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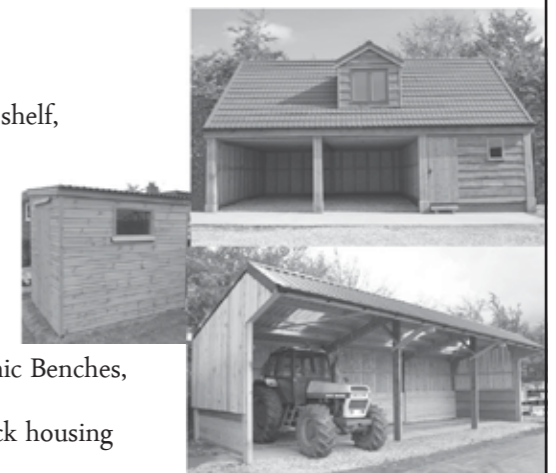
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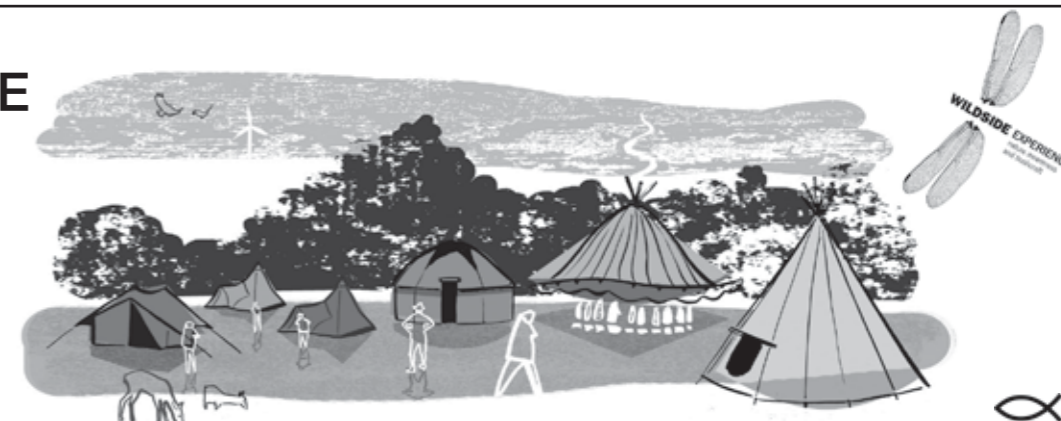
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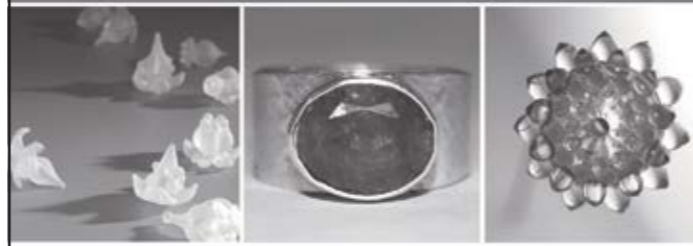
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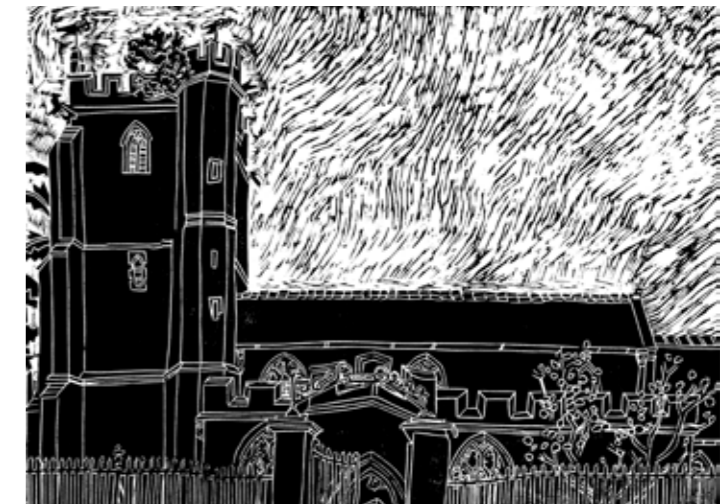
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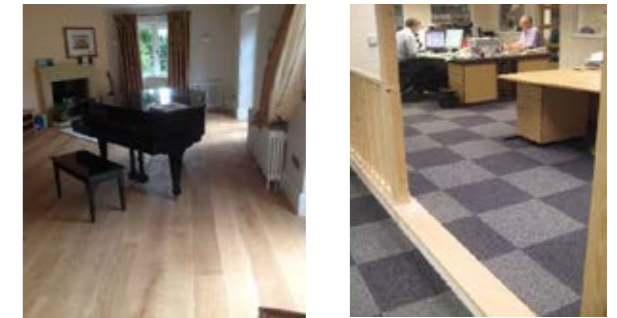
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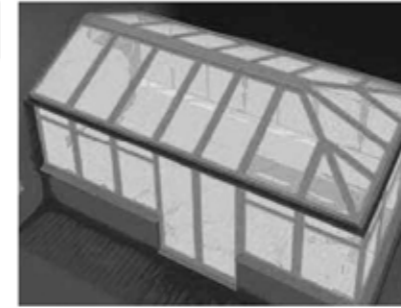
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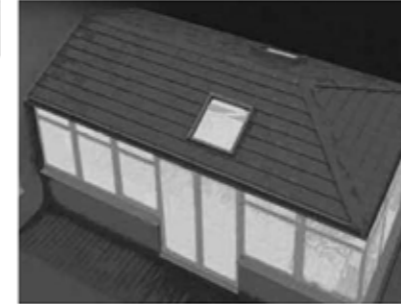
Result: Impossible to keep warm in winter and at night. Plus, huge heating bills.



AFTER

The same conservatory but this time the Guardian Warm Roof has replaced the glass roof and the heat loss is massively reduced.

Result: The room is now quiet and comfortable. An all-year-round living space!



OUTSIDE

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INSIDE

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Services in The Upper Culm Valley Mission Community August and September 2020

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Visitors to, and residents of the area, are most welcome at the services throughout the Mission Community.
www.culmkirks.co.uk

The road to recovery

Our journey to recovery from Coronavirus, as families, communities, and as a country, is going to be long and bumpy. So on the Sundays in August the churches will be walking hand in hand with our communities on this long road to recovery, with our gatherings focussing particularly on prayer for healing. The table below tells you what the particular prayer focus will be each week and we would welcome any requests for prayer that you might like to send to Becky or any of the churchwardens.

While the church buildings have been closed the churches have been meeting via Zoom, with up to 50 people gathering this way each Sunday from across the Benefice. After much thought and consultation with the PCCs it was agreed to continue with Zoom services on Sunday mornings during August, but add in a Sunday afternoon gathering out in our wonderful churchyards. Where better to worship God than in the open air, with the beauty of the natural world all around us. The first 15 minutes or so will be a reflective time of prayer for recovery and healing and then we will share communion together. You are welcome to join in for as much or as little of the service as you would like to.

Unless national guidance changes we will then return to a more normal, but new, service pattern within the churches in September. We very much hope you will join us.

