectify this are many and various, and often costly. One suggestion to help us get into a slightly fitter condition, and which has received much publicity in the media of late, including on "Woman's Hour", is that of taking part in a "Parkrun".

So what is this and what is its history? It is a opportunity to cover 5km either by running, jogging or walking often in a public park or open space. It starts, usually, at 9am on a Saturday. You can be timed by use of a barcode, or just cover the ground in the way you choose. Some people run with a dog, others with a small pushchair. There are now over 500 places where you can "parkrun" in Britain and a growing number of places in an increasing number of countries overseas. This phenomena started in 2003 in Bushy, Hertfordshire when a group of friends started having weekly runs. The emphasis was on getting some form of exercise in the fresh air. As numbers increased volunteers started helping organise the weekly events. These days volunteers all over the country ensure the safety of participants, keep records and generally ensure an enjoyable social event. They are backed by a number of firms who have an interest in health matters. You might have 30 people taking part, several hundred, even a thousand. It has even spawned a growing "Parkrun Tourism" industry.

Locally the nearest event is at Longrun Meadow, behind Castle School in Taunton. There are others at Exmouth, Killerton and Montacute. At most venues there are Junior Parkruns taking place over 2km at a slightly different time. At Longrun you might find some of the younger runners completing the course in 17 or 50 minutes or a lady in her 80s walking around in 75 minutes. Time does not matter, God's fresh air is there to be enjoyed. And one other fact – participation is free.

Can you help to make
Longmead Environmental Area
more accessible to users and inviting
for wildlife?

**LONGMEAD
ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION
PROJECT**

Come along to the first action weekend on
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th February
between 10am -12noon.

Some tools will be available, but please bring
along hand tools—secateurs, rakes, shears
etc ,gardening gloves/gauntlets.
Wear sturdy footwear or wellies.

Jobs to do:

- ★ Brambles to cut back
- ★ Trees to weed and tidy around
- ★ Bulrushes to remove from the pond
- ★ Paths to tidy

Just turn up, or more details from: trish_blyswel@yahoo.co.uk

Hemyock WI

Hemyock WI seem to have had done nothing but eat and have fun over the last few months. They lost a game of skittles played at The Halfway House but are more hopeful of a win when they play Bishop Wood's Ladies at the Sidmouth Arms. One group of Members went to Cricket St Thomas for a Christmas Meal plus seeing the Pantomime, Dick Whittington. The following week, other Members went to Longleat where they saw animals, toured the rather grand house and saw an amazing Festival of light. In February some Members are going to Exeter College where they will have 'Beauty Treatments' and an excellent Lunch. Several Members are going to the John Lewis Extravaganza and others to the 'Making of War Horse'. This is another event staged by the Devon Federation. Hemyock WI meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 in Forbes Lounge. On Feb 8th local Medical Herbalist will be giving a talk. The competitions will be for a home-grown flower and something concerning 'herbs', while in March Janet Kittow will be showing and talking about the amazing quilts she has made. Competitions will be for the usual flower and a 'Sewing Item'.

Brenda Calcraft





1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello, here we are in 2019 and as yet no snow. However I see from the scout programme that Operation Snowdrift will be taking place, for scouts and explorers

on the weekend of 25th January. Snow or no snow are fine young people will be out and about in whatever the weather decides. As always they will have fun.

Programmes for all sections are planned through to the end of Spring term in April. You know what I am about to say—outdoors as usual! I am sure this will be widely advertised around the village but a quick plug from Rikki. Friday 5th April in the Parish Hall a Bingo Night to raise funds for this years summer camp I do hope some of you can come along and support us. This, of course, brings me on to summer camp. Our visit to our Danish friends in Tonder. Kirsten one of their leaders has told me that they are all looking forward to seeing us in the summer. It does not seem like nearly three years since they were over here with us. Time flies. Anyway planning continues apace. The dates are 20th July to 1st August. New equipment has been ordered ready for the trip and old tents etc disposed of.

Our next main event will be St Georges Day Parade and Service. This will be held on 28th April with you in St Marys. I will give you full details in the next Pump. Andy, our GSL and David, Church Warden will be masterminding the Service. This brings me to some more news. Alas David has had to resign from our Group Executive Committee due to his Church commitments during the period of no Rector. Thankyou David for all your efforts over the past years.

Thats it for this time but finally. Camp Fire Yarn No 20. Chivalry for Others. In days of old, it must have been a fine sight to see knights in shining armour, with shield and lance and waving plumes astride their gallant war-horses. Near them would be their assistants who would some day become knights. As you can see Patrol leaders and scouts are very similar, with our motto being “Be prepared”, the knights motto was “Be always ready” Their patron saint was St George, because he was the only one of all the saints who was a horseman. He is the patron saint of cavalry and Scouts all over Europe. This brings us to St Georges Day on 23rd April and our Parade and Service on 28th April. See you all then.

PS. Just heard. The Easter Bingo Night I mentioned above. Doors open 7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm. Come along and have some fun!

Old Rikki



HEMYOCK ACORNS

We used to be the Over Sixties. We changed our name some years ago so as not to exclude younger people especially anyone who might like to accompany an older friend or relative. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm in the Forbes Lounge. Our aim is to produce a varied programme with something to interest everyone and to provide a pleasant social afternoon.

