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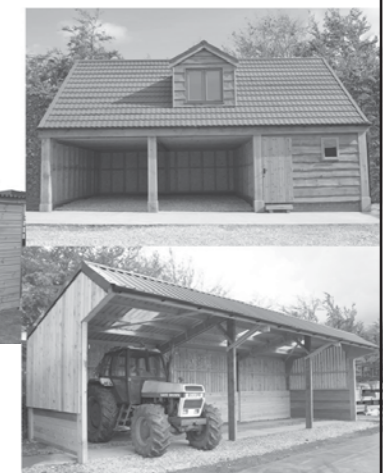
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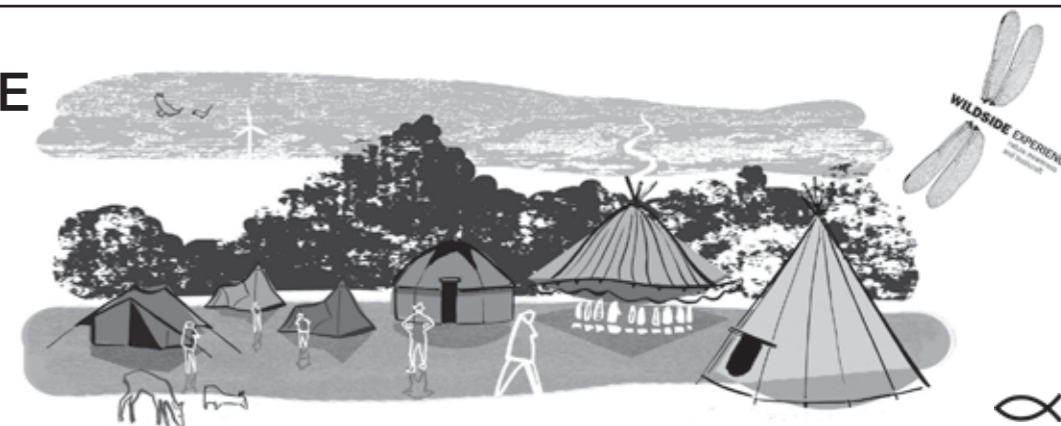
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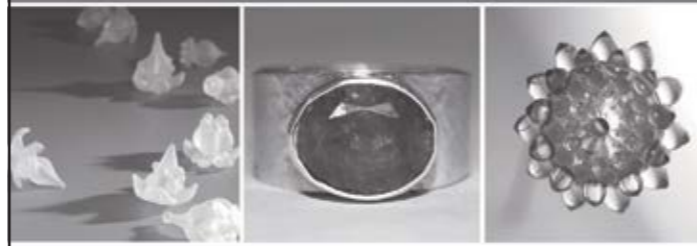
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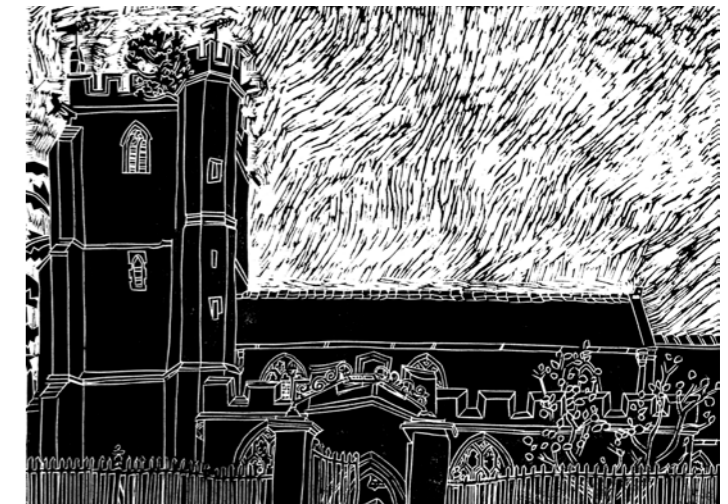
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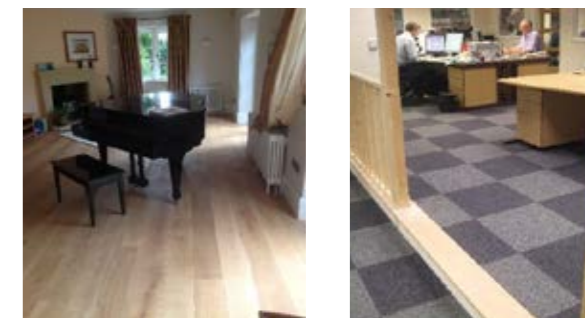
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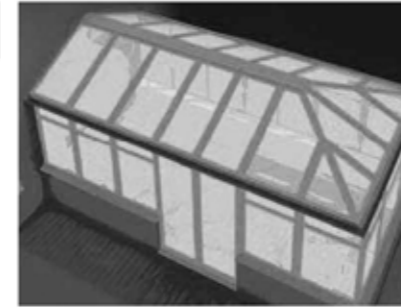
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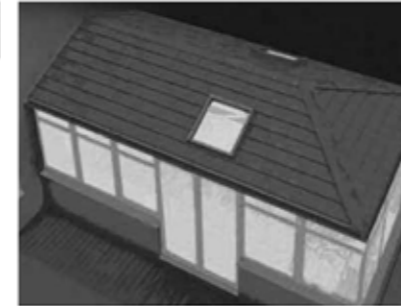
Result: Impossible to keep warm in winter and at night. Plus, huge heating bills.



AFTER

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INSIDE

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You are very welcome to join in, and especially if you find it hard to cross the threshold of a church door. Now you can just go to your iPad, iPhone or computer and link in with one of our gatherings. Just to see the faces of those we know, and have a little time to chat, has been a great boost to morale during this time of isolation, and a good sing always lifts the spirits. Details are below of who to contact for the access details. You will be very welcome.

Weekly Zoom Services:

Sunday Gathering

Every [Sunday at 10.30am](#)

Roughly 40 minutes, with a mix of songs, Bible reading, short topical talk, and prayers. For those who would like to stay on to chat we break out into 'coffee tables' for 15 mins or so at the end.

Night Prayer (Compline)

Every [Saturday at 8.00pm](#)

A quiet, reflective way to end the day together in community. The traditional name, 'Compline' means 'completion' - we complete the day by offering it back to God. Approx 30 mins, often with a brief talk.

New Zealand Night Prayer

Every [Tuesday at 8.00pm](#)

A quiet, reflective way to end the day. A creative liturgy from the New Zealand Prayer Book, in which we reflect on the day gone by and pray for God's wisdom in the day to come. Approx 20 mins.

For information on how to join these meetings and log-in details please contact Becky the Rector, any of the church wardens or parish administrator (ucvmission@gmail.com / [0749 5639826](tel:07495639826)).

What else is available?

On the website you will find:

- The worship sheets that connect with the Sunday gatherings
- Prayer walks
- The monthly prayer diary
- The weekly link sheet

If you are not on line, we also print and deliver or post out copies of these. If you would like to receive these in paper form, please don't hesitate to ask. The Benefice administrator on [0749 5639826](tel:07495639826) / ucvmission@gmail.com or any of the church wardens will be pleased to hear from you.

We also have a Facebook Page [@upperculmvalleymission](#)

Other prayer resources we recommend

- 'Daily Hope' - just a (free) phone call away
- The 'Pray as you Go' app - again free to download
- Diocese of Exeter, 'Pause and Pray': a three-minute UTube clip released each day at 11.00am. Go to the Diocese of Exeter website and look for 'Pause and Pray'.
- The website of the Diocese of Exeter gives access to many other prayer and worship resources from within the diocese and beyond. Simply look up 'Diocese of Exeter: On-line Church services, Prayer and Worship.'

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Coming Out of Lockdown

The end of lockdown is in sight, but will things ever be the same again? Probably not – and in many areas of life, hopefully not!

For many the change in life during this time has brought sorrow and grief, or hardship, that will stay with them for years to come.

For others, new ways of living which are more environmentally friendly have opened up. And all the governments and

businesses of the world are being

challenged not to return to the

old ways of polluting and despoiling

the earth.

We have also witnessed tremendous

love, selflessness and sacrifice on

the part of those who have worked

so hard for our well-being – staff in the NHS, local shops and pubs that have been really creative in finding new ways to serve

us. Groceries and 'meals on wheels' have been delivered, even

out of the normal working hours of the businesses delivering them. Neighbours have looked out for one another, the phone

lines have been hot with calls to check that so-and-so is okay,

and the sense of care for one another in these villages has been extraordinary.

It has been a watershed in the lives of many individuals, and we pray it will prove to have been a watershed for good in the life

of our planet. Nothing on a par with this in the last 75 years has brought the entire globe to the point of reflecting together on

how we want to do life in the future.

It's also a wilderness experience. Like the Israelites in the Old Testament, released from slavery in Egypt, we've left a familiar

place behind, with all its securities. But we don't yet know quite where we're heading or how long it will take to get there.

And the space in between, where we are, feels a bit like

wilderness – a stressful time that includes coming to terms with what we've lost, trying to map the path ahead, deciding what the

most precious things to us are, and

what we can live without.

"His care extends to the entire human race and he longs for us globally to find our deepest fulfilment, security and joy in him."

When we read in scripture of

individuals or nations going through

times of turmoil and transition we

also read of God revealing his love

and practical care for them. When

we experience the love and care of others it has a healing effect

because it mirrors the love of the God in whose image we are

made. His care extends to the entire human race and he longs

for us globally to find our deepest fulfilment, security and joy

in him.

My prayer is that as we move together through and beyond

the wilderness time, we will be guided by our Creator into

ways of stewarding wisely this planet he has lent to us,

and also continue the fantastic work of caring for one another

which mirrors his nature.

Rev'd Canon Becky Totterdell

Corona Virus: All events listed in this issue are subject to cancellation or postponement due to government restrictions. Where possible, some activities and events may now be held online. Please check directly with the organisers. **Follow government guidance to help save lives and help the NHS.**



Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

St Mary's Hemyock

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St Mary's Church News

The village of Hemyock has for the first time in living memory had a bare ten foot cross erected in the churchyard during Holy Week but by Easter Sunday it had been decorated with a floral display by Monica Smith, St Mary's Church flower arranger co ordinator.

The congregations of the Upper Culm Mission Community were able to take part in a virtual service on Good Friday and a half hour reflection took place on Easter Sunday. Other similar connections were available during Holy Week.

The Parish Pump is a popular magazine produced by St Mary's Church and distributed to every household in Hemyock and Clayhidon six times a year. Due to the risk of infection and other concerns it was decided to issue the April/May copy online only. As not all folk in the community have internet access a hard copy practical mini guide to what is available locally without leaving home has been printed.