Sunday 2 August: We welcome the Bishop of Crediton, Rt Revd Jackie Searle, to speak at the 10.30am Zoom Service

Date	Prayer focus	10.30 – 11.15 am Morning worship via Zoom	4.00 - 4.30 pm Prayers for healing with Communion, in Churchyard, or inside if inclement
9 Aug	The healing of Individuals	Morning worship via Zoom	All Saints' Culmstock
16 Aug	The healing of our communities and work places	Morning worship via Zoom	St Mary's Hemyock
23 Aug	The healing of our nation	Morning worship via Zoom	St Mary's, Hemyock
30 Aug	The healing of our world	Morning worship via Zoom	St Andrew's, Clayhidon

SEPTEMBER Services	Hemyock St Mary	Culm Davy St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon St Andrew	Culmstock All Saints'
Sunday 6 th September	11.00am Café Church	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)		10.00am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 13 th September	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)		8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am Ecumenical worship 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
Sunday 20 th September	11.00am Morning Worship	6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	2.30pm Horse Riders' Service	10.00am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 27 th September	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)		10.00am Holy Communion (CW)	10.00am Morning Worship (CW)

In addition, at All Saints Culmstock there is a service at 10.00am every Tuesday. Most weeks it is BCP Morning Prayer; on the fourth Tuesday it is BCP Holy Communion.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

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

Parish Pump | No. 280 August – September 2020



What is a Church?

I used to often take school assemblies – once or twice a week – and sometimes I would ask the children to draw a church for me. As you might expect they usually drew me a biggish old-looking building with a tower and a path leading up to it. Usually there were no people in the picture at all although when I lived in North Devon there were often quite a few sheep about! These days children will still draw a building if asked to describe a church.

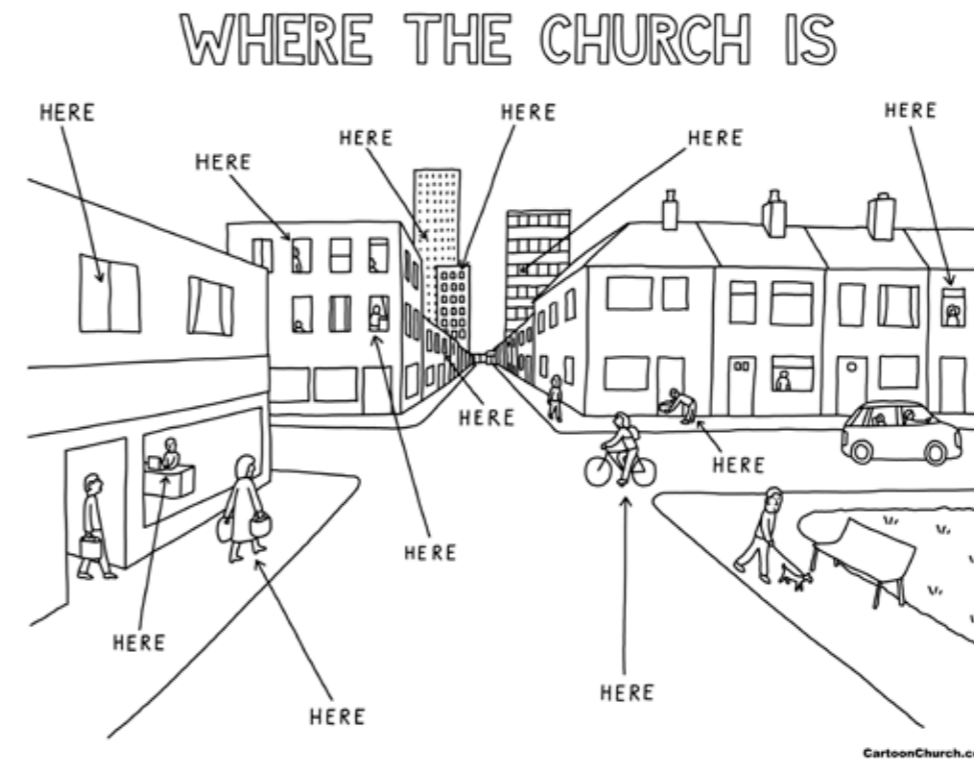
What goes for children will often go for adults too. We all tend to think of a church as a place, a building. But that isn't really the whole picture.

For these past months since March we have had to get used to functioning as a church without using a building at all – no services, no weddings, no bells and no funerals in the church building. Thanks to modern technology some of us have been

able to meet together on Sunday mornings and at other times and see and hear one another without any risk of passing on or catching Covid-19 but instead using 'Zoom' to help us worship together. Is it a perfect substitute to being together in reality, no, of course not, but we have been able regularly to pray together, to confess our sins, to hear God's word and to sing his praises. It has been something to be very thankful for.

What we have learnt again is that a church is much, much more than a building. A church is primarily a group of people who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and seek to follow him in their lives. My hope and prayer is that when we gather again for worship in the buildings which we call our churches then we will treasure our relationships with God and with one another and use our wonderful buildings with respect, creativity and great joy.

Revd Chris Hudson



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Cartoon by Dave Walker

 Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

St Mary's Hemyock

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Services in the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community from September

The four churches in the united benefice are adopting a revised pattern of worship from September this year. Both All Saints and St Mary's believe it will be helpful to have the same time for worship every Sunday, and will hold a service every week.

This will do away with the guesswork you might have been involved with previously, trying to remember which Sunday of the month it was and therefore whether there would be a service happening or not! From September, if you turn up at All Saints at 10.00 am on a Sunday, or at St Mary's Hemyock at 11.00 am on a Sunday, *something* will be happening.

What's more, the form of worship will vary throughout the month in order to include a range of approaches. Some people connect best with God through a formal liturgy; others need a much more creative approach; still others need patches of silence, and others benefit from being able to participate through conversation, craft, music, or in other ways. God is vaster than any tradition or denomination can grasp, so this variety gives us opportunity to learn from each other and gain new insights into God.

The ecumenical service scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of the month at All Saints is a new one. There will be a particular welcome here for local people who may go out of Culmstock to worship at other churches, but who would value worshipping occasionally with others in their own community.

The Church of England is here for the local community so we offer these times of gathering for prayer, worship and conversation, hoping that there will be something here you will be able to connect with and find helpful. We look forward to seeing you!

Rev'd Canon Becky Totterdell

Sea Sunday

With the Flying Angel flag billowing from the tower of St Mary's Church Hemyock around 50 worshippers from the village with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock celebrated Sea Sunday with a Zoom service led by the Rector, Rev Becky Totterdell.

The flag is that of the Mission to Seafarers (MtS) a worldwide charity providing support - both emotional and practical to the crews of commercial shipping and their families who are often separated for many months at a time. The Upper Culm Valley Mission Community was delighted to welcome Ronnie King and his wife Gillian from Taunton to join them in worship.

Ronnie spoke of the work carried out by the charity and movingly told of an incident when he and Gillian worked full time for MtS. Ronnie was called to Dunkirk by a Chaplain as crews were failing to leave the ships to buy essentials, enjoy a hot meal and such like as it was too cold. Ronnie organised a Woolly Pulley Appeal in the southern area of England. A truck was soon filled with sweaters and taken to France. Whilst being unloaded faces of crew members filled with utter joy as they realised the gifts were for them.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the charity including making a donation or knitting hats, mufflers or balaclavas can find details on www.missiontoseafarers.org.



More on Sea Sunday...

What's that Blue thing?

You may have noticed a blue flag on the church tower in the middle of July and thought "that's not one of their usual ones!" Indeed it was not and as far as we know it was the first time we have had a "Flying Angel" on the tower. It was flying because the second Sunday of July is celebrated as "Sea Sunday" when all those working in the various areas of mercantile shipping are remembered.

"The Flying Angel" is the symbol of The Mission to Seafarers, a charity supported by the Church of England, aimed at supporting the Maritime community around the world. It supports sailors of all faiths and none, and also where possible their families too. Originally started in the Bristol Channel to support Seamen, its work now covers the world and the change of title reflects the increasing number of ladies working on the waters. There are approximately 1.5million sailors in the world, from local fishermen to cruise ship crews via coasters up to those working on 100,000plus tons container ships. Taken together they account for the provision of 90% of the goods we use daily.

Sea life is not easy. Taking a container ship as an example your sailor might be the only one from his/her homeland on board, they may have no contact with their friends and family for months, (not every ship has the internet as standard) work can involve hard physical effort with shifts covering all 24hours in any sort of weather. Time in port may be too short to allow free time on land. Mechanisation has reduced crew numbers so there may well be some feeling lonely, "home" may only be visited once or twice a year.