In conjunction with Culmstock Evergreens, we organise outings once a month throughout the spring, summer and early autumn. There are often a few spare seats on the coach. To check availability, price and times, please ring Joan Fewtrell 01823 680674
New members (men and women) always welcome. Subscription only £5 per year.
Val White, Secretary

From Captain Krankypants to Major Tom!

On Wednesday 12 December, The Catherine Wheel in Hemyock hosted the first date of the national tour of Trace Dann, aka Captain Krankypants, an Australian ex-military serviceman talking about how he is dealing with PTSD and Depressive disorder.

The presentation began with a brief introduction to his life, 19 years of military service with tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan going on to 10 years in the entertainment industry performing with a David Bowie tribute band and touring and promoting top Australian performers.

Suffering with PTSD over the last 10 years, he gained the moniker Captain Krankypants from his children and the eventual deterioration of his condition led to an event that prompted him to seek expert medical help.

He went on to explain how a trip to the UK to rediscover his love of live music shows led to the Eureka moment of how to use this love of live entertainment to share his story with fellow sufferers and their families, to give a better understanding of the conditions, assist with recovery and, hopefully, reduce the number of depression-related suicides.

In an entertaining and humorous way, he told the tale of his journey from a life of inner turmoil, stress, unhappiness, anger and distrust to a new life of self-awareness, acceptance, trust and, hopefully, happiness.

After a very positive show for a very serious condition, the evening came to an end with a Q&A session which prompted a multitude of questions from audience members related to their own situations.

Captain Krankypants will be returning to the UK in the spring to continue the tour. To find out more about his story and his future plans, follow his blog on www.captainkrankypants.com.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the SC Group for their kind donation towards refreshments on the night, along with Clayhidon Village Hall and Rosemary Lane Chapel for the kind loan of media equipment.

STOP PRESS

Captain Kranky pants is returning to us on the 7th March at The Lawns, RBL club Taunton, starting at 7.30 PM. Tickets available at www.captainkrankypants.com.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners' Association meets in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm every second Wednesday of the month. There are Weekend and Day Trips to visit gardens arranged for members Membership is only £5 per year. A snip! And your membership entitles you to discounts at some local garden centres. When we have a speaker entrance is £1 for the night which includes light refreshments. Guests are always most welcome. Following the Gardeners' Association success in the round robin Pottinger Cup Gardening Quiz back in October, there have been a hectic few months! Our AGM was held in November. There was a delightful December Holly & Ivy talk and just after all the Season's festivities were over, the Gardeners' enjoyed the January Social Evening with some challenging quizzes. Members brought along delicious plates of food to share. And now we have a new exciting website for 2019! Do check it out as it contains the latest HGA news and photos and Jane Smith provides monthly gardening tips. www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk

The AGM was well attended and it was time to nominate a new committee, particularly as our current Chair, David Major, was retiring as was our Secretary, Judith Major, having served in their roles for a number of years. The members offered David and Judith their best wishes for the future and as a gesture of appreciation the Association presented them with a gift. We look forward to seeing them both at future meetings as they will continue to be active members. The new Committee is:

Chair – Brenda Calcraft
Deputy Chair – Barbara Heaton
Treasurer – Stewart Smith
Secretary – Susan Scantlebury
Show Secretary – John Scantlebury
Weekend Trips – Jane Smith

The other members of the Committee are Marie Dear and Henry Farrant. Assisting with the planning of our speakers but not Committee members are Karen Pinder and Gillian Hawkes. They have an exciting range of speakers coming along – the first talk on Wednesday 13 February will be on Bedding Plants for your Garden, given by David Usher.

Our December meeting had a seasonal theme “Holly & Ivy” given by Roy Cheek who brought along a number of Holly & ivy specimens and spoke with great enthusiasm, ending with him inviting us to sing Down at the Old Bull and Bush (hollybush, apparently!) and of course The Holly and the Ivy! Not what you would expect to happen on a Gardening Evening...!

Our Spring Show will be held in Hemyock Parish Hall on Saturday 6 April. There are some classes available for non-members:

HANDICRAFTS – OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

- 43 River scene painting
- 44 “Feeding Time” photograph – unframed A5 size
- 45 A painted Rock

CHILDREN'S HANDICRAFTS

- 46 LEGO monster - for 8 years old and over
- 47 A painted Pebble - for under 8 years old

Entry forms will be available nearer the Show Date or you can look at the whole Spring schedule on our website : www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk Just hoping the daffodils hold on til April as with the exceptionally mild weather we're experiencing just lately, there may not be too many blooms around.... Enjoy your Gardening

Susan Scantlebury, HGA Secretary
Tel: 01823 681393. Email: enquiries@hemyockgardeners.org.uk.

Dear Residents

Another year gone, another to look forward to with challenging times ahead. Our main concern now is preparing next year's Authority Budget, starting this April. We have already had budget briefings so I can outline the main points as of today. You will note that we are experiencing huge fluctuations in various budget headings. This always appears to be normal, part way through a year, but we have always produced a balanced budget by the end of the year, we will do the same again this year. For next year, we have already produced a draft balance budget.