Thanks to an army of volunteers this has now been distributed and every street or estate in the villages has a named person willing to provide help. The mini guide includes a list of businesses who provide groceries and provisions, home delivered ready made meals, household essentials, pets and Vets as well as information from the Blackdown Medical Practice, churches and other support bodies.

Children are being invited to drop a letter or drawing into the red postbox now outside of St Mary's Church and these will later be collected and distributed throughout the village. It is suggested an adult puts the contribution through the opening.



Top Left Bare Cross during Holy Week
Above Left Decorated Cross for Easter Sunday
Top Right Wreath of flowers on cross
Above Right Post box for letters

Toilets

Not again surely? Well no, but yes. You will recall that in 2018 after about 900 years St Mary's opened it's first toilets; many of you helped towards the cost of them, for which many thanks. At the end of last year following the completion of the project and winding up of the account it was suggested to the PCC that it would be a good idea to have it twinned. No that does not mean building an identical one at the other end of the church but rather joining a scheme run by the charity "Tear Fund". This "twins" toilets in this country with one in a less developed one. It's like twinning with French villages but on a smaller scale.

Tear Fund work in about 40 countries across the world, including Uganda. Regular readers will recall that St Mary's has a link with Uganda in the form of "The Potter's Village", a hospital for Children on the edge of Kisoro in South west Uganda. So we applied and asked if possible can it be near Kisoro"

Tearfund accepted our offer and have twinned us with a latrine in the Kabale area. Kabale is the next large township to the east of Kisoro and is about 48 miles away, an hour and a quarter along a very twisty road. It is an area which staff from Potter's Village visit.

Now mention of the word latrine may just bring to mind thought of dirty smelly "sheds" in the back streets of some small French town. In which case can I ask you to think again. Latrine technology is definitely in the 21st century. There are your basic models, but then there's twin chamber models, compost producing ones, ventilated versions and yes even ones with running water. Have a look at the "Toilet Twinning" website for the whole technical breakdown.

So why does all this matter? Because lack of sanitation and good hygiene kill. And Tearfund don't just come along, put up a loo and swan off. They will meet with the local community and educate people to understand the dangers of poor sanitation and hygiene. Surprisingly many Mothers don't realise that the water they spent 4hours doing to get is the main reason their children have diarrhea. It's contaminated with all sorts of bugs and animal urine.

It means in most cases that the community choose the site and the type of unit, and may well build it themselves, and then look after it. So what do they get for their involvement. Where possible a water supply is brought to the area. This will be filtered and so clean. So less illness, especially for children who then do not miss out on schooling. So better long term prospects The women aren't spending hours away from their homes so can be more productive in their gardens, so better food. Crops can be watered.

Good hygiene practices can be taught and followed, so less illness. Also for women the fear of being attacked or raped whilst attending to their toilet in the bush or forest is removed, especially where the toilet/latrine is just for the one family.

So lots of benefits, for a small outlay. Which incidentally gets mainly spent on the individual education and discussions before work starts. And you could have your loo twinned too. Or your tap. Do look up the "ToiletTwinning" website. It's quite fascinating. And if you want to know where "our" twin is, it is at Latitude 1.1955 south, Longitude 29.981 east.

PS They do also twin "Toilet blocks" like you find in village halls or sports facilities or schools etc.

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop June and July 2020

We hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe.

At the time of going to press we are not able to say when we will be back to welcome you to the Church Room.

We hope it will not be too long because, (don't tell any one), we miss you.

When we are we will advertise on the Church website, the Link sheet and via posters round the village. The dates we would have expected to be open were June 6th, 9th & 23rd, July 4th, 14th & 28th.

Best wishes to you all from the Charity & Coffee Shop crews.

PARISH PUMP DELIVERY

Many thanks to Tony and Edith Butler and Pam and Dennis Ashton for their faithful service delivering the Parish Pump in Hemyock. Tony and Edith have been delivering the Pump in the village for more than 10 years! Pam and Dennis remember delivering the first edition of the Pump back in 1974 and have given uninterrupted service up and around Castle Hill ever since! Well done to all of you. Welcome to our new helpers: Trish Slater and Belinda Taylor.

Our 'mini Pump' which came out a few weeks ago at the beginning of lockdown was delivered by volunteers from the Blackdown Support Group - thanks to all of you too for helping out at such short notice.

VE Day Celebrations

VE Day 75 began in Hemyock with a wreath being laid at the War memorial by RBL Poppy Organiser David Bawler. As churches were not allowed to fly flags from towers a temporary pole was erected at St Mary's and the Union flag hoisted. Friends and neighbours met outside for the 2 minutes silence at 11am and again for the singing of We'll Meet Again.

Numerous houses had been decorated with bunting and other displays and keeping in mind social distancing many outdoor celebrations were held. On the Eastlands estate Matt Atteo, a Scout leader, ensured his neighbours had bunting erected. At Castle Park a young family were asked to turn their V E Day music up for others to enjoy and dance to. At South View a tea party was held using vintage crockery, surrounded by union flags whilst music from the 1940s was enjoyed.



Clockwise, from above:

War Memorial with Union flag, Matt Atteo erecting bunting in Eastlands, South View garden (part) washing on the Seigfreid line!

Dressed for the occasion Janice Bawler (with hat) and Cheyenne Jordan at their tea party, South View.

Church Tower

Did you know that the Church of England has a system for checking the state of its church buildings? Called the Quinquennial Survey it involves a survey of the building every 5 years. Culm Davy and St Mary's are due to be done this year. However at St Mary's one bit has already had a detailed examination.

Back in the mid 1850s Hemyock had 5 bells. It has had this number at least since 1553. The Wardens of the time wanted a sixth. They appealed to the village for funds to pay for the bell they rather rashly had ordered. (Churchwardens could do all sorts of things years ago including imposing "rates") The money did not flood in: so one warden cancelled the order, which was with Mears and Stainback at the famous Whitechapel foundry (They had recently recast the tenor) The other warden was not pleased at this and promptly came up with the rest of the money required. So in 1858 we had a 6th bell, a new treble. The 5 existing bells were quite snugly fitted in the tower in a single layer, so the bellhanger fitted the bell above the rest on a separate frame.

Fast forward nearly 50 years and the ringers were saying that the bells were not going well, so the council of the experts was to have them rehung in a new frame. The contract for doing this was given to Harry Stokes of Woodbury, Devon. Harry was well known in Devon ringing circles and known to use non traditional materials - no oak beams, metal ones!

Harry's solution for Hemyock was quite ingenious He did use oak, but in the clock room not the bell chamber. Those of you who've climbed upon Heritage weekends will recall the large timber beams there, which just rest on the Norman walls below. When built about 1120/30 the tower was in the centre of a cruciform shaped church and the Normans had produced rather thick walls (look at the arches in the ringing room) Above the top beam Harry did use a metal frame. So all the weight of the bells (just under 4 tons) was taken by the Norman walls and the frame was not attached to the rest of the tower. Except for the treble. He replicated the design of the frame and put the beams holding the treble into the wall and sealed them in.

Now those of you who have been doing year 8 science with your children of late will know that having metal sitting in a wet substance is not a good idea, and for most of the past 110 years Hemyock's tower has been WET.

Things did alter in the 1980s when the outside was sprayed with silicone and things started to dry out. They dried out that well that solid areas started to turn to something like dust. Then it was noted about 3 years ago that where the beams supporting the treble entered the walls cracks were beginning to radiate out. This is often caused by the metal "expanding" due to the formation of rust. We called in the Diocesan Bells advisor who summed up his findings by saying "dig the beams out and have a detailed look at them"

At the time we were very much involved in the plans for the toilet block so such work had to wait. But now its time has come and the Church architect was called in to look at the whole tower. The list he has come up with is quite long. It includes:

- Supporting the treble and checking the beams.
- Removing odd pieces of metal in the walls and replacing by stainless steel
- Repointing the bell chamber walls and removing wrongly applied cement.
- Refixing the clock supports
- Refreshing the louvres
- Cleaning the clockroom walls and re-instating the missing window
- Checking the undersides of the arches in the ringing room.
- Redecorating the ringing room and quite a few small jobs.

All this will take time, patience, specialised help and quite a few pennies, and as far as the Ringers are concerned, having to stop ringing again.

We will keep you informed of our progress.

Geoff Pike

Geo will retire at the end June as caretaker of Hemyock Parish Hall after more than 25 years service. Geoff started work at Redwoods in Clayhidon as an apprentice carpenter, and having qualified, much to everyone's surprise then went on to join the Royal Navy, serving almost 7 years.

On his return, Geoff went on to work locally for Prings, and married in 1955 to Pat (Patricia), and they had two children, Ian and Lynda. There are now four grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren, but sadly his wife Pat died suddenly in 1991. Geoff became caretaker when John Bright gave up the role around 1995, and has always made sure that the hall has been kept clean, tidy and ready for the next hirer, whether a regular booking or for a meeting or celebratory function. Accompanied recently by Mary Beard, Geoff has carried out occasional small repairs or renovations, and even well into his nineties has regularly been seen climbing stepladders or moving hall furniture or cleaning equipment.

It's fair to say that Geoff has occasionally been exasperated by the hall management committee, especially when changes have been made that were not necessarily seen as improvements, but the committee in all it's personnel permutations over the years have always found Geoff to be a willing and cooperative servant, and would like to thank Geoff (and Mary) for the many years of dedicated service. We'll all miss seeing them in the hall each day, but hope to see them both around the village for many years to come.

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My Experience with COVID-19

A bit of a cough, a bit of a temperature, swift and accurate diagnosis by Dr Murray, ride in an ambulance... and I finished up in Intensive Care Unit in Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton..

Tight-fitting CPAP mask (not, thank goodness, a ventilator) pumps oxygen into me – for how many days I simply cannot remember. All a bit of a blur. Home now which is a relief! What a scary month!

What superb NHS staff (at all levels) – remarkable, mostly young, people in the Hospital wards who were tending to me (and many other patients) with professionalism, courage, calm, consideration, encouragement – they were absolutely amazing. Sadly I don't recall their names, and I couldn't see their faces. We all owe them so much.

And I must mention the wonderful, caring, loving support from family here and in Spain, from Rotarians, Wyndhams and friends in the village and area! Thank you, all of you.