Add to this the possibility of attack by pirates, owners not maintaining vessels or even abandoning them, pay coming late, port authorities holding vessels against unpaid mooring dues, contracts being changed at short notice – the life becomes a little less rosy.

Against this the MtS offers over 200 centres worldwide where sailors can get help including legal aid, relax and have a willing ear to talk to and get help to contact their families. Chaplains will visit ships in port or at anchor, do shopping, provide SIM cards, take seafarers to the centres, offer counselling and if asked take services or pray with individual sailors. All of which takes money, so donations are always welcome.

One sailor known to us said that knowing that the port they were going to had an MtS centre took away all the fears of arriving in somewhere strange. "It was like having some of your family there to welcome you"

Details about the Mission are found on their website. If you want a readable account of life on a container ship then "Down to the sea in Ships" by Horatio Clare, published by Vintage Books, gives a good insight on life afloat.



St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop August/September

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

At the time of going to press we are hoping to be open again in September. Things are likely to be a little different and we are currently working on ways to keep everyone safe.

We'll let you know when we're back - look on the church website and for our posters!

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

STOP PRESS

We have just heard that the Wellington Food Bank will be opening again very shortly. More details when we have them.

Upper Culm Valley Mission Community Mission

St Mary's Hemyock - St Andrews Clayhidon - All Saints Culmstock - Culm Davy Chapel

Gift Day

Support your local Church

Saturday 29 August

Churches Open

St Mary's Hemyock - St Andrew's Clayhidon
Culm Davy Chapel - All Saints Culmstock

10.00am - 12.00noon

Tea at

Hemyock Rectory Garden 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Everyone Welcome

I said to the man...

As part of the Covid updates we receive from the benefice are often some thoughts from Bishop Robert. Back in June he reflected on plotting the course as the churches reopen which included a poem a lot of us will remember from childhood. As lockdown eases it once again seems pertinent to share.

From Bishop Robert - 10th June 2020

Thank you for all you are doing in these extraordinary times as together we plot our course across a fast changing landscape. Like many people, I have been moved by the broadcasts of the Queen to the nation. In her last broadcast, she referred to her father, the late King George VI and the evocative lines of Minnie Harkins' poem that he immortalised:

I said to the man
who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the unknown.'
And he replied,
'Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you
better than light and safer than a known way!'
So I went forth
and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.
And he led me towards the hills
and the breaking of day in the lone East.

As the nation begins to recover from this pandemic and we discover the shape of a new 'normality', there will still be many who are self-isolating. As our cathedral and church buildings re-open, we should not forget them. For all of us there is anxiety as we journey into the unknown. We find it difficult to entrust ourselves to it, let alone to believe that God is there, awaiting us with outstretched hands that are themselves wounded.

With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

Bishop Robert

Rainbow Rocky

The question "Is there a rock snake in Hemyock?" resulted in a colourful snake slithering along the grass between Hemyock Castle and the parish church. Pebbles and rocks of all shapes and sizes painted mainly by youngsters now stretches around 60 feet. and contains around 150 pieces of brilliant artwork.

People were asked to suggest a name with numerous suggestions coming forward. After shortlisting the name Rainbow Rocky suggested by Janice Bawler, was voted the winner. The suggestion of a rock snake proved to be a popular idea and one of the happier memories for many during lockdown.

If you have yet to walk along St Margaret's stream perhaps it's something you could do when out and about just mind you don't get bitten!

Devon Historic Churches Day
Saturday 12th September 2020
Incorporating the Ride + Stride Event *Or a date to suit you

The Devon Historic Churches Trust is dedicated to saving our churches
Please support us at this critical time by responding positively to this request. Enjoy our wonderful countryside by taking part in...

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5. Devon's churches need YOUR support

50% of funds raised by parish communities are immediately returned to them

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Hemyock Tennis Club

Firstly, can I say how good it is to see the courts being used once more. I'm sure that like me, some feel that the guidelines are a nuisance, but as there have been cases of the dreaded coronavirus in the locality, these steps and controls are there not just for our wellbeing, but to ensure that a game of tennis doesn't spread the virus beyond those playing.

We owe Phil Cooper a debt of gratitude for his time and effort in getting Clubspark off the ground. The intention was to help promote the club, and to improve issues such as membership renewal (and renewal reminder), payment, and court booking. Phil has now handed over to Jerry Popham, and Jerry has been able to obtain the help of Paul Steed to take the process further. If you haven't yet visited clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub then do, and don't forget that you can also download the booking app to enable a court to be booked in a matter of seconds.

Membership renewal has been very encouraging and we have seen some new members too. The club has tried to be fair in pitching the renewal fees proportionally in line with the length of the remainder of the playing year, and maintaining the 20% discount for new members.

We'll be trying to improve tennis for juniors by incorporating them into mixed adult / junior sessions and competitions. Julie Steed along with the help of Lucy Jefferson will take a more active role in helping the juniors, and of course Dan will be running his usual coaching sessions as guidelines allow. The situation regarding Covid 19 may affect the timing of our plans, but as things return to whatever passes for normal, we

will certainly be doing everything we can. We would also like to include the parents of junior members in our social calendar plans, so please look out for further details.

Coaching

It's great to see that a number of members have already taken the opportunity to engage Dan Sizer in coaching sessions. Dan arranged a junior coaching event on Sunday 12th July, which everyone involved enjoyed. Dan is available for one to one or group coaching and details can be found on the website or by contacting Dan at dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk or 07951 828760.

Phil Cooper has very kindly established (and is coordinating) a 'doubles format competition' similar to the 'ladder' of a few seasons ago. The results are kept up to date on the website so if you haven't taken part yet, then take a look, and arrange a match. You can mix and match tennis partners, as it's your result that counts! Over 200 matches have been played so far, with Malcolm Steer leading the table having won 190 games from 37 matches. An easy way to take part is to find a partner and use the HTC Whatsapp no. to arrange a 'four', book a court, and you're off and running. You can play as many sets as your stamina will allow. The competition has proved a popular alternative to social tennis until that can be re established, and a welcome alternative to league tennis, with a little 'edge' to the matches played. However, don't feel that tennis MUST be competitive. Find a partner or partners, book a court, and enjoy.

The Longmead management group are unable to reopen their facilities at present. We must respect this decision, and hope that CV19 disappears into the ether so that authorities relax guidelines and we can all feel safe in such premises. In the meantime, the outside toilet CAN be used. A key has been placed in the key safe between courts 2 & 3. Appropriate use of hand sanitiser is recommended.

AGM

We'd like to hold the AGM as soon as possible, but have to be pragmatic. Longmead is not open, and neither are other facilities in the village. I'm sure that were we to convene a meeting, a number of members wouldn't attend due to feeling vulnerable. Sorry for repeating the message, but we must hope that the CV19 situation improves so that we can go about our business. In the meantime, your committee is; Bob Hawkes (Chair), Jerry Popham (Treasurer), Suzy Besant (Secretary) Rachel Bussell (Welfare Officer), Julie Steed, Tim Julier, Lucy Jefferson.

ACORNS AUGUST to DECEMBER 2020

Bearing in mind the current uncertainties regarding COVID 19 the Committee decided it would be wise to cancel our meetings for the rest of the year. Depending on the state of the pandemic we hope to restart in January 2021 when we will look forward to seeing everyone again.

Val White (Sec.)

Hemyock Parish Hall Management

Committee

It goes without saying that the last three months or so have been difficult. So many of the regular users of the hall feel vulnerable with regard to Covid 19, and so the hall must be to all intents and purposes, closed for business. Authorities have issued guidelines to be followed when reopening village halls, and the committee must determine when the relevant risk assessments and controls can be managed for bookings to be made with confidence.