If you take all the plusses and minuses in to account, the position at month 6 was £4.8m overspend, at month 8 it has reduced to £3.3m Still much to do, this still assumes the carry forward of £2.4m in relation to the dedicated schools grant. The improved position is thanks to savings being made across the council and some additional funding to support the pressures on the high needs budget. Adult care and health services are looking to be £385k underspent, and the operations are forecasting an increased underspend of £752k. Adult commissioning is currently on an overspend of £367k as a result of increases in mental health who have 45 people more than the number in the budget. DCC will be receiving an extra £3.6m both this year and next year specifically to alleviate winter pressures. Children's services are now forecasting an overspend of £11.1m it is a little disappointing to report that this an increase but there was one unexpected exceptionally high cost case. The Atkinson has seen a turnaround in that the overspend has been reduced by 10% and is set to drop further. In other budgets there is better news, Highways is now looking at an underspend of £2.4m and the mangers are saying that all the planned maintenance will be delivered during the year and safety defects are manageable. We also have plenty of salt in store.

Waste management is looking at an underspend of £400k despite seeing higher domestic, food and green waste tonnages than budgeted, but these are offset by reduced tonnages with in-vessel composting, lower volumes are going to the energy plant in Plymouth reflecting improved recycling in some areas. Communities, PH, Environment and Prosperity have increased their underspend to £762k.

Our non-service items are now forecasting an underspend against budget of £2.8m this has been found from achieving higher interest rates and capitalising some revenue schemes. We have joined the many other local authorities grappling with high demand levels for children's services. Residential placements continue to be difficult to contain and remains a real cause for concern. We have reflected the pressures in the next budget proposals but more work will be needed to contain costs. Over the last few years, we have increased our reserve to £85m, while our neighbours, Somerset County Council have none. We sit about half way up the table of reserves of County Councils in England. 2011 we employed 6,608 full time employees, today we employ just 3,844. This indicates what we have had to do to maintain frontline services because of Central Government cuts in funding settlements. Anyway, we are still here, please don't hesitate to contact me if you think I can help. It is difficult to do all we want at once, but I will keep doing my best.

Regards,

Ray Radford
County Councillor.
Devon County Councillor
Willand @ Uffculme Division
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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

Blackdown Support Group

Blackdown Support Group Christmas Events

Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 25th Anniversary and Christmas Lunch

Volunteers from the Blackdown Support Group and Rosemary Lane Chapel welcomed 40 guests on Wednesday 11th December to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their monthly lunch club.

The Rosemary Lane lunch club is a joint venture of local charity The Blackdown Support Group and the Chapel. Many of the original and current volunteers joined the guests for turkey and Christmas pudding followed by mince pies and some beautiful Christmas music sung by Jenny Doble and her colleagues. Blackdown Support Group founders Mrs Susan Doggett and Dr Jonathan Meads cut the celebration cake. There was also a heartwarming display of comments from guests about how much they value the lunch club, along with some photos from the BSG archive!

Hemyock Lunch Club Christmas Lunch

26 members of the Hemyock Lunch Club met for their Christmas meal on the 5th December. The village hall was beautifully decorated, we had some lovely seasonal entertainment courtesy of the Dunkeswell handbell ringers and enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch cooked from scratch by our fantastic lunch club team.

Huge thanks to everyone who was involved in the organisation of these events, your hard work and wonderful food is hugely appreciated by all those who attend. For more information about the lunch club and the other work we do to support vulnerable people in the Blackdown Hills please contact Elizabeth McNabb, Co-ordinator, telephone 01823 681 036 email bsg.elizabeth@nhs.net <http://blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk> Or find us on Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/BlackdownSupportGroup/>.



Hemyock Bus Timetables



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Mondays to Fridays

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

Saturdays

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Mondays to Fridays

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

Saturdays

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Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0910
HEMYOCK, Square	0912
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0920
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0922
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	0930
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	0934
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	0942
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0944
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	0950
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0952
HOCKFORD WATERS	0954
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1000
STAGG MILL, Cross	1005
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1010
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1017
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1020
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1022
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1028

TIVERTON, Bus Station Stand 6	1315
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1321
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1323
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1325
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1332
STAGG MILL, Cross	1337
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1342
HOCKFORD WATERS	1348
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1350
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	1352
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	1358
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	1400
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	1408
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	1412
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1420
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
HEMYOCK, Square	1430
HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1432

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Hemyock's Big Visit

Hemyock Christmas Club would like to say a huge thank you to all of our sponsors and everybody who donated to the very worthwhile causes. We managed to raise a fantastic £550.23 for the two charities. These were The Grand Appeal at Bristol Children's Hospital and The Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

We had two fantastic evenings walking around the village and meeting people at the designated stops as well as along the way. Father Christmas was very impressed with our village and the wonderful people that live here.

We look forward to seeing you all again in December. Plans are already afoot for the event and Father Christmas has said that he is available to come to the village on 10th and 11th December. Lastly a big thank you to all of our helpers and our sponsors, without whom this event would simply not have been possible.

Wilkie May & Tuckwood Wellington, Exe Valley Pizza, Perry Brothers Ltd, Sparks Transport, Berensens LLP, Hemyock Post office & Convenience Store, South West Nissan, Clippersharp, Darren Moon Building Services Ltd, Connetts Farm, The Beauty Annex, Bruton Young Bookkeeping, Ashculm Tree Surgeons, Redwoods Travel, Gibbins Richards Wellington, The Hair Lounge, New Street Vets, Stags Wellington.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Date for your Diary! We will be putting on a fundraiser for this year's Big Visit. This will be a half Christmas Quiz to be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 8th June, keep an eye out for more details on our Facebook page and in the pump. Teams of up to 6 people with bonus points for those brave enough to wear their Christmas jumpers! Please get in contact with us to book a table.