Roger Lambert



Devon countryside charity's 2020 competitions provide a creative outlet for stay-at-home schoolchildren

The Devon branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England hopes its 2020 art and writing competitions, open for entries from 18 May, will provide a creative outlet for primary schoolchildren across the county, many of whom are spending more time than usual indoors this spring because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

CPRE Devon's two children's competitions are a fun way to encourage youngsters to engage with the great outdoors, even if they themselves are stuck indoors! Children in Key Stages 1 and 2 are urged to use their imagination to create a piece of artwork or a short piece of writing evoking Devon's coast or countryside, or a favourite spot that's important to them. It could be a local park, a green space nearby, somewhere they have visited for a day out or even their own garden. **The closing date for entries is 30 June 2020.**

Last year the charity received fantastic entries from right across the county from girls and boys in KS1 and KS2, who had captured their favourite outdoor space on paper. Pencils, pens, paints and sticking paste were all put to use to create artworks which showed the beauty and variety of Devon's natural environment.

The competitions are simple to enter. A top prize will be awarded to individual children in each key stage, as well as to their school. All entrants will receive a CPRE Devon 'Barney the Bull' gift. The top entrants from each school will win a Devon Countryside Ambassador Badge and a framed certificate. Winning schools will receive a plaque and £200 to spend on outdoor learning as well as CPRE membership for a year.

A leaflet with full details of both competitions is available for teachers. CPRE Devon has also produced a fun postcard for the writing competition with space for children to say why they think it's important to protect Devon's countryside. It couldn't be simpler!

If your child would like to enter, contact 01392 966737 or info@cpredevon.org.uk or check out the website cpredevon.org.uk

Please note, this year the charity will be accepting entries by email to avoid people having to make unnecessary trips to a post office to send their artwork or writing.

Longmead AGM

The Longmead Management Group will be holding the AGM on **Monday 8th June at 7pm**. Due to current circumstances the meeting will be held online. If you would like to join the meeting please email the secretary:

Tracy Leaman - the.leafmans@sky.com. The AGM will be followed by the usual quarterly meeting.

Leaving Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

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

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

Hemyock Bowling Club

As I write this at the end of May, the club would normally have opened six weeks ago, but we are just on the cusp of a very limited opening now. It has been a strange couple of months for us all! Fortunately, as I understand, there have been very few cases of Covid 19 in Hemyock, and to the best of my knowledge, no sad deaths. With regard to club members, I know of no-one who has succumbed. Let us all hope this continues as Covid rumbles on in future.

As far as the club is concerned, everything was progressing normally with winter care of the green, and then suddenly with lockdown, there were a number of e-mails from Bowls England telling us what we could and could not do to comply with government rules. In short, green maintenance was reduced to a basic level which prevented serious deterioration of the playing surface, and which would allow for its restoration in due course. Instead of working as a team and enjoying a coffee break together, we worked largely in isolation, with one member of the team completing one job, and another then taking over to do the next, whilst the first volunteer went home. Despite the difficulties, the green has survived, and after we were given official permission to re-start limited bowling on May 13th, we have worked to get the green back into shape, although not quite to the excellent standards of the last couple of years, and bowling in a very restricted form, with full protective procedures commenced on May 30th.

We owe an apology to anyone who planned to attend our open day on April 20th. This was obviously impossible. However, if anyone who has developed lockdown fever, or who simply would like to enjoy a good game and (usually) good a social environment, and would like to try their hand, just contact a club member.

This strange season, there are no league matches envisaged, no county competitions or team matches of any description. Only practice "rollups" are allowed, with a maximum of six members on the green at any one time, and all sessions to be pre-booked to avoid accidental congestion. The clubhouse remains completely closed.

The lockdown will have a massive effect on the clubs limited finances, but thanks to a government grant administered by Mid-Devon council, for which we are very grateful, the worst case scenario has been avoided, and the club will survive without question, and we look forward to a return to normal activity next year if not before.

Ultimately, we should all be grateful that Hemyock appears to have avoided the worst of Covid so far. Long may it continue! Stay safe, with best wishes to all from HBC.

Opening Times



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 Weekends Closed

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BLACKDOWN SUPPORT GROUP – LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

As for all of us, individuals and organisations alike, the last 2 months at the BSG has been a time we will never forget. It seems a lifetime ago, in early March, that we started thinking very seriously about how we were going to be affected by Covid-19 and how we could best support those who would need the most help.

Since then, all of our lives have been turned upside down, but we are hugely fortunate to be part of such resilient and supportive communities in the Blackdowns, which have risen to the challenges we have collectively faced in an impressive and humbling way.

Working with Parish Councils, Churches and community groups across the area, we have seen a huge response to our requests for volunteer support with shopping, prescription deliveries and telephone befriending for those who are self-isolating.

Over 200 new volunteers came forward across the parishes of Clayhidon, Culmstock, Hemyock, Dunkeswell, Churchinford, Otterford and Buckland St Mary to offer their help in the early stages of the crisis and we are hugely grateful for that response – thank you to all of those people. This is twice the total number of volunteers we normally work with across the entire Blackdown Hills area and we hope that some of those people will be able to become long-term BSG volunteers as we move forward with re-establishing some of our normal services in the future.

We estimate that in the 6 weeks from mid March to the end of April, volunteers across the 3 Parishes of Hemyock, Culmstock and Clayhidon delivered 690 prescriptions, did 475 shopping trips and made 1700 welfare check telephone calls. These activities are continuing to take place across the Blackdowns.

The number of Coronavirus cases locally has been mercifully low so far compared to some parts of the country and we have not had the need to call on everyone who offered their services as a Volunteer. We thank those people for their enthusiasm and we hope that our beautiful area continues to stay healthy in the weeks and months to come as lockdown restrictions ease. Whatever the outcome of all this, we are grateful to know that our communities are ready to support each other.

Vicky Norton – Chair, Blackdown Support Group

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BLACKDOWN SUPPORT GROUP – UPDATE FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR, Elizabeth McNabb

Shopping

Many people have needed to utilise the food delivery services of their local volunteers and their local businesses, who have been an integral part of supporting the community at this time. Support with shopping or errands is an ongoing service, please contact us if you need anything either locally or from the supermarkets.

Prescriptions

The speedy and substantial volunteer response from the community meant that we could offer co-ordinated volunteer support to the Blackdown Practice, to enable them to move very quickly to 100% prescription delivery across the entire Practice catchment area. This has been enormously helpful in reducing unnecessary journeys for patients and reducing footfall and risk of infection at the Practice sites.

A Friendly Call

Blackdown Support Group Lunch Club Volunteers are carrying out regular ring-rounds to our usual Lunch Club guests. Our Befriending Volunteers continue to call those they would usually visit face to face. We also have Volunteers with specialist skills in certain areas such as mental health, dementia, bereavement and form filling who are able to offer telephone support – please get in touch if you or someone you know might benefit from this.

Transport

We are now looking at how we can safely re-start our medical transport service, to enable people who do not drive to get to important or critical medical appointments, which may have been postponed during the crisis. At present we are able to offer transport to **medical appointments only**, to people who are not in the “shielded/extremely vulnerable” category and who are able to complete their journey physically unaided. If you would like to make a booking for transport to a medical appointment or if you are in the shielded category or unable to make a journey unaided and need advice on your transport options, you can call us on the usual number – 01823 681 036 Monday to Friday between 9 and 11am.

Volunteer Opportunities

As the frequency of medical appointments begins to increase, we are seeking new Volunteer Drivers to join the BSG at a time when many of our regular drivers are unable to help. This role

Clap for Carers

Once again Hemyock joined with the nation as they clapped for Carers on Thursday evening. In the area of South View adults were joined by some of the youngest members with 5 year old Bea running up and down the road banging a pan with a wooden spoon and her young friends and neighbours Daniel and Cassandra joining in.



Left, top
Bea with her parents Emma and Baz

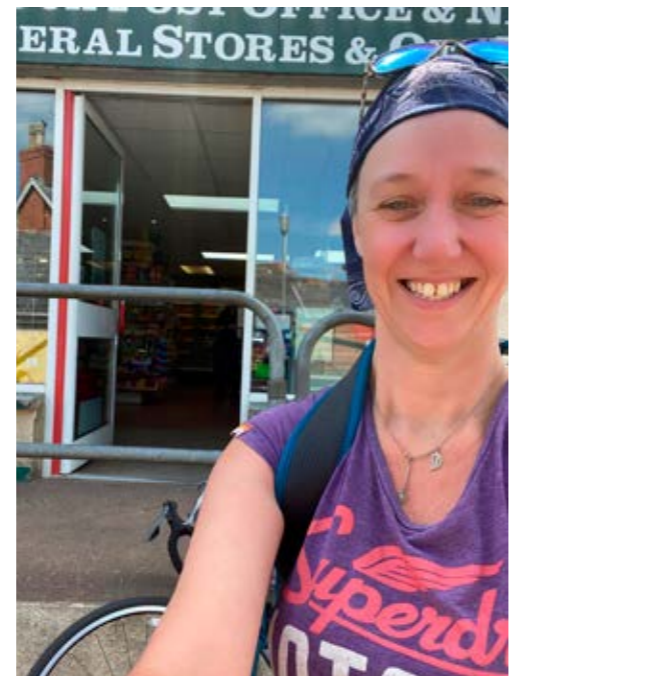
Left, below
Daniel and Cassandra





Clockwise, from left:

A Friendly Phone Call from Ros at the BSG, Parklands Volunteer Emily (and small helper Kitty) who did a lot of badge-making for us, Eastlands Volunteer Imogen doing some shopping on her bike, Prescription Delivery Drivers Jim and Yvette Hitch from Culmstock and Sarah Folland from Hemyock, Julie Steed collecting prescription deliveries for Hemyock.



involves using your own car to collect and take patients to the relevant destination and return them home afterwards. PPE and full guidance on how to do so safely will be provided and an enhanced DBS check is required. This work usually takes place Monday to Friday during the day, but it can be flexible and fit around other commitments you may have.

If you would like to offer your services as a Volunteer Driver or if you would like to have a conversation with us to find out more, please email Elizabeth McNabb bsg.elizabeth@nhs.net

Other information

Eating Well

We have lots of nutritional advice available from NHS Dieticians. Information includes how to eat well with a respiratory disorder or respiratory symptoms, drinking enough fluid, making the most of your food and ensuring you are meeting your nutritional needs when you can't go out. Please call the BSG Office on 01823 681 036 for more information.

Getting Connected

Positive People is a project which offers virtual IT support, or telephone advice if you are not online already, so you can improve your digital skills and stay connected with family and friends. Support is available from a Digital Skills Advisor Monday to Friday 10am-4pm on 07763 093508 or visit jotform.com/ppdevon/support to send an email with your enquiry.