At the end of June, Geoff Pike, our caretaker, retired. We will certainly miss seeing Geoff and Mary around the hall, but look forward to continue seeing them around the village.

Jean Dyke retired as booking secretary at the same time, and we hope that Jean and Doug enjoy their new found spare time. We will be replacing these roles, and welcome applications (in the first instance to me on 01823 680047). Detailed job advertisements will shortly appear on the notice board outside the hall.

Due to the restrictions on social movement, we have been unable to say goodbye properly to Geoff, Mary, and Jean, but when able to do so, we will arrange a small gathering so that we can all show our appreciation.

AGM. At the time of writing, it's not clear when we will be able to hold our agm, but hopefully we will not be kept waiting for too long.

Finally, a word of thanks to Jon Dagger, not just for ensuring that the playpark was kept closed during restrictions, but for organising a group of fellow tenants in Robin's Court and refurbishing the playpark equipment. They supplied their labour free of charge, and we owe them a big thank you.

Bob Hawkes (Chairman)



Hemyock Bowling Club

This rather crazy and very disrupted year continues to get slowly more normal. We are now allowed to use all the rinks (rather than being limited to three), and can have up to thirty members on site, so long as all are suitably socially distanced.

Given the size of the club premises, we have no intention of hosting that many. We are now allowed to open the bar, but the intention is to serve drinks outdoors on the veranda, with no more than a handful of people allowed inside. We are also allowed, but not encouraged, to travel to other clubs, which raises the issue of playing matches, but this remains highly unlikely this season. Despite the limitations, we are happy to welcome a couple of new members this season, and we continue to encourage anyone to come and try bowling.

What we have managed to do is to create an informal internal mini-league for the members who are keen to bowl, to provide a little competitive edge to what would otherwise be rather meaningless practice roll-ups. Over a dozen members have signed up, and the green is playing well!

Finally, despite the financial difficulties caused by Covid 19, we are very grateful to Pennan Environmental and Viridor Credits for a major grant towards the cost of a replacement mower with new cutting cylinder and sorrel roller.

Thanks also to Devon County Council for their substantial contribution, and St Mary's church coffee and charity shop for their contribution. Thanks also to Hemyock and Clayhidon Parish Councils for their support for this project. Although the grant application processes were in place prior to the outbreak of Covid, we are gratified that the grants were still available. We have now taken delivery of the mower which will help us to maintain the high quality of the green.



Calling all Art Lovers...

After much deliberation Devon Open Studios 2020 will go ahead as planned this September. A wonderful event as artists all over Devon fling open their studio doors and invite you in to their creative worlds.

The Mid Devon trail leads to HaltStudios in Hemyock, where Vanessa Worrall invites you to view her recent works in oil and ceramics celebrating the stunning flora of our native hedgerows and beyond. Moving to the area two years ago from Ditchling, East Sussex, Vanessa saw an opportunity within the old piggery at her home to set up her studio, resume painting and take part in Open Studios for Devon Artist Network. Successful years of Open studios in Brighton means Vanessa is well acquainted in welcoming visitors to see her work, discuss her process, share techniques and sell original artworks as well as framed prints for your home.

This year's guest Artist, Sculptor and Potter Deborah Stevens will be joining Haltstudios for an inviting journey of sculpture through the magical garden at Millhouse. This is a unique opportunity for art lovers and those looking for that "special piece" for their home to buy direct from the artist.

Studio doors Open Sat 12th September

11am - 6 pm, (CLOSED Tuesday & Wednesday.) Refreshments will be available, with all social distancing measures in place.

Millhouse, Whitehall, Hemyock.

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Above 'Halt Studios' 2020 for Devon Open Studios

Right Halt Studios owner and artist, Vanessa Worrall



Above 'Dog Rose Cascade' 2020 oil on panel 60 x 60 cm



Above Deborah Stevens Sculpture



Opening Times

The Blackdown Practice

Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Hemyock Surgery

Mon – Fri 08:30 – 18:00 – *Please note the dispensary is closed between 13:00-14:00*
Sat 08:00 – 11:00

Churchinford Surgery

Mon, Tue & Thu 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00
Wed & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days
Weekends Closed

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Weekends Closed

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

Hemyock Gardeners

So far 2020 has been a very interesting year. A very wet winter led into the hottest Spring on record and yet Gardeners coped extremely well with the conditions. Mix in Covid-19 and the resilience of the Gardeners kicked in.

Ancient packets of seeds were dusted off and 'given a go' in the veg patch, often with considerable success. Our garden visits were cancelled and the Weekend Away in Essex has been postponed until 2021.

The Old Well Garden Centre came up trumps with their deliveries of flower and veg plants to Hemyock and the surrounding area. On-line shopping ensured the purchase of important garden accessories - now necessities - in the shape of hoses, hoes and other horticultural products.

The man in the white van has never been more welcome – albeit in a socially distanced fashion. Looking around, our Gardeners have been very successful indeed and gardens have never looked so lovely.

During Lockdown, gardening had become an important facet in the daily routine. However, the pandemic is still very much with us and the Committee have had to make some very difficult decisions on behalf of the Gardeners' Association. As the Parish Hall remains closed until September, our speaker - Sally Nex – booked for our August meeting has been stood down. There will be no August meeting. Sadly, as government restrictions at the time of writing still prohibit gatherings indoors, the Autumn Show scheduled for Saturday

5 September has had to be cancelled. The Committee considered the risks to the members and visitors too great to put on the Show. Who know what the rest of the year may bring?

News and views are available on our Facebook Page and on our Website : www.hemyockgardeners.org. In the meantime enjoy the fruits of your labours and enjoy your gardens.

Susan Scantlebury, Secretary, Hemyock Gardeners Association. Tel: 01823 681393.



As I'm sure you are aware, The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre has been closed since late March, due to Covid-19.

The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity remains closed to the public for the time being, but we hope to re-open in September offering Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi classes again. We are working in conjunction with Mid Devon County Council as to when we can safely re-open our 'Care for the Elderly' services.

Ruth Bell (Massage), Sue Moore (Chiropractor) and Martha Price (Osteopath) are able to see patients again so please contact them directly if you would like to book appointments. We will update our website, www.bhllac.org.uk and Facebook page once we are able to re-open.

Peta Dayus-Jones



Blackdown Support Group – News

Movement For Good Award

To everyone who supported the Blackdown Support Group by nominating us for the recent Movement for Good Award - we are absolutely delighted to let you know that we won!

Members of the public were invited to nominate causes close to their hearts, with gifts of £1,000 being donated to the 500 organisations receiving the most votes. 13,695 charities were nominated by an amazing 253,879 members of the public across the UK, and the BSG was one of the 500 charities chosen.

This will really help us continue our work to reduce social isolation, facilitate access to services and improve quality of life for people in the Blackdown Hills who are experiencing the effects of old age, loneliness or ill health.

Thank you, we are hugely grateful as always for your ongoing support.

Strawberries And Cream

We have been busy in the last couple of weeks delivering strawberries and cream, along with a beautiful posie of sweet peas from local supplier Old Trickey's Flower Farm, to our



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HERE TO HELP

The Blackdown Support Group is here for you. We help people of all ages in the Blackdown Hills who are finding life difficult - because they are experiencing physical or mental ill health, disability or the effects of old age, suffering from loss or simply struggling to cope.

Advice & Support

Social clubs

Transport

Someone to talk to

Please help us to help others by becoming a Volunteer or by supporting our work as a Friend
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www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk

regular lunch club guests and volunteers who have really missed getting together during lockdown.

By all accounts they smelled/tasted delicious and brought smiles to lots of faces. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us with deliveries and to Heather Stallard for her organisation!