The 'Hemyock's Big Visit' Team
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 Chris and Lydia Poole – 07870 877776 / 07508 943421

Hemyock and Upper Culm Twinning Association

Twinned with "Jumelage des Grees"

French visit to Hemyock 30th May to 2nd June

The name of our French Twinning Association is "Jumelage des Grees" which is the name given to an area of marshes and lakes. The association consists of four different villages: St. Herblon, Anetz, La Roche – Blanche & Pouille les Coteaux, around the Loire River. Each village takes it in turns to be the main host village when we visit. The villages are found just north of the N23 between Ancenis and Varades, with Nantes 30km to the west and Angers 40km to the East.

We are an active association consisting of all ages; we would like to encourage young families to join as we have several young French families hoping to come to Hemyock this year. We have members from Hemyock, Clayhidon and surrounding areas.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Offering accommodation to a person or family in your house and feeding them.

WHAT DOES IT COST ME?

Annual membership to the association is £10.00 for an individual and £20.00 for a family.

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

New friendships, knowledge of other cultures, economical visits to France, possible lasting friendships giving you a holiday base in one of the beautiful areas of France.

BUT I CAN'T SPEAK FRENCH!

Don't worry, as long as you are prepared to 'have a go', mime, gesticulate or even learn a few basic French words like; "Yes, No; Thank you, hello, goodbye", you'll have a wonderful time.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS YEAR OR WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT;

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St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

Once again, we have enjoyed the delights of the Christmas season and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is always a very busy time both in the church and in the community.



For us at St Andrew's, we started the new season with a joint service for the three congregations coming to our church at the beginning of Advent, on the occasion to remember the festival of St Andrew. This is a happy time for us and one which we can enjoy with friends from Hemyock, Culm Davy and Culmstock.

A week later, there were many children with their parents present for the exciting service and spectacle of the Christingle, a form of service which was first celebrated fifty years ago. When everyone is holding their lighted candle and standing in a circle around the church, they all sang 'Away in a Manger' and smiles cover all faces. Another week later, it was time for the annual Christmas Carol service with the traditional nine lessons and the opportunity to reflect upon the more serious aspects of the whole Christian story. The following Sunday was when we held the Crib service. Once more this was a particularly happy time for the children who participated enthusiastically. They were overjoyed to have a new baby in the 'manger' to represent Jesus while they looked delightful in their costumes as the family, the shepherds, or the three kings.

How fortunate we were to have retired clergy to take various Christmas services for other generations and we give our grateful thanks to Revs. John Stone, Chris Hudson, Ron White and also David Major.

Before this document is read, we will have enjoyed 'Plough Sunday' and a visit to Rosemary Lane Chapel. Our plans for Lent which will soon be approaching, will be on the notice board at the church gate. We continue to pray for guidance "as we discern a new priest for this benefice".

We send our sincere condolences to the families of Mr Adams of Valentines Farm and Basil Pike of Middleton Barton whose funeral was at the beginning of January. The church was so full for the occasion that standing room only was left.

We send our very best wishes to the Gerasimidis family who are leaving us after twelve happy years in the parish and pray for their future in the next county. We also send best wishes to Bob Brien who has gone to live in the Cambridge area near his daughter. Finally, we send our very best wishes to all in our community for a very happy and healthy New Year.

Pamela Reynolds. PCC.

St Andrew's Flowers

No flower arrangements until Saturday 20th April 2019 when we will be doing Easter Flowers!! 10.30 at the church. Everybody welcome to help.

Nicola Bendle



Clayhidon Friends

10th Anniversary Meeting of Clayhidon Friends

In our first meeting of 2019 on Thursday 10th January we had decided to not have a Speaker and spend the evening celebrating our achievement of ten years together.

Despite several of our Group unable to come because of ill health or other priority engagements, we had a respectable number to partake in the Mulled Drinks supplied by Sara and beautiful Celebratory cake made by Tina's fair hand. We all loved to get to eat one of the 'ladies' depicted in icing on the top of the cake. Phenomenal! Many thanks to Sara and Tina.

We spent some of the time having a fun Quiz, fittingly on "Women in History", which caused much hilarity and rebellion in the Ranks. Our Quiz Mistress was Maureen and she held it all together admirably. Such questions as 'What was the name of Germaine Greer's Book' was popular. (The Answer being 'The Female Eunuch'). And 'Who was the admirable Speaker of Parliament?' activated a lively discussion of appreciation on the style and command of Betty Boothroyd. A lady who rose up the ranks from her original career of a Secretary. We were very surprised to know that Madonna beat Adele and Dolly Parton in having sold the most records as of 2016.

We always welcome new members. We have a lot of fun together whether it is an informal meeting like this month or a more structured talk from speakers on varying topics. We also have a trip out in the summer and meet informally during the better weather for cream teas in members' gardens. If you are interested in coming along, we meet on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at Clayhidon Parish Hall. If you are interested, please contact Anne Langford for more information. Tel 01823 680086.

Lynda Ridout

News from Clayhidon



Hall Roof Finished After Bats Stopped Play

After months of delay caused by the discovery of nesting bats Clayhidon Parish Hall's new roof has been completed.