Social Opportunities

Devon Highlights offers a one to one telephone service for the over 55s who do not have access to the internet or are unsure how to use digital services. For those that have digital literacy they are using ZOOM to hold groups online, so that participants can see each other in real time and talk about activities they are doing. If you would like to get involved please email info@devoncommunitiestogether.org.uk or telephone 01392 218919.

Financial Hardship

Mid Devon District Council has an emergency fund to support people experiencing financial hardship because of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are a Mid Devon resident over the age of 16 and are facing financial hardship you may be able to apply for a one-off crisis payment to cover essentials such as food, medical/personal hygiene items or utility bills. It can also cover costs to help you access the support and services you need e.g. mobile phone top up, internet access and transport. Alongside the emergency payments you will be offered advice and guidance on how to manage your finances through this crisis and help with re-budgeting your household expenses.

To apply please visit the Mid Devon website link below or call 01884 234 387. <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/covid19-support/covid19-local-support-fund/>

Do your bit for science!

People over 50 are being invited to join the PROTECT study, a national research project which seeks to understand how healthy brains age and why people develop dementia. This is an exciting opportunity to take part in major UK research into this important topic. Participants will be asked to complete a

set of questionnaires, cognitive tests and brain training games on an annual basis. To find out more visit www.protectstudy.org.uk

Keep in touch with us

As always we are here to talk about any concerns you may have, about yourself or someone you know – we will always do our best to help.

01823 681 036 Monday to Friday 9-11am

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 Get **35 % off** seeds and 10% off other items from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group.

Just use the offer code **GC1001E** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

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

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



The Positives of Lockdown

TRAFFIC has gone,
 FUEL is affordable,
 BILLS extended.
 KIDS are at home with their FAMILIES.
 PARENTS are home taking care of their CHILDREN.
 FAST FOOD replaced by HOME COOKED MEALS.
 Hectic SCHEDULES replaced by NAPS, REST, and RELAXATION.
 The AIR seems CLEANER.
 The WORLD quieter.
 PEOPLE are conscious about HYGIENE and HEALTH.
 MONEY doesn't make the WORLD GO ROUND anymore.
 DESIGNER clothing is pointless as nobody ever really needed it.
 DOCTORS AND NURSES are being praised and recognised instead of celebrities.
 And WE now have TIME, finally, to STOP and SMELL the ROSES.
 And don't forget to LOOK UP AT THE STARS
 Our world is pretty amazing

...The positives of lockdown ❤️

Around Hemyock

Hemyock being Hemyock has proved once again, during the past challenging weeks, what a wonderful caring parish it is. As I have been confined to barracks throughout the lockdown I have experienced first hand the love of family and the support from neighbours.

Volunteers have shopped, prescriptions have been delivered, social media and phone calls have been used to make contact whether to check others are well or informing them of supermarket slots! Our local businesses and churches along with the Blackdown Practice, BSG and school have continued to support the community in many different ways, the weekly Clap for Carers has seen households standing on their doorstep applauding and rainbow pictures and teddy bears have appeared in windows. We have been fortunate that our bins have been emptied, our post and milk delivered and the glorious weather has meant that most of us have been able to be outside whether in our gardens or going for walks. We are also aware that key workers have often gone into difficult environments and we are grateful for them and all they have done and continue to do.

During this difficult time we are aware that some families have lost a loved one including Ena Sutton (nee Cload), Barbara Hole, Elizabeth Cheshire, Mair Northam and Elaine Moralee. We send condolences and prayers to those concerned.

Ena Sutton nee Cload, married Geoff later in life. Ena Lived and worked on the family farm at Dunns Green. Following her fathers death she moved into Hemyock eventually moving into Castle Park. She will be remembered by many older long term residents and for her cheerful laughter.

Barbara Hole

Until going into care had lived here all her life here, at Millhayes and later moving to Castle Park. Barbara's working life was spent at the milk factory offices. Barbara was an enthusiastic member of the pantomimes which were put on at the factory in the 1940/50s. As one of the earliest Girl Guides here she later went on to run the Brownies in the 1940s until her retirement in 1968 when I took over. On her retirement she was very involved with the Over 60s group. In the 1970s, Barbara was a volunteer delivering the Yours magazine to more senior village residents. The now well known magazine was originally a free newspaper created for Help the Aged charity. Barbara was a keen whist player and a very skilled knitter making numerous animals and dolls for charity including Christian Response to Eastern Europe.

Mair Northam

Mair moved to Hemyock in the late 1940s when she lived in Station Road. She married Gordon Northam (Barbara Bowden brother) and moved to Wales. They had no children and on Gordon's retirement the couple returned to live in Hemyock but sadly he died within 3 weeks of their arrival. Mair was quiet by nature but she enjoyed cruising and belonged to the ballroom dancing club here.

Elizabeth(Libby) Cheshire

Libby grew up in Edgeware, near London and, although she wasn't from a farming family, became a land girl during the war and married Don who was determined to become a farmer, despite having no farm to inherit. Through sheer hard work and determination they worked their way up from farm management in Oxfordshire, through farm tenancies on the Isle of Wight and

finally farm ownership in Cornwall. It was quite a struggle at times, but they made a great team, raising three girls along the way and giving them a wonderful childhood.

Libby came to live with her daughter Julie and son-in-law Paul at Cheritons in 2009 and her whole family would like to thank the Hemyock community for the warm welcome given to her. She joined a number of clubs, and was often roped in to provide refreshments for the tennis club. Most people in the village who knew her will have tasted her cooking. She loved to bake and there were always cakes, biscuits or puddings on the go at Cheritons (often all three). This didn't help our waistlines, but they were very good! Thank you for the many cards and warm words that we have received; they have been particularly welcome in these strange times.

Elaine Moralee

Many were shocked by the sudden and tragic death of Elaine after a fall. She was a much loved member of our community who worked within the medical profession and was involved with amongst other things Valley Arts. Elaine's popularity was such that many of her friends and neighbours lined the streets as her hearse passed through the village as due to present restrictions they were unable to attend her service.

As the last issue of the Pump was printed online and you may not have had access to it there were three folk mentioned who had received awards so it has been decided to include their details here along with our congratulations.

Julie Jennings

Many will know her through the immense work she has done with Hemyock Cubs and other groups in the area over many years. Her Award for Merit for Outstanding Service to Scouting was presented by two of her grandchildren much to Julie's delight. Thank you Julie for all you have done and continue to do.

Elizabeth Sherwood

Lizzie, wife of Rev David a previous Rector here, first became involved with disability access as a 6th form volunteer. She has worked at Exeter university for 20 years where she is the team leader helping assess students who require support. She received the Rigour Professional Services Recognition Award.

Rebekah Bawler

Has been recognised as one of the 23 top technology educators in the UK by The Education Foundation Edtech 50. She advises schools across 5 Local Authorities in South Wales where she is a Lead Teacher in ICT. Rebekah recently attended a 4 day event in London for educators from around the world where she was on a discussion panel.

It was very good to hear that **Roger Lambert** had been discharged from hospital. He had been very ill with Coronavirus. We wish well in his recovery. Other people who have been brought to the attention of the Pump as being unwell include **Ron, Janet, Gordon, Chris, Wendy, Kay, Les and Tony**. We send them, and anyone known to us, all good wishes.

VE Day75... not quite what we nor the country planned! Even so many mini celebrations took place here. A wreath and poppies were placed on the War Memorial with a Union flag hoisted

on a temporary pole alongside as religious buildings were not allowed to fly one. Bunting, flags and balloons appeared around the village as houses were decorated and keeping a safe distance apart numerous gatherings took place as well as those in individual gardens. Many stood outside at 11am as the 2 minute silence was observed and 9pm voices were heard singing We'll Meet Again.

This was all so different to **The Celebration of Peace** weekend organised by the then Carnival Committee and held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of VE Day. The Pump reminds us of the laying of a wreath at the War Memorial followed by an open air service at the Parish Hall car park with music supplied by Wellington School Combined Cadet Force band, primary age children were presented with commemorative coins, a fete with Taunton Hospital radio providing music and interviews with veterans, a 1940s style dance with live music, an open air concert and street party plus a display of wartime memorabilia... all blessed with fine weather. The plaque alongside the War Memorial was laid and the small garden behind it was planted with roses as was one at the front of the Baptist Chapel and a garden at the school. A certificate which hangs in St Mary's was presented by the Royal British Legion in thanks for the money raised over the weekend.

In 2005, the **60th anniversary** saw another open air service despite the blustery conditions. It was led by Rev David Sherwood assisted by Pastor Steven Reed and followed with a bring and share tea when music from the war years was played and dancing to the music of Glenn Miller was enjoyed. The Royal British Legion WW2 Anniversary Appeal benefited with a donation of £150.

At that time **Rev Sherwood** wrote in the Pump that " Our memories are important to us. In them we store our good times and the bad. We need to be constantly reminded of the good things in life. We need to be shown that we are loved and the people around us care for us and want to be close to us" words so relevant to the situation we have been in for many weeks.

Peter and Susan Barrett will be celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary on 18th June. We send them the very warmest congratulations.

When was the first Pump was printed and when did I start writing this column were two questions recently asked. The magazine was begun by the then Rector, Rev Tony Grosse. At the great age of nearly 90 he couldn't remember but felt it would have been in the early 1970s. (we think 1972) He retired after over 22 years here and 136 copies had been printed during that time mainly written by him, rolled out from a word processor and put together by a group of us sat around a table at The Rectory. I started writing this column in the June/July issue 1996.

This issue of the Pump will no doubt be a special one as people tell of their experiences over recent weeks. If you have any news you would like to share for the next issue please email through of pop through the letterbox of 4 South View (bottom of the Recreation Field).

Finally were you in, or can you remember who was in a village skiffle group back in the day? If so please would you get in touch on the email address below.

Best wishes,

Janice

jbowler1947@hotmail.co.uk

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 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), Mrs Penny Browning, Dr Susan Brocklesby, Mrs Doreen Pike and Mr Tom Baker.

COULD WE HELP YOU?

What's On June 2020

What's On July 2020

Corona Virus: All events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to government restrictions. Where possible, some activities and events may now be online. Please check directly with the organisers. **Follow government guidance to help save lives and help the NHS.**

Notable dates

June 20 Longest Day (NB. Summer Solstice at Stonehenge cancelled)

June 21 Fathers' Day

	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 2nd and 4th	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 1st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Club every 2nd	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed	7.30-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2nd	12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1st 2.30 Acorns every 3rd 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1st	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1st week
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2nd / Hemyock History & Archiving (CR)(3rd) / Clayhidon History Group 3rd / Health Visitor Clinic (Pre-School age) BHLAC (last) 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 3rd		

Notable dates

July 04 St Mary's Summer Fete - this will likely be cancelled but if lockdown rules are relaxed sufficiently may go ahead.