Transport Service

Blackdown Support Group is now offering a limited transport service, currently for medical appointments only. We can transport mobility equipment e.g. walking frames if needed and will always drop passengers as close as possible to the most convenient entrance at your destination. All passengers and drivers will be supplied with fluid resistant masks, passengers will be asked to sit in the rear of the vehicle and strict hygiene procedures are in place.

It is very important that those who need to attend medical appointments are able and encouraged to do so - please contact us, we are here to help. Do leave a message if we can't take your call as the answerphone is checked frequently.

We cannot currently transport anyone who has received a letter from the government to confirm they are in the shielded "extremely vulnerable" category. We will continue to review our transport and other services as government restrictions ease so please get in touch if you have an enquiry and we will do our best to support and advise you.

Shopping And Prescription Delivery

Prescriptions will continue to be delivered to those who are in the shielded category and to anyone who would struggle to collect their own medication. Support with shopping can also still be arranged if required.

Keep In Touch

Our telephone line is 01823 681 036 and available Monday to Friday between 9 and 11am – please leave a message outside of these hours and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you would like to offer your services as a Volunteer or to find out more about what we do, please email Elizabeth McNabb:

bsg.elizabeth@nhs.net
www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk
www.facebook.com/BlackdownSupportGroup

Hemyock Doorstep Carboot

Lockdown, (a word we are all so very aware of) has been a somewhat useful time to contemplate and realise how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful place with a wonderful community around us, a community that has grown hugely in the 34 years of growing up and living here.

I applied to be a volunteer for the Blackdown Support Group as soon as I could as being a beautician I was one of the first to close my doors! I helped as much as I have been needed but found myself just wanting to do more. As lockdown started easing I wanted to get some of that community spirit back which I felt started lacking due to the distance we have all had to take. I saw that Upottery held a small doorstep carboot, the concept being you set up on your doorstep, front lawn, garden wall or even car bonnet! and sell anything you no longer need and at a safe distance villagers can stroll around and get out and chat to one another. I figured Hemyock would be perfect for this.

So on the 28th of June the first Hemyock Doorstep Carboot was held and it was a great success. I set up a Facebook page so residents could register their interest and we had 51 stalls across the village. All stalls had to have a tin so no money exchange was needed hand to hand and sanitizer a must. I originally set it up so people financially struggling could earn a penny or two and also get rid of all the bits we have had time to sort out whilst being stuck at home. I then thought so many charities haven't been able to raise any funds so I asked all those involved if they would like to donate to a local charity that helps our village in some way. The three charities were The lights Brigade, The Blackdown Support Group and Devon Air Ambulance.

The names were put into a hat and drawn by my very helpful 4year old. The lights Brigade got the grand total of £142.33!

The Next event is in the planning for Sunday 23rd of August, 10.30am - 1.30pm.

Posters will be available with all the details and seen around the village soon.

Please contact me via email for further details in how to take part or check out the group page on facebook, Hemyock doorstep car boot which will be updated as we go in the run up. kaytheannex@yahoo.com or 07900204013.

Thank you all for taking an interest.

Kay cork, The Beauty Annex, Hemyock.



Hemyock Doorstep Carboot

Please Browse freely but be mindful of those around you



The funds Raised at THIS table and many others will be going towards our local chosen charities

If we get a good amount from the sales overall they may all get something so please give generously

map of sellers as of friday, more have been added



Thank you Everyone for coming together to help



Calf Club Celebrations

Plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First Hemyock Calf Club, the forerunner of the entire Young Farmers Club movement, are on hold.

Meanwhile the small committee behind the scheme want to thank all those who have become involved so far, and donated sums towards plans for celebrating the anniversary.

Founding member Heather Stallard said: "We would like to thank those who have donated very much for starting our funding campaign. We plan to carry on next spring and are now planning an event for 2022 instead of next year.

"We still hope to provide a permanent bronze sculpture of a calf to mark Hemyock's unique place in YFC and agricultural history, to publish a book, and hold other events. Everything is just on pause until next spring."

Poets Corner

A Life's Brief Span

Open to the Summer Sun,
Dew-fresh coloured purse of nectar sweet,
Bows to weight of flirting bees,
Who fickle, spread their favours wide;
So is the brief flowering spent,
Her span half o'er,
Her colours fade,
Dry, to Autumn brown and drop,
Among the moldering leaves of Fall,
Dry, lost seed of life,
Stays hid and dead through Winter dark;
Lies and waits for Spring and Life,
Then grows, reaches up to light.
Her span is o'er, and starts again.

David Palmer

Devon Charity Supporting Village Halls To Reopen Following Changing Guidelines

Independent charity Devon Communities Together has been supporting village halls and other community buildings throughout Devon during the past few months and is now working with these vital rural hubs to help them safely navigate their way out of lockdown as Government guidance begins to make reopening possible.

Village Halls have been closed since the lockdown was imposed and were due to be considered for re-opening when the Government's plan reaches stage three. However, on Monday 15 June the government changed the rules to permit holding indoor markets in community buildings, and it is expected that wider reopening of these important assets will be allowed from 6 July. Therefore, Devon Communities Together is circulating guidance on how to prepare for re-opening, based on the national guidance provided by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), the national charity which champions and supports community-led projects and assets in the countryside.

The extensive guide, prepared by ACRE in conjunction with the network of county village hall advisors, helps halls through the regulations and guidance provided by government, local authorities, public health and professional bodies. Halls are encouraged to contact their user groups to work out how they could return whilst complying with social distancing requirements, good hygiene practices and knowing what to do if a user becomes ill. The guide provides checklists and model documents to help committees get their halls open safely.

Nora Corkery, acting CEO of Devon Communities Together (pictured), said: "DCT has provided extensive help to village halls ever since Covid-19 started to have an impact on communities. We have provided advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects and guided halls to apply for the Government's Covid relief funding, through our helpline and our village halls advisor. We have extended our service beyond our membership and have tried to reach all of Devon's village halls and similar community buildings.

God's Love
(In season and out of season!)

In
The
Beginning
Was God's love,
All things from it grew,
And this good Earth spun
At Creation's pace,
Till men were formed, who said,
"This Earth spins to slow for us,
We cannot live with speed so slow
And space so small!"
But, this World can only stretch so far,
To harbour all our thirst for speed, our greed,
Earth's fabric's threads 'came over-spun,
And stretched thin by sin,

Still Loving God sent His Son to show his Love.
That all may see, and catch the waft of Heaven's Scent,

For what is Heaven's smell?

But, pure air's that tell,
Of Creation's time.

David Palmer



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"We look forward to the time when halls can re-open and welcome back their users. The requirements are demanding and we are pleased to be able to assist the volunteer committees that run such important community facilities."

To access specialist support in reopening your village hall or other community building, please contact 01392 248919 or email info@devoncommunities.org.uk.

Around Hemyock

When we all became aware of the Coronavirus little did we realise just how long the many restrictions would stay in place or how it would affect every aspect of all our lives. Hemyock has been so fortunate to have been one of the areas where help has been on hand every day and thanks go again to all those who have assisted, and continue to do so in numerous ways. Like many we have a colouring of a rainbow in a window along with a thank you notice on our doors to those who have continued to deliver our post, milk, groceries and prescriptions.

There are those have been furloughed who hoped to return to work but for people who are employed by Relyon, Swallowfield and Pritex at Wellington there is now the threat of unemployment.

Whilst not now in Hemyock we have seen within our own family, as will have many others, children not at school, with adults either furloughed, working full time or from home to provide childcare and home schooling, teaching/caring for keyworkers youngsters at school, and seeking employment having left university.

Covid 19 has truly, and in many cases disastrously, affected our lives but the goodness and kindness of so many has shone through and no doubt will continue to do so.

As I start to write this column many businesses and entertainment venues are opening albeit with numerous restrictions and it will be interesting to see when and how our churches, schools, local organisations and firms deal with this. In the mean time we all need to continue to act responsibly, stay safe and wear masks when necessary.