It's the first part of the hall committee's ambitious plans to upgrade the 125 year old former schoolroom, and they celebrated by inviting donors and helpers to a 'thank you' reception.

Generous support to the tune of £25,800 came from Viridor Credits, who covered the basic cost of replacing most of the original Welsh slates with new Spanish ones.

There was also financial backing from Richard Drew, using funds raised through Drewfest, and from Alex Hill, who paid for most of the extra costs incurred by the discovery of bats.

The contractors, Courtney Bowden & Son of Wellington, had to stop work for four months when they found bats roosting in the roof. The committee had to hire wildlife consultants Blackdown Environmental to monitor the bats, obtain a licence and supervise the work when it resumed.

Work on the next stage – building an extension behind the stage to house new toilets, an archive room for the Local History Group and an artists' changing room or small meetings room – is due to start in July. Meanwhile fundraising to pay for the work is about to resume in earnest.



Edinburgh Fringe Stars Are 'Fantastic'

Bowjangles, the all-singing, all-dancing comedy string quartet, who won the 2018 Edinburgh 'Spirit of the Fringe' award, perform in Clayhidon Parish Hall on Sunday February 17, courtesy of the Villages in Action rural touring scheme.

Their show is called Excalibow and is described as a ludicrous journey through myths, folklore, and legends to find a magical violin bow. Nothing remotely like it has ever been put on in the hall.

Edinburgh reviewer Frodo Allen said it was "a completely original format for a show that never drags... The cast have an abundance of charisma and chemistry with each other that makes an hour in their company a delight. Each gets a chance to shine and to be funny. As collaborative writers, they clearly understand the importance of character, pacing, and a witty aside... We experience covers of everything from AC/DC to ABBA and quite a few ingenious mash-ups along the way.

"The music throughout the show is a fantastic selection of recognisable hits that would be entertaining enough without all the other incredible action and comedy going on."

Tickets £10 (£8 children, £28 family) from Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com. Supper £5. book in advance. Licensed bar.

A Groovy Kind Of Live Theatre

Imagine every wedding you've ever been to; the frantic mother of the bride, the relative who's had a little too much to drink... only this time it's the day of the 1966 World Cup Final, and everyone has an ear to the radio while no one keeps an eye on the groom and his bride's best friend. Chaos ensues...

That's the idea behind 'It Is Now!' a remarkable piece of theatre coming to Clayhidon Parish Hall on Saturday March 9, in which the audience is invited to join the wedding guests.

The Anonymous Is a Woman Theatre Company has devised a charming, funny, fully and gently immersive night of theatre, with superb period details and some great swinging 60s music, from Dusty Springfield and The Supremes, to The Beach Boys & The Beatles.

The day England played Germany has gone down in history, but in this show it's also a day filled with 'A Groovy Kind of Love', at the wedding of Laura and Joe. As you join them for their big day, can Laura keep your attention away from the football and save her career?

Whether you're on the side of the bride or the groom, of England or (dare we say it?) Germany, you can expect to join Anonymous Is A Woman for an evening of romance, drama and the sounds of the swinging sixties. This event is promoted by the Villages in Action rural touring scheme.

The show starts at 7.30. Booking is highly recommended. Tickets £9 (£7 children, £25 family) from Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com. Supper £5 - book in advance. Licensed bar.



Clayhidon's Sparking Answer To Champagne

A magic brew bubbling quietly in a Clayhidon cellar is being hailed as Britain's answer to the finest French champagne.

Bollhayes cider maker Alex Hill is winning hyperbolic reviews from food critics for his revival of cider fermented in bottles, champagne-style.

Oz Clarke, speaking on the BBC's Food Programme, called it "a very fine cider".

Martin Hesp wrote in the Western Morning News that it was like sipping a Grande Marque champagne worth £400 a bottle. When Alex offered him a glass in one hand and a slice of Iberico ham in the other, he said "it was the kind of fabulous combination that I could imagine a multi-millionaire paying ludicrous amounts of money for in a top Michelin restaurant".

Alex stopped making bottle fermented cider some years ago because of pressure of other work, but he has been building up stocks again and launched a smart new website, where it's on sale at £12 a bottle. A marketing campaign by Selena Mitford on Facebook and other platforms, is helping to develop Bollhayes as an excellent, interesting, lower alcohol alternative to sparkling wines. So interesting, it seems, that this nectar is almost animal: "In a cellar deep in the Blackdown Hills something lies, almost breathing", says the sales line.

LIVE MUSIC:

Friday March 22, 7.30pm Red Dirt Skinkers

One of the best bands ever to play in Clayhidon are back. If you like songs influenced by Pink Floyd, Simon and Garfunkel, Supertramp, Crosby Stills and Nash, and David Bowie, coupled with some epic storytelling, humour and heartfelt emotions, you'll love the Red Dirt Skinkers. Tickets £10 (£8 children, £28 family) from Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com. Supper £5. Book in advance. Licensed bar.



Four Winds Blow Away Quiz Rivals

Hemyock Parish Councillors Neil Punnett and Jocelyn Pritchard (right) with fellow Four Winds team members Richard and Lynda Price (left) were the runaway winners of the Clayhidon Quiz on December 7. Pictured here with quiz master Peter

Walter and scorer Anne Langford, they were clearly the best of nine teams, beating their nearest rivals, The Deadbeats, by 145 points to 128. The event raised around £300 for hall funds.