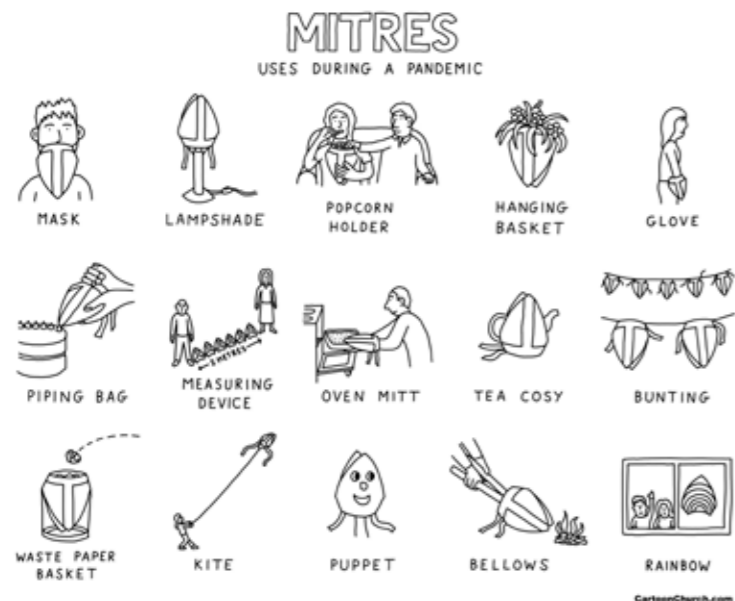
Forthcoming Events	
Aug 02	Possible Open Gardens? (FOSM)
Aug 31	SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY
Sept 01	Club activities may start depending on the current situation with the coronavirus (check with club leaders).
Sept 03	Devon schools Autumn Term starts (check with individual schools)
Sept 13	Heritage Day (Hidden Nature), St. Mary's
Oct 25	British Summer Time ends

ALL DATES FOR EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE GIVEN THE CURRENT CORONA VIRUS CRISIS.

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 at her **new email address** - sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com by the "Parish Pump" deadline date. (This may stop too many clashes of dates!)

Parish Pump Deadline
August – September issue: 14th July
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Lockdown Life Cartoons



Opposite page Dave Walker
 This page Susan Barrett

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.



Longmead Field

TREASURER WANTED

LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

Can you help?

The Longmead Management Group is seeking a new Treasurer. The role includes the collection of fees, record keeping and compiling a short report for each meeting. There are four meetings each year held in the pavilion at Longmead. It is friendly and interesting group whose task is to oversee the running of the sports facilities and the environmental area at Longmead

If you are interested please contact Tracy Leaman - 01823 681569

Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

I would be grateful if you could give me any information that will affect the details in the Parish Pump by the deadline. It does mean looking 2 months ahead which is not always easy! I hope this will give the village a more accurate and up-to-date Parish Pump magazine.

Sue Lambert, tel. 01823 680664,
sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com.

Editor, James Winrow, pump@lickam.co.uk

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.

Poets Corner

The Wind That Blows

When warm airs rise over hills to sky,
 And lifts broad wind-foiled wings to blue,
 The buzzard hangs still and looks,
 Adjusts her pinions, soars away
 To hang still again to look to see.

The same airs fill the mighty rivers of the sky,
 Which bear the birds and plankton of the insect kind,
 On journeys 'cross seas and continents of the World,
 Those airs brings each season's time,
 To all His creatures, as each is tuned.

Caring

It's afternoon at two o'clock,
 She says, "Your coffee drunk?"
 He jerks awake and looks,
 And drinks
 And goes to take just forty winks,
 While she readzzz,
 Dozes in her chair;
 Both need to catch the sleep they lost,
 To the crisis of the night before,
 Which tested bonds of Love and Care:
 Sweet confirmation of a pledge they share.

David Palmer

Lockdown Life

We count ourselves extremely lucky that our house looks onto the Recreation Field and we have a large garden to enjoy. We are also grateful that Cheyenne arrived home before lockdown which has meant, amongst other things we have baked cakes together which is something seldom done here when she is at university.

Our garden was due to be opened for the Friends of St Mary's in July but has been put back to August 2nd... hopefully... so gardening has been high on the list of things to do... continually!... and we have so enjoyed and been grateful for the lovely weather allowing this.

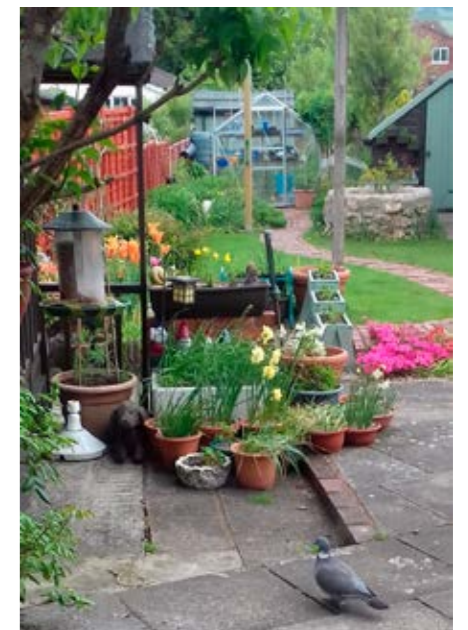
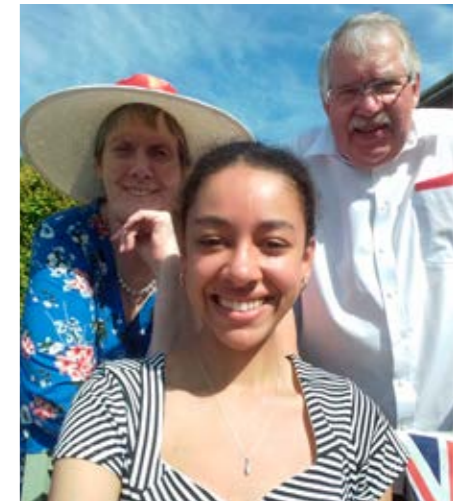
The charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe will have a mountain of knitted garments from us when their collection warehouse at Exmouth is eventually reopened.

Thanks to social media and the phone we've kept in touch with friends and family including giving our 9 year old twin granddaughters in Wales a weekly challenge, whilst jigsaw is a word used almost daily by David.

Within days of lockdown the lawn mower stopped working with petrol all over the shed floor... should we cut the lawn with scissors we asked... promptly followed by the dishwasher crashing but we decided the family who wash up together stays together!

With everything in lockdown and Janice being confined to house and garden since March there are of course many people and things we miss but with no organisations, meetings and the suchlike to attend and even church services Zoomed it means we have found it far more helpful to look at the simple things we have been able to enjoy - our neighbours - especially the young family next door who have been so helpful and listening to their children having fun - watching birds coming into the garden, having time to watch a TV programme instead of recording and read plus of course the absolute joy of getting an online shopping slot! Most of all we have been grateful for our health and seeing all the goodwill shown by so many.

David and Janice Bawler



From Top
 David and Janice
 Janice, Cheyenne and David
 Views of our garden at 4 south View.



Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update June 2020

Due to the coronavirus outbreak the parish council did not meet during April and following changes to legislation it was able to hold its first remote meeting using Zoom in May. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meeting is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 20/00539/FULL. Retention of container housing biomass boiler (Container A) and repositioning of existing container housing biomass boiler (Container B). Brookridge Timber Ltd, Hemyock.
- 20/00452/MOUT. Outline for the erection of up to 140 dwellings. Blackwater Road, Culmstock.
- Permission granted noted for:-
- 20/00260/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of barn and stables as residential dwelling for a period in excess of 4 years.
- 20/00548/PNAG. Prior notification for the erection of extension to an agricultural livestock building, Scotland Farm.
- Refusal noted for:-
- 20/00015/FULL. Erection of dwelling following demolition of garage. 29 Station Road.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, donations towards tree planting, wayleave payment and precept. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, subscriptions, electricity, water, legal fees and planning fees.

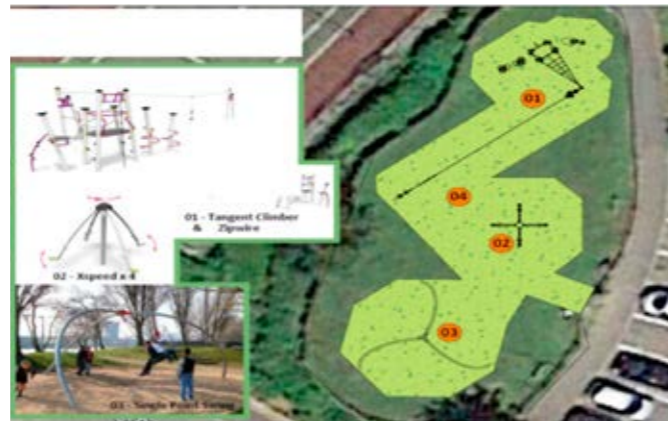
Longmead

The bridge over the brook at the northern end of the football fields is in need of refurbishment. Brookridge Timber Ltd has kindly agreed to remove it and refurbish it. Whilst the bridge is undergoing repair, contractors will be on site making improvements to help preserve the newly refurbished bridge and the path will need to be diverted along the side of the football pitches. There will be no access across the brook. Please bear with us whilst this essential work is undertaken.

The existing play area at Longmead is being redesigned. We hope to have the new equipment installed within the next few months.

Wild Flower Seeds

Following a grant from the Blackdown Hills Transition Group, a team of volunteers has planted some meadow flower seeds on verges leading into the village.



Above Longmead play area design.

Hedges

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

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 at 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.

Coronavirus outbreak

Due to the coronavirus outbreak the parish council is holding meetings remotely using Zoom. The agendas are published on the village website and any members of the public who wish to join need to contact the clerk for the meeting access code.

There will be no Annual Parish Meeting this year and there will be no official annual meeting of the council. This means that the chairman and vice-chairman of the council will stay in position until the annual meeting in May 2021.

Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall (but see note above). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org//index.php?topic=parishcouncil.

Clerk:

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

Moving during 'Lockdown'

The house was sold. Details were being finalised and the date for moving would be April or May. Then Roy's brother David died in Dundee with a funeral date of March 18th. By this time people were being urged not to travel unless really necessary. However, David was the last of Roy's family and he was determined not to miss his funeral. So we went.

Arrived home on Friday and on Sunday evening our daughter Anita, arrived having caught the last flight from Abu Dhabi to Heathrow. She had already been working 'from home' for three weeks and thought Hemyock would be more pleasant surroundings and she would not be isolated, alone. She also knew that help would be needed if the house-move was allowed to go ahead.