With so many local events being cancelled it was good to hear of something new which proved to be highly successful - a car boot doorstep sale. Over 30 homes took part with goods laid out at the front of houses and offered for sale or donations with a final sum going to a local charity. Hopefully there will be a fuller report elsewhere in the Pump. Many will have also seen the snake compiled from colourfully decorated pebbles and found books hidden away in numerous venues around the area. Lots of good fun especially for the youngsters during these unprecedented times. Thanks must also go to Jo and Graham in helping to keep spirits up by keeping the Hemyock Heart light aglow at the top of the hill.

The majority of our secondary aged youngsters attend **Uffculme school** and the past few months have been exceedingly difficult for them especially those preparing for exams. I cannot recommend too highly the schools latest newsletter showing some of the many things the students have done during the lockdown period. When you have a few minutes to spare please have a look at the website: uffculmeschool.net/sites/default/ Here you will find reports from different groups and a huge array of photos showing some of the amazing things the youngsters have

achieved. Well done to students and staff alike, a school to be proud of.

It was good to hear that our football club is back training and has a new manager – **Sam Idden** – who has taken over the role previously held by **Darren Salter**. Good luck for the coming season.

Parishioners who have lived here since the 1960's may well remember **June Bradbury** and **Terence (Terry) Ayres**. Both have sadly passed away during recent weeks.

Moving to Wellington Terry, 77 years old, had worked for 48 years at Swallowfield. Due to present funeral restrictions Terrys final journey took him through the town passing the Iron Duke, where he often met his many friends, and Swallowfield with numerous people lining the streets as his hearse passed to say their goodbye to this popular man.

“..a young Jim Graves, 80 years previously, had fired airgun pellets at the weathercock on the church tower where scars could still be seen!”

Rodney, Janet, Gordon, Una, Edna, Ron, Barbara, Brian, Tony, Wendy and Chris are amongst those known to be unwell. We send them all good wishes for a return to good health as well as to **Peter Doble** in Switzerland.

The **Blackdown Bandits** will only be a familiar name to those who have lived here a very long time... and even they may have forgotten it! The name was chosen by a group of local young people who formed a skiffle group (for any young person unsure of this I would suggest you google it!). In a previous Pump I queried if anyone remembered them **Barbara Churchill** and **Richard Hart** did with Richard having been a member. Richard played the double bass (tea chest, pole, attached string), **Sylvia (Bright)** played the washboard, with other members being **Roy Salter, Brian Maltby and Pam Lowman**. Thank you, Richard and Barbara, for bringing back a memory of my earlier years.

The **Friends of St Mary's** is amongst the many groups who have had to cancel fundraising events this year. The Pump dated **Aug/Sept 1990** reports that the Church Council at an earlier meeting had asked **Mrs Friederike Reed** to co-ordinate the efforts of the group building on the experiences of the Friends of St Andrews, Clayhidon. Friederike said the group had held a Friends Supper and Summer Evening Concert which had raised nearly £300 towards their target of £500 for the year.

30 years on the Friends remain a highly successful group who continue to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the church and special projects and thanks go to all who have been involved over the years and to the many who have supported their events.

That particular issue of the Pump (A5 size, 19 pages of news plus adverts) also mentions **6 young Russians joining our Anglo/Danish Scout camp** as after 70 years people were trying to restore Scouting and Guiding in their country, the hope to set up a **Hemyock Archives Project, Hemyock Horse Show**, the forthcoming Carnival and the committees **Gypsy Street Fair** held in closed off High Street and opened

by **Ron and Val White** and how a young **Jim Graves**, 80 years previously, had fired airgun pellets at the weathercock on the church tower where scars could still be seen!

I wonder if anyone keeps copies of the Parish Pump nowadays as the late Christine Mathews did from late 1986 – early 2010, the History/Archives group perhaps?

These are very difficult times for us all so if you have any news you would like to share in the next issue of the Parish Pump please get in touch.

With all good wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Janice
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

Rev John Doble

As we approached lock-down in March, the death of Rev John Doble was announced at the age of 92yrs. As a result of Covid restrictions, the funeral service took place at Hemyock Cemetery and only a few family members were able to attend. In different circumstances, many family, friends and colleagues would have wished to attend a service of thanksgiving for everything John accomplished in his long life. John was a Hemyock boy, born at Madford, attending Hemyock School and Hemyock Baptist Chapel. John took on a student pastorate role at Rockwell Green, which in turn led him to study at Spurgeons' Bible College to train as a Baptist Minister. Together with his wife Edna, John pastored and led several large Baptist Churches around the London area. John, Edna and their daughters, Jackie, Viv and Maggie came to Hemyock every summer holiday to stay with relatives and retained close links with the village. Upon full time retirement, John and Edna came back to live in Parklands, Hemyock, before latterly moving to Wellington, where Edna and Maggie still live.

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 (Or What's Off!) August 2020

What's On September 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 for August

- Aug 02** Open Gardens (FOSM) CANCELLED
- Aug 28** Blood Donors, Parish Hall
- Aug 31** SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY

	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 for September

CLUB ACTIVITIES may start, depending on the situation with coronavirus, CHECK with club leaders).

- Sept 03** Devon schools Autumn Term starts
(check with individual schools)
- Sept 13** Heritage Day, St.Mary's CANCELLED
(Hemyock Castle will be OPEN)

Forthcoming Events

Most of these events will need to be confirmed nearer the time owing to the corona-virus pandemic.

- Oct 03 Scouts Jumble Sale
- Oct 12 'Tuesday Club' AGM (Parish Hall)
- Oct 25 British Summer Time ends
- Oct 26 – 30 Local Schools Half term
- Nov 01 Puzzle Afternoon, Taunton Harriers
- Nov 07 Coffee Morning, Hemyock Singers
- Nov 08 Remembrance Sunday
- Nov 09 Tuesday Club meeting (Parish Hall)
- Nov 14 Sausage & Mash, W.I
- Dec 05 St Mary's Christmas Fair
- Dec 08 Tuesday Club meeting (Main Hall)
- Dec 19 Xmas Bingo, Taunton Harriers