Eco House Plan Turned Down

Mid Devon councillors have turned down plans for an innovative and exceptional eco house in Clayhidon, by just one vote. No local objections were made to Susan Annett's and Richard Brown's new house at Carlingwark and it was backed by the parish council, the community and the AONB.

Despite that, and after support speeches from the parish council chairman, Richard Kallaway, and local district councillor, Frank Rosamund, the local county councillor, Ray Radford, voted against the scheme.

He said that if approved the new four bedroom house could lead to many more in the Blackdown Hills.

The plans were submitted to Mid Devon under a special exception category for "Grand Design" type homes. It is the first such application made in the district. Specially designed to fit into the landscape, it would have been the first house in the country built with a beech structure. The scheme includes a new orchard and lake. One parish councillor, Graham Langford, had voted against the plan, pointing out that the Design Review Panel had rejected it and they were the architectural experts independently testifying to the Local Planning Authority.

Planning officer Alison Fish recommended refusal because she thought the plans were not innovative enough.

Former parish councillor Alex Hill, of Bollhayes, protested in a letter to Councillor Radford: "The whole point of 'paragraph 55' provision is to encourage innovative and bold designs in open countryside. To object on the grounds that approval of the application might risk a profusion of similar developments is completely missing the point. On those grounds there would never be any house built in Mid Devon under the conditions of this provision."

Councillor Radford replied that his main concern was bare walls and that if these could be designed out he would support the project.

Harmony And Humour Delight Christmas Crowd

Nobody could remember the last time a male voice choir sang in Clayhidon Parish Hall, which might mean it never happened, but no-one is ever going to forget the wonderful Wyndham Singers' concert on December 14.

Their jolly director, Charles West, introduced them as a bunch of old farts, which seemed to delight them as much as it did the Christmas concert audience. We can be sure we will never hear old farts more glorious than these 16 harmonious gentlemen from Kentisbeare.

The audience loved the blend of voices, from beautiful sonorous basses right through the range to an astonishingly high tenor section. They loved the acoustic of the old hall, which perplexes some visiting bands, but which we now realise is perfect for choirs and brass bands. They loved that these were amateurs performing to professional standards.

They loved Charles West's banter and the choice and variety of songs, which covered 15 composers from Ray Davies of The Kinks to Giuseppe Verdi and Billy Joel. Their barbershop quartet, The Strops, sang All I have to do is dream and similar songs with exquisite precision.

Appearing with the Wyndham Singers was a brass septet from Wellington School, consisting of three teachers, led by Luke Gilbert, and four pupils, playing three trombones, a French horn, a euphonium and two trumpets. They too sounded wonderful and provided a gorgeous accompaniment to communal carol singing, which was loud and lusty.

No-one who knows about the school's music department would have been surprised by the high standard of their playing, and the hall committee is grateful to Andrew Trehella, the school's head of music, who lives in Clayhidon, for making this happen at the busiest time of the school's musical year.

The hall team served hot mince pies and mulled wine, and the event raised cash for hall improvements and the Exeter Leukaemia Fund.

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Clayhidon Parish Council Update February 2019

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

Planning

Applications received for:

- 18/01790/HOUSE. Erection of first floor extension and re-roofing of buildings (Revised Scheme). Crockers Farm, Hemyock.
- 18/01791/LBC. Listed Building Consent for erection of first floor extension and re-roofing of buildings (Revised Scheme). Crockers Farm, Hemyock.
- 18/01752/FULL. Change of use of redundant agricultural building to dwelling. Land and Building at NGR 316528 116028 Barpark, Clayhidon.
- 18/02011/FULL. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Smiths Farm, Clayhidon.
- 18/02002/FULL. Conversion of former smithy building to dwelling, demolition of adjoining agricultural buildings and replacement with extensions; formation of parking and amenity space and alterations to retained workshop. Searles Workshop, Clayhidon.
- 18/02054/FULL. Erection of multipurpose agricultural building including livestock housing, farm workshop and storage. Tickle Penny, Clayhidon.
- 18/01914/FULL. Formation of an agricultural access following removal of 10m of hedgerow. Land adjacent 4 Oakleigh, Battle Street, Clayhidon.

Finance

Income – interest and rent.

Expenditure – clerk's wages & expenses, lengthsman's work, room hire

The following grants were awarded:-

- Tiverton & District Community Transport – £70
- St Mary's PCC Hemyock - £65.00
- Clayhidon Parish Hall - £2,000.00
- St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (churchyard maintenance) - £540.00
- Blackdown Support Group - £500.00

The council has set the precept for 2019/2020 at £9,000.00, increasing the cost for a Band D property from £37.62 to £39.78 per annum.

Highways

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

Parish Lengthsman

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

Hedges

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

Elections 2019

Parish councillors are elected every four years. Next year, on Thursday 2nd May 2019, parish council elections will be held. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact any of the parish councillors or clerk for more information.

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 February 2019 (a planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month, if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings may be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

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

The Mary Parsons Gift Charity

The Mary Parsons Gift Charity was formed in 1693 when Mary Parsons bequeathed a field at Biscombe to the Parishes of Churchstanton and Clayhidon. The purpose of the bequest was for the Charity Trustees, from both Parishes, to use all proceeds from the field to support the 'Poor' of those Parishes.

The Charity Trustees now consider that it would be of greater benefit to the Charity if the field is sold and the resulting capital invested in an alternative way.