So an 'office' was set up with improved broadband and work was able to take place with her company, working from 6am to 2pm. A private arrangement meant jobs could be done at the new address before completion so father and daughter made countless journeys between the two properties, making the actual move much easier when it did actually happen.

So Lockdown happened and Anita was able to keep her parents as safe as she could by doing the shopping, thus keeping them out of the shops.

We tried different methods of shopping. A 'click and collect' was not a great success as the 'Calcraft order' was given to someone else who was nearly back home before being asked to come back to the shop! Cullompton market Traders did really well and we were able to enjoy really local products. Never seen such huge potatoes! Anita has enjoyed shopping locally too.

The official moving date arrived and the removal van arrived to transfer our belongings about half a mile up the village. The weather has been warm and dry. Not ideal for creating a new garden but good for all the outside jobs.

Anita's presence has been a great asset and Roy has been allowed to chauffeur her around! We have not had any of our three daughters living with us for 32 years but now, ten weeks later, she is still with us and no sign as yet of her returning to Abu Dhabi!

Being able to 'Zoom' in to Church Services has been a great help with coping with this unusual situation. I miss meeting people at the various monthly gatherings and also miss being able to visit and be visited by other members of my family.

Hopefully, the situation will improve soon and I will again be able to enjoy Hemyock Gardeners Association, Hemyock Acorns and Hemyock WI. Not forgetting St Mary's Services, the Charity Shop and Chapel Café!

Brenda Calcraft

Socially Distanced Repair Work to Much Loved Monument Continues

Despite needing to ensure building work is carried out in a socially distant way, vital restoration work on the Wellington Monument in Somerset, has successfully continued.

Throughout its 200 years the Wellington Monument has had a turbulent history. With false starts in its construction, failing repairs and a lack of funds, the structure has struggled to stay in a good state of repair. Deterioration and the danger of falling masonry led to the building being closed and a fence erected.

However, at the end of 2019, a major conservation project got underway. Current global circumstances could have meant the restoration would once again be halted.

Mark Holland, Site Manager for Sally Strachey Conservation commented, 'We've been dismantling the pyramidion (the top section) and now the counterweight and rusting iron assembly have been dismantled and are now stored at ground level, alongside the stone from the pyramidion.'

Mark continued: 'This week we have started on the first batch of anchor-ties (which help to strengthen the structure), they are all located on the lower third. Once this phase is complete, we will be starting with the cavity grouting; trials for this will commence next week. We will then continue upward, grouting all voids in one metre increments. Currently the team of six stone masons have replaced about 80 stones.'

Helen Sharp, Project Manager for the Trust added, 'We are grateful to the community for their continued support of the project during these unusual times. We want to make sure they know that we continue to commit to looking after Wellington Monument.'

The project to repair the monument will cost £3.45m, with funding received from grant-giving bodies, and donors. It is also with thanks to the community who have also been very generous with their donations that the National Trust have raised a total of £2.95m.

Rebecca Pow, MP for Taunton Deane said, 'I have been involved with this project from the outset having secured initial funding from the Libor Fund of £1m. This is a very challenging project and has been made even more so during the pandemic, but the National Trust and the contractor have made it possible to progress the work following all the correct measures, which is a testament to their skills and dedication. I would like to thank all those who have been involved in furthering this project in a range of ways and those who have made donations so that the restoration of this iconic Monument is possible. It's a real symbol for the area heralding the gateway to the South West. I pledged to work to restore the Monument when I was first elected and am delighted that working with the National Trust and the local community, we are nearing our goal.'

The National Trust are still fundraising for the repair of the monument with just under £500k left to raise. Donations towards the appeal can be made at: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wellingtonmonumentappeal.



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Well, well, well! I briefly mentioned coronavirus last time, with the hope that it would soon be over. Rikki was wrong, it's taking a bit longer, but we will get there.

Our scout motto, "Be Prepared" is really apt for all of us at the moment, so you are all honorary members of 1st Hemyock – so, Be Prepared and we will get there.

We should have had an actual St Georges Day Parade and Service on 26th April. Of course we had to cancel, but that did not stop us. Rikki was prepared to have you all active and involved during the Service. Never mind the props are stashed away and will be used next year. So next best thing we had a virtual Service, which has appeared on our Face Book page and I do believe on the St Marys web site. The theme was that St George was all scouts of the world and the dragon was the dreaded coronavirus and we set out to defeat it. We haven't won yet but being scouts, which includes all of you, we will.

As you can guess scouting has been suspended nationwide by HQ until further notice, so not too much to report from the sections. Scouting outdoors has become scouting indoors, so thank goodness for the internet and social media. Our Face Book page is updated weekly by our leaders, so we are all in touch. It will be sometime before we can do "proper Hemyock scouting" but we will manage it and I shall keep you in touch.

Old Rikki wont stop yet. Back to 1971, when our Scouting Magazine cost 10p, where on the front cover appeared a picture of Skip Lowman surrounded by 41 cub scouts at camp. We were as famous then as we are now! In the magazine we had a four page article by scout reporter David Harwood. He was amazed that a Group was so successful in the depths of rural Devon. He soon found out that Hemyock was special. He joined us at several camps and attended meetings with us before writing the article. His final paragraph was as follows--

It is hard to believe how young in years the Group really is. But the point was demonstrated when one mother who is on the Group Council said ; I have five sons. The first two are Queen's Scouts, one a Patrol Leader, one a Cub Scout and the youngest just can't wait for his eighth birthday to join the Pack. I am sure some of you know that Mum, if you don't know I'll tell you next time. The 1st Hemyock have achieved more in ten years than many Groups have in half a century. They are a fine example of Scouting in the seventies at its very best. Makes us proud to be 1st Hemyock adds Rikki!

I can certainly add that what was started in 1960 has certainly continued and we still do proper scouting. This of course means that if we started in 1960 this year is our sixtieth anniversary. I have been reminded of this by an old scout by the name of David Smale, who went on to join the Navy, but now retired. I will have to converse with our Leaders and hopefully with coronavirus defeated we can arrange a small celebration at the end of the year.

And finally, Camp Fire Yarn no19. Prevention of Disease. Very apt at the moment, Baden Powell wrote about the subject over 100 years ago. I wont bore you with the details but the title of the yarn was-- Microbes, and how to fight them. What we are doing now to fight coronavirus is exactly what he said back then. Keep at it and Be Prepared.

Fingers crossed we will be in a better situation for the next Pump.

Old Rikki

St Georges Day

To celebrate St Georges Day 1st Hemyock Scout Group and Brownies conduct the Sunday service nearest April 23rd at St Marys church Hemyock after parading through the village.

With churches closed a plea went out that members should wear uniform as they stood outside to Clap for Carers on Thursday evening, 23rd, and many were seen to do so with an English flag being waved in South View terrace.

John Northam traditionally gives the talk at the service which usually involves all those present in much laughter and activity. This year he has posted his thoughts to the young people comparing George and the dragon to fighting coronavirus.

1st Hemyock Scout Group. St Georges Day 2020 Virtual Parade and Service.

Hello to all beavers, brownies, cub scouts, scouts, explorers, network, leaders and group executive. This is a bit different to what I had planned! In normal circumstances I would have brought all my props to the Church and had all you young people and members of the congregation doing lots of different things to celebrate the day of our patron saint. No problem, we will save all of that for next year. For 2020 we will have our virtual service. We have St George and we have a dragon, but both are a bit different this year.

St George is represented by all scouts of 1st Hemyock and all scouts of the whole world. We are united together. The dragon is a dreaded disease called corona virus. Our aim as St George is to defeat the dragon by being prepared (as we always are) and obeying the rules of combat which is to 'do the five'.

1. Hands - Wash them often.
2. Elbow - Cough into it.
3. Face - Don't touch it.
4. Feet - Stay more than six feet apart.
5. Feel sick? - Stay at home.

There we are, if we all, worldwide do this then we will defeat this horrid dragon and get back to proper scouting when we can enjoy the great outdoors again. When it happens, Old Rikki is coming out of retirement and will visit you at your meetings. You won't want that too often, so make sure that the dragon is defeated for ever!

Best Wishes to you all, Old Rikki (John Northam).

Submitted by Janice Bawler

Dear Residents

How things have changed. We have never seen anything like the COVID-19, it has brought disruption and everything almost a stop. I have not been to any Parish Council or even Devon County meetings since early March. Because of the lockdown all meetings have been cancelled or postponed. We are now doing meetings by video link and we are now getting the hang of it. Although I must say, I have had more emails to deal with now, than I ever did before the pandemic, keep them coming.

County from time to time keep us updated with information, but that can easily get out of date, by the time you get this report, for sure things could well have altered. Below I have outlined some of what has or will be happening.

Intelligence such as the traffic flows, as well as traffic speed (which sadly is not reducing) is being shared with the police daily to assist them wherever possible. With the pressures on other parts of the organisation, some of the staff have volunteered to assist elsewhere, which the service is supporting, maintaining enough staff to keep the highway operating safely, as well as preparing for supporting the Devon economy, when the time is right . You may have seen the news about the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers helping with the food distribution, which Skanska had also assisted with.

Applications can now be made for support from the Bounce Back Loans scheme which has been set up to enable small and medium-sized businesses affected by coronavirus to access loans of up to £50,000. UK-based businesses negatively affected by coronavirus can borrow between £2,000 and £50,000. The government guarantees 100% of the loan and there won't be any fees or interest to pay for the first 12 months. Loan terms will be up to 6 years. No repayments will be due during the first 12 months. The government will work with lenders to agree a low rate of interest for the remaining period of the loan.

Full details of the scheme, including details of the accredited lenders who are administering it, can be found on the website of the British Business Bank.

At Devon County Council we are beginning to think ahead about what the 'new normal' might look like for us. We have shown over the past weeks how adaptable we are and that we can continue to deliver vital services and protect the most vulnerable in our communities in extraordinary circumstances. We will of course continue to review all our working arrangements for Members and staff as Government guidance emerges but for now, please keep going; please keep working from home if you can; and most of all, please keep safe.

I have been in contact with Phil Morgan to get an update. Phil is out and about doing his normal work as is Skanska. He is monitoring all the roads in his/our patch under what is called 'Doing what matters', this is a process which evaluates road conditions, not necessary just potholes. Any potholes that has been reported will be repaired according to the status of the road, he says Skanska is using their imagination more now and not waiting for a pothole to reach the required measurements before giving it some attention.