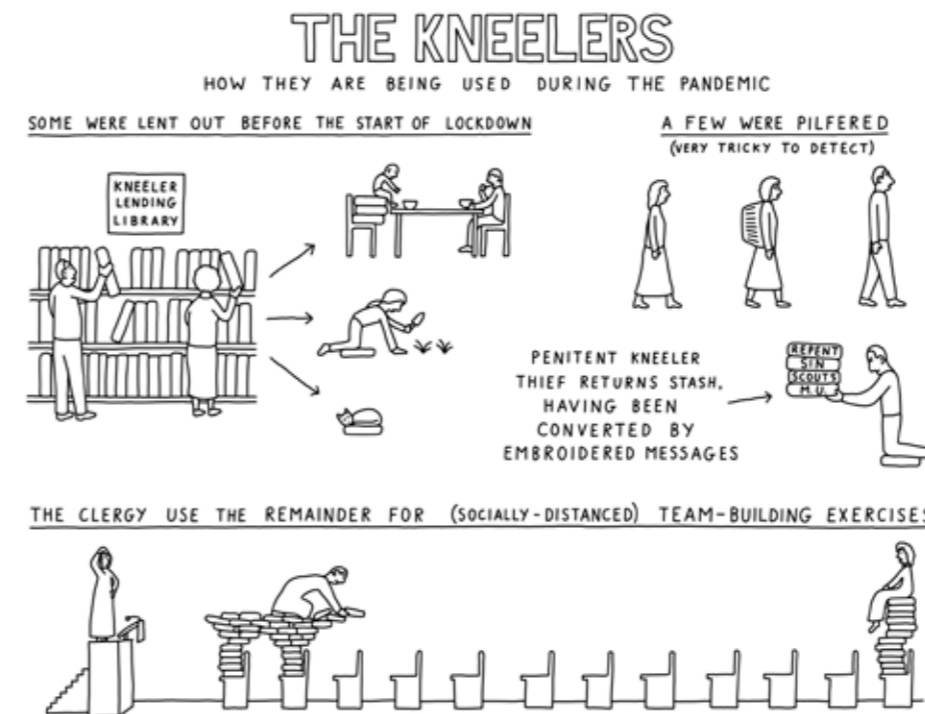
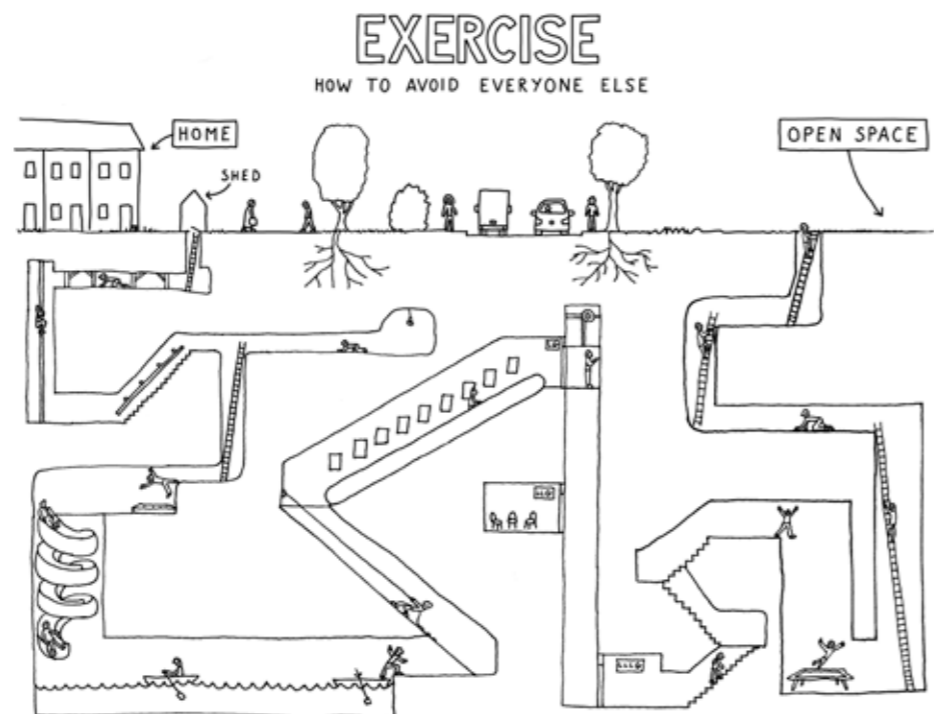
ALL DATES FOR EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE GIVEN THE CURRENT CORONA VIRUS CRISIS.

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
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Lockdown Life Cartoons

Cartoons by Dave Walker,
CartoonChurch.com



Times of Mobile Library (See "What's On" for dates)

Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

Clayhidon crossroads 1.15 – 1.45pm
Hemyock Parish Hall 1.55 – 3.00
Lower Millhayes 3.05 – 4.20

Saturdays (once a month, Week 2)

Hemyock Parish Hall 9.45 – 12.15

Also found on: www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

Longmead

The Pavilion is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings, the building is licensed to sell alcohol and has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use. **The MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

Hire charges

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

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

Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

Sue Lambert, tel. 01823 680664,
sueliz.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.

Longmead News

Despite lockdown the Longmead Environmental Action Project has continued, if at a more leisurely pace. We are lucky in Hemyock to have green spaces that are easily accessible by foot from the village, and many people used the LEAP area for a circular walk for their daily exercise. It was lovely to see young families picnicking under the trees alongside the river.

The raised bed is doing well for herbs – chives, rosemary, thyme and sage. These are for public foraging, so if you need herbs for that special dish, please feel free to sniggle a few. There is also chamomile for the soothing tea lovers and nasturtiums for salad. Unfortunately the courgettes and squashes were rapidly eaten by slugs, so we need another plan for those crops in the future.

Brilliant recent news is that we have been successful in gaining an AONB grant to enable a thorough revamping of the pond, and more community involvement in a hedge laying event and a seed swap. We will also be planting more berry rich shrubs for the wildlife.

Coming soon: a picnic bench and another seat, and more raised beds. Three more raised beds will be made by Keith Barr who has kindly given of his skill and time to turn donated wood from Brookridge into raised beds. So what would you like to see planted there? Rhubarb? Blackcurrants or raspberries? Something else?

Our regular Greendays volunteers are shielding at present, and as yet social distancing will not allow for a second scarecrow competition. We are, however, hopeful that in mid-Autumn, all being well, we will be able to organise a seed and plant swap at the pavilion. So hang on to those seeds and plan what perennials you need to split now. Here's hoping!

As ever, if you feel that you would like to get involved we are always happy to have more muscle and brainpower on the project. Just drop an email or ca

Trish Slater
trish_llysawel@yahoo.co.uk
01823 681081.

Longmead Management Meeting

The Longmead Management Group will be holding its next meeting on **Monday 7th September at 7pm**. Hopefully the meeting will be held as usual in the pavilion. If the group is unable to meet in person, due to current circumstances, the meeting will be held online. If you wish to join the meeting please email the secretary: Tracy Leaman - the.leamans@sky.com.

Unfortunately the AGM had to be postponed therefore the committee remain the same at the moment. During April, the members of Valley- Arts along with the whole village were shocked and saddened to tragically lose Elaine, one of our long standing and loyal members of the group.



Elaine was an absolute star on and off of the stage, she looked after everyone and was a brilliant comedy actress, she never failed to give pleasure and laughter to hundreds of people with her many varied roles. We will all truly miss our lovely, kind and caring friend and we will dedicate our next show to Elaine – Simply the best!

The NODA awards ceremony took place remotely during lockdown, we won the Certificate of Excellence for our region, it was lovely to have all the hard work and talent recognised nationally for our Pantomime Sleeping Beauty, huge congratulations must go to our director Stuart and the whole team.

Alice had a special birthday during lockdown, we all hope that she had a good Birthday and that she will continue to make our excellent costumes. Despite being forced to stay in, I believe she has still been busy making face masks. For information about Valley – Arts contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk. Or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

Hemyock FC – Lockdown to Trepidation

Earlier this year; players, managers, officials and fans were on tenterhooks whether their season was over due to coronavirus. With football league after football league being suspended across Europe, it looked inevitable that our village would also be affected. Soon enough the season was cancelled and efforts turned towards the 2020/21 effort.

Then manager, Darren SALTER, had informed the Chairman that he wished to step down and that, whilst he hadn't wanted to in such circumstances with an unfinished season, he would look back fondly on his achievements with the club.

Hemyock FC has defined the expression 'PEAKS and TROUGHS' in the last few years – with over 15 players available one week to barely being able to field 11 the next. That aside, the commitment from Darren was exemplary and the club wish him all the best.

The hunt began for a new manager with several names bounded around. Unable to secure an agreement with anyone and with the league deadline approaching to register the team, up stepped 34 year old Sam IDDON to save the club. Sam is a former player of the club, protecting the goal during their league-winning campaign in 2007. Sam turned his efforts to refereeing and rose to the dizzy heights of semi-professional football; officiating on the Western League, Southern League and the FA Youth Cup. With an ever increasing expectation to officiate 2 to 3 times a week, sometimes 2-3 hours from home – Sam has decided to spend more time at home with his young family. This has enabled him to give the needed time to Hemyock and get their season up and running.

Two training sessions have taken place on a Tuesday night – in a COVID-19 suitable fashion – with over THIRTY people attending. This is extraordinary and unheard of but time will tell if these numbers continue to attend.

Anyone over 16 is welcome to join the club. Training is every Tuesday at 18:30 at Longmead.