The purpose of this notice is to make parishioners of Churchstanton and Clayhidon aware of this proposal.

There will be an open meeting on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 7pm in Churchinford Village Hall at which parishioners will have the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Alternatively please email clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com by midday on 21st February. The Clerk of Clayhidon Parish Council has agreed to receive communications on behalf of the Trustees.

Bus Service 20 Update

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The Devon County Council contract for operating Service 20 reaches the end of its statutory maximum eight-year term on 25th May 2019. Following a retender, a new contract has been awarded to Dartline who will operate the service in place of Stagecoach from Tuesday 28th May (Monday being a Bank Holiday with no service). There are no changes to the route, timetable or single or day return fares. Weekly tickets will also be available. The National Bus Pass continues to be valid as now.

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

As we look back over the month of December, there is much for which we can be thankful at what was a busy time for the church and the fellowship. Things got off to an early start with several members of the church helping to oversee the Wellington Torch Fellowship's Christmas meeting on the 1st of December. They were joined by the local Beckhelling Bellringers who, though early in the Christmas season, brought great Christmas cheer with their festive sound as they led all assembled through a Medley of Christmas carols. Over the next few weeks the Youth and Children's groups had several Christmas events. Starting with our youngest: On the 7th December 'Toddlers' had their Christmas party at the chapel with many local families in attendance and a certain bearded man in a red suit. Later that same day, Ignite (11-18) took to the road, venturing down to 'Flip Out' in Wellington to enjoy an evening of adrenaline inducing trampoline park action. Lastly, Venturers (4-11), like the Toddlers group, took advantage of the Chapel facilities on 14th December, to host a Christmas party for all the children who have attended throughout the year – over 25 children were in attendance.

On Wednesday 12th December Rosemary Lane Chapel and the Blackdown Hills Support Group (BSG) celebrated 25 years of working in collaboration to serve members of this community through the monthly Luncheon Club. The Christmas Lunch followed by a musical Christmas medley provided the perfect setting for such celebrations, a time in which many stories were shared regarding the formation of the BSG and the eventual connection with Rosemary Lane Chapel.

As Christmas day drew closer, Sunday activities became increasingly focused on the cause of our celebrations. Through the month of December, we, as a Church, looked through the 'Fear Not' message found in the Christmas story as recorded by Matthew and Luke – a message repeated to Zechariah, Joseph, Mary and the Shepherds. On the 16th December the children and young people led the church through our nativity service. Later that afternoon and the Chapel held a Christmas tea followed by Carols by Candlelight – this service was attended by the fellowship and members of the local community. The celebrations continued into Christmas Day with the fellowship meeting at the earlier time of 10.30 sharing in the joy of greeting one another and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Over the coming months we look forward to the continuation of usual midweek activities alongside the conclusion of our Winter Bible Series looking at the subject of Discipleship with David Beazley (Sainthill) and Philip Scoble (Ottery St. Mary) coming to join us in the months of February and March respectively. We also look forward to our annual Slavic Gospel Association Sunday (SGA) on 10th March when we will hear from Chris Menzfeld and Tomasz Chylka (Poland) about the work of SGA and, in particular, the work Tomasz is involved in, which includes evangelism, youth work and support for those affected by drug addiction. A warm welcome is extended to all to come and hear about this work.

Whilst we know much about great joy and celebration, the news relating to December emphasising this, we also know in life, seasons of great pain and sadness. Indeed, as a church family we were deeply shaken by the tragic news of the passing of our dear brother in Christ, Sandy Brooke. Sandy was a much-loved member


of the church community and the wider community of Hemyock and Clayhidon. Sandy was suffering with an illness we often fail to understand or talk about, mental health. However, we also know that Sandy, in his life, had accepted the Lord Jesus into his heart, and with it, an unending love. This is a love from which Sandy can never be separated:

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

–
ROMANS 8:38-39

By Jesus' death and resurrection, He not only offers us His love from which we can never be separated, but therefore, also an assured hope that will not diminish. Death is defeated. And though for his family there remains a great pain and sadness, there is also comfort in Christ, the Risen Lord, who holds Sandy in His embrace. It is by this God given comfort that we are to care for the family and one another in our community at this time of loss. May Jesus continue to carry and comfort the family in the days ahead.

Jonathan Hillman – Rosemary Lane Chapel



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Coldharbour Mill

What's On at Coldharbour Mill!

The Mill Shop is open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday until the middle of February, then will be open throughout the year Tuesday to Sunday and some bank holiday Mondays, along with the Working Wool Museum which reopens on Saturday 16th February 2019, with guided mill tours – and the Braziers Café.

Groups, coach parties and schools are welcome for pre-booked fully guided visits any day. Please contact the Mill office (see below) for info/to make a booking.

Our next **STEAM DAYS** are **Sunday 24th February**, and **Sunday 24th March**. 10.30am-4pm. Guided tours and activities for all the family. Braziers Café. Free car park.

The 'SPRING LAMBS' CRAFT CLUB for under 8s and over 55s runs **every Tuesday** 10am-11am. Taking part is FREE (it's a community well-being project funded by Postcode Lottery) so come along and have fun together! Transport can be provided by prior arrangement for over 55s. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. To join this lively group, please contact Hayley or Sara at the Mill in advance.