What he is doing with all the roads, he and his counterparts

in other parts of the County, have to classify the condition of the road, 1 to 5, 1 being OK and 5 not drivable. The roads that he has assessed in our area are falling in the 1 to 2 area, i.e., not too bad, that is not to say some are needing more attention than others, we haven't got any that are between 3 to 5. If of course you feel there are some which you feel does fall 3 or over, please let me/us know. Of course you and I do not know what a road with a 2, looks like. There is some hold up with roads that require hot tar, because the hot tar plant is in lockdown. Quarries are still working with the isolation and 2 metre rule, which is slowing down production of stone/sand. Any maintenance that is being done is under the isolation separation order, keeping at least 2 metres apart. Footpaths and tree inspections/work are able to carry on, any work that needs to be done, can be, providing they work within the 2 metre rule.

With the very dry April this has helped pothole filling and other road maintenance as well as traffic flows which are considered to be the level they were back in the fifties and sixties, of course this won't last when the restrictions are lifted. If you need any help, or not sure where to go for it, just contact me via the phone or email, if I can be of any help or point you the right direction, I will. But most of all, stay safe, you know where I am.

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor, Willand & Uffculme Division

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Cycling

Our kitchen window in Culm Davy overlooks the lane running from Whitehall to Wrangway. It is quite steep and in normal times attracts the attention of mostly only the seriously sporting type of cyclist.

The Covid-induced reduction in traffic, coupled with good weather and unexpected free time, has brought out an unprecedented number of road users. Dogs, riders, walkers in pairs and family parties, and particularly of cyclists of all sorts, even of mature citizens cruising with electrically assisted bicycles.

It is possible to make a circuit here from Hemyock, past the Monument, then Symonsburrow and down Pen Cross, and get a significant amount of exercise. Even if you stop at Culm Davy Chapel you will have reached 600ft. It has been a real pleasure seeing everyone enjoying the countryside. Wouldn't it be nice if we could go on doing this together after Covid?

Mark FitzGerald.

Hemyock As It Used To Be

These historic photographs have been submitted by Mike Cooper from the Hemyock History and Archiving Association.

The association has a website where you can view more photographs: www.blackdownarchives.org

If you have old photographs of the area, you can submit them to blackdownarchives@btinternet.com, making sure that you give permission for them to be posted onto the website.

You can also send comments regarding any of the images on the web site so that they can be added for further information for everyones benefit, so please do take a look.



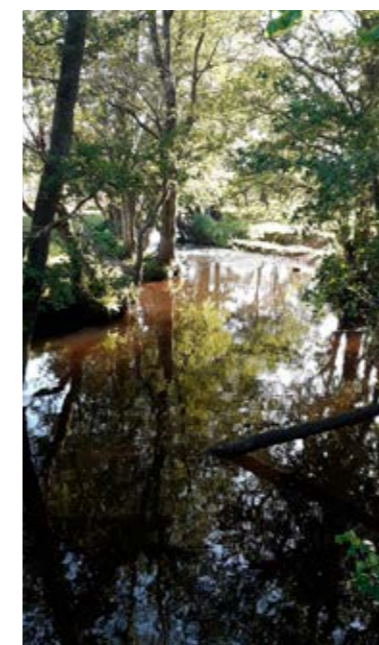
Cheyenne's Lockdown!

Just a few weeks ago I was a student in Manchester attending lectures, visiting friends, studying in the library, and even bumped into Tommy Fury of Love Island fame and brother of the famous boxer at a friend's birthday dinner! How I wish I had finished my large plate of food because little did I know that the next week I would be on a train home to Hemyock and wouldn't taste restaurant food for the foreseeable future.

On the 18th of March I packed a little suitcase containing my laptop and materials needed to revise for my finals in May and June. I anticipated that I could be forced to stay in Hemyock for about a month before my naïve self-believed I would return to university to take my last set of undergraduate exams and celebrate the survival of three years of study with my good friends.

How wrong I was! Instead I am currently at home in Hemyock constantly revising and sitting exams online from a little bedroom at the back of the house. Thankfully the exams are open exams so I can use resources such as the internet and my notes to help me out and each exam must be completed within 7 days which is quite a contrast to the usual 1.5 hour exams!

Although I have spent a lot of time revising and completing my exams, I have found time to take leisurely walks around Byes and even to Madford and back. Additionally, I have been baking, eating the FREE food around the house, weeding the garden, helping to repair and paint a garden bench and seat, planting herbs and tending to them! So, despite COVID-19 causing significant disruption my end of university plans, it hasn't been all doom and gloom!



Above
Cheyenne and David repairing and painting a picnic bench and seat which has been donated for the Church Room garden.

Left
Cheyenne took this whilst walking around Byes.

Put Devon First Urges Leading Charity

A new campaign encouraging people who live in Devon to put their county first as it begins its recovery from the Coronavirus pandemics has been launched by the charity Love Devon.

As Devon navigates its slow and cautious route out of lockdown, it is encouraging people to put #DevonFirst.

Love Devon is the trading and fundraising arm of Devon Communities Together which works with a very broad range of people, from rural and coastal communities to more urban centres, people like you, or people you might know.

The charity supports them to tackle a wide variety of challenges facing their communities in areas including affordable housing, entrepreneurship, rural isolation and loneliness, community buildings, sport and play, health and wellbeing, and responding to climate change.

The charity's Acting CEO Nora Corkery said: "Funds are stretched and resources are set to get tighter as the recession deepens. Yet the need for support has never been greater. Those who donate to Love Devon will be helping our team of community project workers to make a real difference to people living in the county."

The projects include supporting older and vulnerable people who are struggling more than ever with loneliness and isolation or who are worried about physically reintegrating into their communities, as lockdown restrictions are lifted.

The charity will also be working with village halls across Devon as they reopen their doors and try and adjust to new ways of operating to remain at the heart of their communities; working with young people as they face challenges around unemployment and new ways of working; and supporting communities to develop and adapt their community emergency plans and increase their resilience.

Nora added: "With the support from those who live in Devon, we can do all this and more and help rebuild Devon."

To get involved, the charity is urging people to set up a regular donation for which they will receive a welcome pack including a reusable shopping bag.

Donations can be set up online by visiting www.devoncommunities.org.uk/donate.

Love Devon is also encouraging people to use the hashtags #DevonFirst and #RebuildDevon where possible.

Lockdown Life of Local Artist



For local artist Peter Barret lockdown has been business as usual in the studio. Peter and his wife Susan celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary in June. Many congratulations to them both!

Council pledges to do everything in its power to help people through the crisis

Devon County Council Leader John Hart today pledged the authority will do whatever it can to support residents and communities through the Coronavirus outbreak.

"This is an unprecedented situation and many residents will be deeply worried about themselves, their families and how they are going to cope over the coming weeks," he said.

"I want to assure everyone that the whole council is working flat out alongside our partners in the NHS, districts and others to make sure we put everything we can in place to help people through this. We will do everything it takes to keep our care system fully functioning and ease the immense pressure our hospitals are facing.

We are working with schools, nurseries and colleges to provide the care and support our key workers need to continue in their vital roles. We will redeploy our own staff and resources as necessary to help keep essential services up and running. And we will work with the Local Enterprise Partnership to support and advise local businesses via the Growth Hub as best we can.

Our people and communities are already demonstrating the strong community spirit which has helped us through previous crises.

All across the County, town and parish councils and community groups are setting up volunteer schemes to keep an eye on their more vulnerable neighbours. I know many of us who remain healthy and mobile are already offering our support and I urge more people to do the same.

I am happy to pledge that Devon County Council will work alongside districts, towns and parishes, the voluntary sector and local businesses to help build on and support this emerging community response to help those people who are vulnerable, housebound or self-isolating. Devon has a strong community spirit and by pulling together and supporting one another we will overcome this crisis - however long it takes."

Other actions include:

- A suspension of non-urgent council meetings (pending a relaxation of government rules on democratic processes)
- A move to digital invoicing for the council's suppliers to ensure quick payment and help cash flow for local businesses.
- The physical closure of library buildings to the public and suspension of mobile library services and events. Loan periods are being relaxed and access to digital books is being extended.
- A relaxation of rules relating to bus passes to enable older people to access shops before 9.30 and enable people to take advantage of dedicated shopping times for older people being offered by some supermarkets.

Details of other specific actions and changes to services will be announced over the coming days and weeks.

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

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

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

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

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BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham REDWOODS 697

Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

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

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St Andrew's Clayhidon



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St. Andrew's Church News

In the seven and a half century history of our Parish church, there have been times of deadly disease, fear and anxiety, but in this twenty first century no one could have foretold that we and all the churches, would be caught up in the fight against a disease that affects the whole world.

The result is that our church has been closed now for several weeks. Who could anticipate that the church would be closed even on Sundays. There have been no baptisms, no weddings, no funerals no active services of any kind. We had started Lent and suddenly after two weeks our Lent meetings had to be abandoned. Palm Sunday and the waving of Palm crosses could not take place. Even EASTER with all its joy and jubilation could not be celebrated in our own church.

Yet, in spite of all this, services have taken place with large congregations and people attending more frequently than in the past. This has been through the use of a technical possibility that has enabled people to meet together from their own homes. It allows them to see each other, to sing together, to hear the leader and to join together in prayer and praise and thanksgiving. For those unable to join in this manner we have communicated to ascertain that they are not left alone and that their needs are fulfilled as far as possible.

It has been, and still is a difficult time, but we know that there will be a day when we can rejoice once more in our lovely church. We pray for all our parishioners for their health, their work, their security and we give thanks for the generosity, the friendship, the love of so many who have done so much in voluntary work for the benefit of any in need.

P. Reynolds, PCC

Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, June 2020

Due to the coronavirus outbreak the parish council did not meet during April and following changes to legislation it was able to hold its first virtual meeting using Zoom in May. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meeting is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:

- ◆ 20/00617/FULL. Creation of a vehicular access and farm track. Land at NGR 315793 116473 North West of Heazle Farm, Clayhidon

Permission granted for:

- ◆ 20/00125/FULL. Erection of a ground-mounted 4.55kw solar PV array. Bollhayes Park Farm, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 20/00228/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey extensions. Lillycombe Farm, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 19/02127/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land for the erection of a dwelling with associated garden area and access, formation of ponds and creation of access track. Carlingwark, Clayhidon.

Refusal of prior approval noted for:-

- ◆ 20/00373/PNAG. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building. Poacher's Rest.

Finance

Income – rent, interest and precept.

Expenditure – website, room hire, subscriptions, wages, and village maintenance.

Highways

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Police

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The Late John Griss

Following the recent passing of John Griss, the parish council was surprised to learn that he had very generously left his estate to the parish council to administer for the benefit of the whole parish. The parish council is currently gathering information and considering the best way to proceed with this wonderful legacy. More information will follow.