VOLUNTEERS are always welcome at this unique heritage site. There's a wide range of roles available, including gardening, maintenance, office work, factory production, shop work, tour guiding and helping with the education programme..... just let us know what you're good at or would like to learn about, and we'll find something to suit you!

MILLPOND RESTORATION PROJECT: please support our fund-raising!

We are applying to Viridor Credits and other funders for grants to help us restore the millpond and leats area next to the Mill as a community amenity. This will mean dredging a channel through the silted up millpond so as to allow the water to flow through unimpeded, and creating a leisure and wildlife area, with free access for all to enjoy.

Our fund-raising target is £150,000, and to support our applications we need to provide a large amount of evidence of community support for the project by the end of March.

You can help! Please write or email a letter of support to us, sign a petition of support when you visit the Mill or Mill Shop, or add your name to the petition of support on the Mill website (you can donate to the project there too!) Thank you.

To contact the Mill about any of the above, please phone 01884 840960, or email: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk, or visit the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk or write to The Chief Executive, Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton, EX15 3EE. Coldharbour Mill Trust Ltd is Registered Charity No:1123386.



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Reducing Fire Risk in Thatched Buildings

With the New Year comes some detailed new research into the causes, risks and prevention of fires in thatched buildings. The research was conducted by Dr James LD Glockling of the Fire Protection Association and commissioned by Historic England (Building Conservation and Research Team) and NFU Mutual Insurance and was completed in 2018.

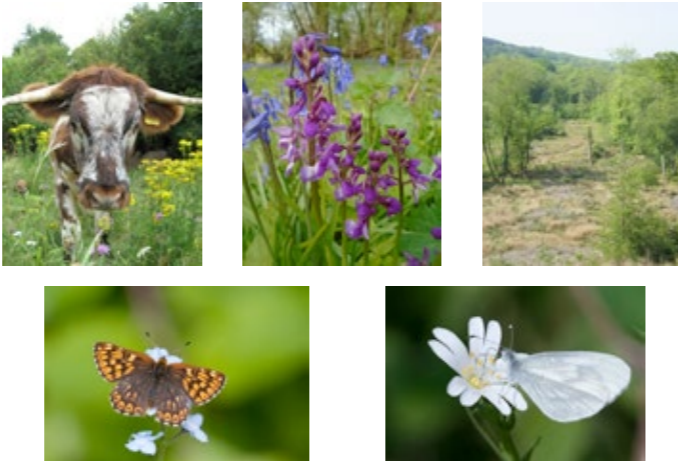
Wood burning and multi fuel stoves were found to present a greater risk of fire than open fires or other forms of heating, but research showed a number of factors contributed to this finding. As with most things...it's never simple, but the summary leaflet gives a clear guidance for homeowners to help them reduce the risk of fire. The summary leaflet and also the full documents have been widely circulated to thatchers and building conservation experts, and can also be found on our website ferrarithethatcher.co.uk.

Do have a look at the leaflet in particular as insurers are likely to use this research as the basis for best practice required from owners. If you cannot access the internet contact: The Fire Protection Association (0)1608 812 500. Or write to: Historic England (Research Reports) The Engine House Fire Fly Avenue Swindon SN2 2EH

Alan Ferrari

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

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The Blackdown Hills Wednesday Club

December 10th and our Christmas Lunch in Churchinford Village Hall and what a lovely occasion it was! Some members had invited friends to join us, the hall was full, the new decorations looked amazing and the atmosphere was buzzing. The food was excellent as always and after we had eaten, we settled down to listen to our speaker, Ray Budd, give a talk about his time as one of the Black and White Minstrels. Perhaps younger people wouldn't know about them, and in today's world it just wouldn't happen, but in the 1950's and 60's a male voice choir blacked up as minstrels from the southern states of America and joined the BBC Tiller Girls (white dancers) to give shows that were sell-outs at theatres and incredibly popular on the television, producing records that were at the top of the hit parade for weeks. It was hard to believe that a youthful looking Ray was old enough to be in that company, so well did he tell the story of how he came to be one of the minstrels and, as well as playing tracks from the LPs which brought back so many memories for so many of us, he sang for us. Incredibly, he still has a beautiful tenor voice.

Then, while we enjoyed a cup of tea and a mince pie, we joined in singing carols with Elaine on her keyboard. Everyone had a raffle ticket given to them and there were a lot of really great prizes but even if you weren't lucky enough to win one, everyone took home a beautiful potted cyclamen. As I said, it was a really lovely occasion. Thank you to our entertainers and to everyone who helped make it such an enjoyable afternoon.

Our meetings for February:

February 13th: Our Valentine's Day Quiz

February 27th: Amy and Trevor Sing for us Again

March 13th: Submarine Month - How submarines go down and come up again Commander Jim Foster, Royal Navy

March 27th: Submarine Month - Command at Sea Commodore John Milnes, Royal Navy

Why don't you join us? We meet at 2.30pm in Churchinford village hall.

Sally Milnes

Funding for community projects



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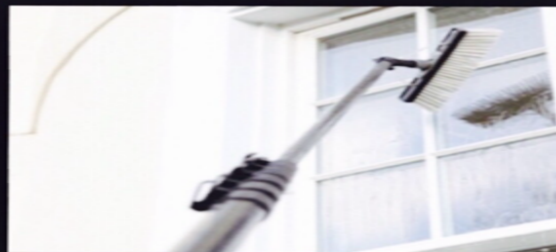
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