Coronavirus outbreak

Due to the coronavirus outbreak the parish council is holding meetings remotely using Zoom. The agendas are published on the village website and any members of the public who wish to join need to contact the clerk for the meeting access code.

There will be no Annual Parish Meeting this year and there will be no official annual meeting of the council. This means that the chairman and vice-chairman of the council will stay in position until the annual meeting in May 2021.

Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a modest budget to employ a trained lengthsman to maintain those ditches/drains which are not the responsibility of Devon County Council. Please report any problems to the clerk or a councillor so that the lengthsman may be deployed where he is most needed.

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.

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 (please see note above).

Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings may be found on the noticeboard at the Parish Hall.

Clerk:

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

Funding for community projects



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

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News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Church on the hills, like everywhere, has undergone a rather radical transformation in recent months. We have been presented with many challenges, and yet also many opportunities. The church sits empty and yet remains mobilised. We are reminded in these days that the church is far more than a building – it is a body! It is a people brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

Prior to lockdown and the closing of the church building, as a fellowship, we had commenced a series looking at the book of Acts. The first Sunday we couldn't be together, as we met online, our subject for studying came from Acts 2:42-47. We reflected upon the 'Fellowship of Believers' – and asked the question, 'what it is to be church?' God's Word, as always, was a rich blessing as the pattern of the early church established a fitting pattern for us to be reminded of in these days:

We are entering a season in which church will not feel like it has before, but perhaps like never before, we can be church in the way Christ has truly called us... In these days, rooted in Christ and empowered by the Spirit, may we be devoted to his word, to one another, to remembering the atoning work of Christ and, turning to him in prayer, knowing that he has overcome the world.

(Excerpt from the RML sermon on Sunday 22nd March)

Over the weeks that followed we got up to speed with the technology and began broadcasting each Sunday morning via our YouTube channel. We, like so many others, discovered what it is to 'zoom' and began to meet together online to continue our midweek bible study and pray together. For those not online, sermons were put on CDs to ensure that none were excluded, and the phone remained a wonderful tool by which we could, and still can, care for one another and break the burden of isolation.

Encouragements readily came for which we give thanks to the Lord. Though plans for Easter weekend were much changed, we still met around the Word and had a time of communion on Easter Sunday evening led by David Needle. We contemplated our unity in the Lord Jesus Christ who, through His atoning work on the cross, the putting away of sin for those who would turn to him, has made us sons and daughters of the living God – we are adopted into His family. This is a unity that transcends the distance put between us by Covid-19. This was only amplified when we were joined on line by the daughter of one of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane, all the way from Bahrain.

I have been delighted to speak to members of the fellowship and wider community who would tell me of all the people they had spoken to that day on the phone. These are not isolated incidents but a pattern of love that has continued throughout the past months – time and time again we have witnessed a care and concern for neighbours, even where relationships prior to the pandemic were non-existent. We have had opportunities to serve one another in new ways, pray for one another and support one another.

However, there remain those, for whom this time is increasingly difficult, I have sat and listened to people weep over the phone because they are struggling and cannot see

beyond the present isolation. Uncertainty is deeply unsettling! The last few months have thrust us into a sense of uncertainty like we have never before experienced for a generation, and as we look ahead, much remains uncertain: The return to schools, the return to work, the way we will go about things in a world where distancing, shielding and isolating are terms that have entered our common vernacular. We are conscious that as a community there will be people who, because of this pandemic, are frustrated, fearful, losing hope and facing the reality of death either through personal loss, or through observing the rising death toll nationally and globally. The statistics, of course, can hide the painful reality that thousands more mourn and feel the loss of a mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent or friend.

And yet, I believe the church carries a message – the gospel – which offers each person the opportunity to find certainty, to find something, someone, rock solid. Someone who can provide hope that will never diminish, even in the face of death. Hope that comes as a soothing balm to the buffeted soul. This hope exists because Jesus has dealt with our sin and the removed the power and fear of death, and all by way of his own death and resurrection:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

At the conclusion of our first online sermon from Acts 2:42-47, mentioned above, we shared in the words from a hymn we often sing – words that remind us of the antidote to the uncertainty of this world – it is the sure and certain hope that is found only in Jesus Christ, God the Son:

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

If you would like to know more about Jesus, the hope he offers those who turn to him, if you would like to talk to someone, pray with someone, or If you would like to receive our weekly sermon and join us online (until we can once again meet in person) then we would encourage you to get in contact – we would love to hear from you.

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Can you help Coldharbour Mill?

In common with all other museums and heritage sites, Coldharbour Mill is currently closed owing to Covid-19, which hit just as we were about to reopen in March. We will open again to volunteers and visitors, but only when it is safe to do so.



Enforced closure means that our main source of income from visitor admission fees has ceased. As a charity with limited cash reserves, and no government or council funding, we rely on the support and generosity of many people to preserve our local treasure for future generations. This is even more important now. We urgently need £20,000 just for basic costs for the next few months, so that staff can continue to work from home to keep systems running and support over 100 of our very valuable volunteers, and be ready to reopen to the public as soon as that is allowed.

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Our Thatching Life, featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, Daisy his apprentice and animals various...

Working with wheat reed often makes us cough. The thrashing is a dusty old process, and on a dry day you can see a puff of dust out of the top of each bundle when you tap it down against the ground, before trimming it for use on the roof. Daisy who is sensible, wears a mask, and I just cough and grumble about it.

So when I started coughing 2 days into thatching a small summerhouse, neither of us thought much about it. Another 2 days and I began to feel very poorly, dog tired and not myself at all. Daisy quarantined me in the living room, with her and the girls in their own rooms, and each of us sterilising the surfaces in the shared rooms after use. I'll be honest, I was quite happy to take to the sofa and not remove for days. Unheard of for me as I'm rarely or never ill, and not really a sit-done-at-home sort of person at the best of times.

Nearly a month later, I'm well; the girls didn't get it, thank goodness...but my lungs have taken a good battering, and the GP says it'll take several weeks before I can expect to feel anywhere near normal again. I'm learning to do 'respiratory physiotherapy' exercises ...never knew such a thing existed! I thought huffing was reserved for the 3 little pigs, but it turns out it's a good way to begin to empty your lungs of the stuff that shouldn't be in there.

I've got to say that the help we received from Ruth, Mandy and the volunteers at Churchinford Village Shop, our friends who picked up shopping and delivered to our doorstep... was outstanding. Thank you. The speed with which the shop team adjusted to the crisis, both in managing and acquiring stock, to protecting staff and customers has been inspiring. We are incredibly lucky to have the shop in our parish, and we are more than usually thankful for it.

Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Gathering

It is with a very heavy heart that I have to announce the cancellation of this year's event.

I had been waiting until the last minute and for government advice but the lockdown hasn't eased enough for a social gathering such as this which is known for its small family friendly environment.

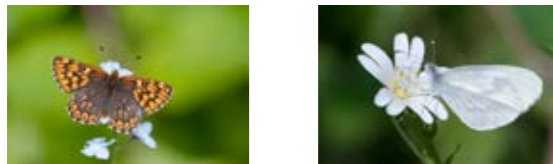
Please keep safe and well and hope to see all of you next year!

Lindy Astbury - Secretary - Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicles



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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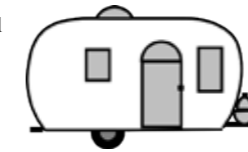
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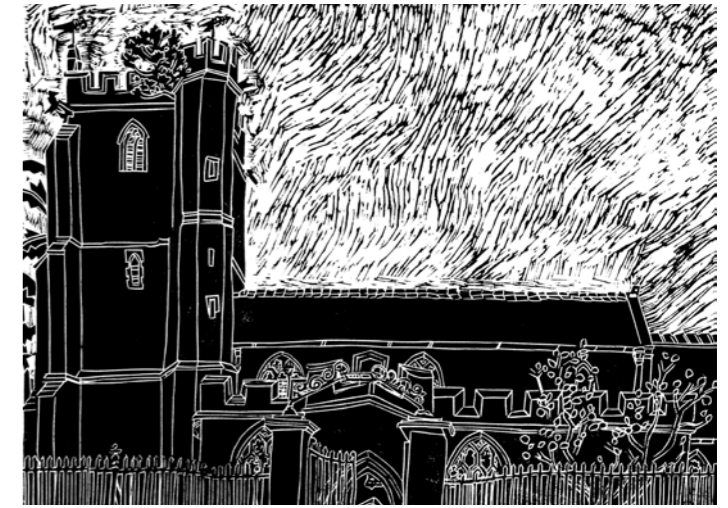
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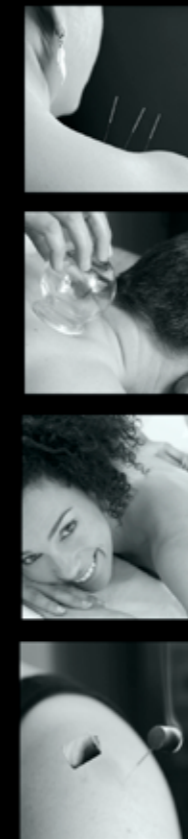
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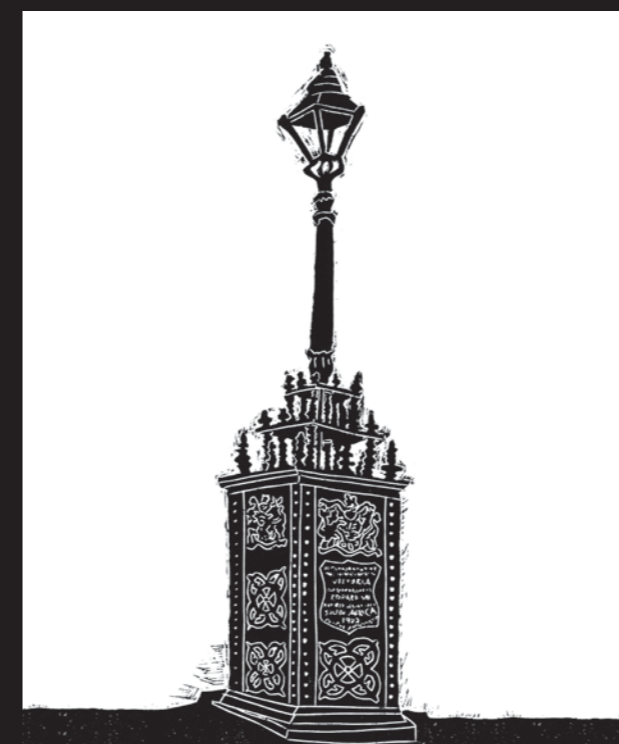
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