Hemyock FC's first friendly is currently pencilled in for the 15th August (government advice permitting).

Leaving Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

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

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome. 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



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Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update August 2020

During the coronavirus outbreak the parish council has met remotely via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join a future zoom meeting may email the clerk for the meeting code. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 20/00557/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey and single-storey extensions. Westhayes Farm, Hemyock.
- 20/00799/HOUSE. Erection of garage/workshop and retention of log store, extension and alterations. Lickham Bottom Barn, Hemyock.
- 20/00934/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey front extension and formation of Juliet balcony. 5 Higher Millhayes, Hemyock.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 20/00455/HOUSE. Erection of a rear single-storey extension. 1 Hartley Drive, Hemyock.
- 20/00539/FULL. Repositioning of existing container housing biomass boiler (Container A) and retention container housing biomass boiler (Container B). Brookridge Timber Ltd, Hemyock.
- 20/00513/FULL. Creation of hardstanding area to improve access. Hemyock Common.
- 19/01985/FULL. Erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of outbuildings and alterations to vehicular access. 50 Station Road, Hemyock.
- 20/00557/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey and single-storey extensions. Westhayes Farm, Hemyock.

Finance

Income - included interest, footpaths grant and rent.

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, subscriptions, electricity, and audit fee.

Village

The parish council has purchased two dog bag dispensers, one at the flood bridge and one at Longmead.

The 'Hemyock' sign coming into the village at Culm Bridges has also been replaced.

The pc has purchased 8 new grit bins which will be located around the village during the winter months.

Public Space Protection Orders

Mid Devon District Council has consulted on making a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog control for the next three years. PSPOs are available to Local Authorities to deal with specific nuisance problems, in particular areas that are having, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those who live, work or play within



the locality. The consultation was to consider widening enforcement powers in order to deliver a cleaner and more sustainable environment across the District within the Mid Devon District Council Boundary and to replace current dog control powers which are due to expire in October 2020. The draft order is set out to achieve four main objectives-

1. Dog fouling
2. Dogs on leads in:
 - a) Cemeteries,
 - b) Parks,
 - c) When requested by an authorised officer or police constable
3. Exclusion of dogs from play areas
4. Limiting the number of dogs walked at a time by one person

The parish council has asked that the consultation period is extended beyond 17th July so that it has time to consult more widely. This would give the pc the opportunity to put forward

areas in the village where dogs should be kept on leads or banned altogether. If the consultation is extended anyone who wishes to express an opinion should complete the survey. To view all the consultation documents please visit www.middevon.gov.uk/consultations

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 play area has been dismantled in preparation for the installation of new play equipment including a zip wire, climbing frame, swing and new surface. This will be installed during September.

Hemyock Turbary

The pc has received planning permission to create a hard-standing area for appropriately 6 cars at the entrance to the turbary. Work on this will commence shortly.

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.

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 due to coronavirus the meetings are currently being held remotely). 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.

Repairing Items By Volunteer Repairers Of The Blackdown Hills Repair Café At Home

As we as yet do not know when we are able to resume running Repair Cafes, I thought that I would like to offer a Repair Service to our Local Community, still based on the same system that we normally run at the Repair Cafe, (eg. have your items repaired for a just a donation).

I have identified a number of Volunteer Repairers who are willing to carry out repairs at their own homes. I would ask that all the people that would like to use this service and have an item to repair, to initially contact myself by Email and included the following: Identification of the item to be repaired, together with the problem or failure mode and also the persons details, (Name, Address, Telephone Numbers and Email Address). I will then be able to complete a registration booking in form for each item and then make contact with the relevant Repairer. The registration form would then be photographed by me and sent back to the client via email, together with the details of the relevant Volunteer Repairer.

The Volunteer Repairer would then need to be contacted to arrange delivery and collection at a safe distancing location. The item for repair, together with a printed Copy the Completed and Signed Form can then be delivered. If you are wanting me to help out in any other way to arrange your Repairs please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

To date I have identified an Electrical and a Dyson Vacuum Repairer who have already carried out some repairs for clients in the village. I have now been able to attract some Sewing Machinists to carry out clothing and fabric repairs and also a knife and garden equipment Sharpener together with a General Repairer, a Cycle Repairer, a Watch and Clock Repairer and a Computer, Laptop and Tablet Repairer. I also have been carrying out some woodwork repairs myself.

So if anyone has any items which they would like us to look at and repair in this difficult period, rather than assigning them to the bin, please contact me, Stephan, on my mobile 07715460783 which is best, or my landline 01823 421760, or email: sfelehner@aol.com. Lavender House, Howleigh Lane, Blagdon Hill, TA3 7SW.

Many thanks and kind regards, Stephan.



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello to you all again. Still under not normal circumstances for all of us. I do hope that you are keeping well and looking forward to better times. As you can imagine scouting is in

limbo, but with virtual activities continuing, thank you to the internet! Scouting HQ is keeping us informed with progress back to near normal scouting where in Hemyock that means getting very wet and very muddy. Alas it is still away off. HQ is organising various virtual activities over the net including summer camps. Not quite the same.

So Old Rikki has little to report this time, so will revert to history. Thinking of what I could tell you I found some old records including a photo from early 1961. It was of the formation of the scout section. Although the cubs started in 1960, with Funeral Director Martin Pring being one of the first cubs, scouts was a few months later. There were two patrols and the photo showed us being invested by District Commissioner Bunny Leighton, aided by scoutmaster Les Purcell and assistant scoutmaster Ron Cork. Those first twelve scouts were, in no particular order (just as we were stood in the photo); Roger Lowman, Roy Perrott, Keith Gammon, John Northam (aka Rikki), Peter Doble, David Moore, Brian Milton, Trevor Coles, Thomas Fouracre, Alan Berriman, David Llewellyn Jones and George Radford. Alas not all still with us. Those who are, best wishes to you, hope you are well and if you get to read this, may it stir some memories for you.

I was on history last time with Hemyock on the front page of the Scouting magazine. I mentioned a scout mum with five fine young sons who made excellent scouts. I said I would tell you who this time. That mum was the late Betty Shires.

I have mentioned from time to time our link with the scouts of Tonder in Denmark. We are getting ever closer to our fiftieth anniversary camp and reunion in 2022, so here is a potted history of our twenty camps and home hospitality together.

It started in 1972 at the Devon International Jamboree in Torbay. Hemyock was due to host twelve scouts from Morocco, they did not turn up! So instead we hosted forty Danes from Tonder. The camp was from 29th July to 5th August and we all enjoyed the camp together. The Danes were way ahead of us and had girls in their troop. The first time we had camped with boys and girls together. That made headlines in a newspaper called The News of the World! Next up in 1974, forty eight from Hemyock went to Denmark, sailing from Hook of Holland to Esbjerg and on to Tonder. We camped with our friends at an International camp of 18,000 at Hvelpsund. Next, in 1977 63 Vikings came to Hemyock and we camped up in Wales, the Cambrian Mountains. 1980 and 48 scouts and guides made the journey across the North Sea to Dk and another International camp of 7,000 at Stevninghus. This was the year of much rain, a very wet camp. If you see Leader Colin Grabham, he will tell you, he was there. Everyone dried out with a week of wonderful home hospitality in Tonder. 1983, 59 Danes to Hemyock. This year we camped locally at Fishponds up at Dunkeswell. The weather was fine, apart from a thunderstorm during a night hike to Sidmouth. Being scouts everyone was prepared with the waterproof gear. Royal Marines parachuted into the camp site to visit us. Like they do! It was all great fun.

Lets have a new paragraph. Onward to 1986. The numbers increased. 81 scouts and guides travelled to Tonder to camp on the Island of Funnen, the home of Hans Christian Andersen, I am sure you have heard of him and his many writings. We had sun all the time and got tanned. This time we had a trip to Copenhagen, visiting the Little Mermaid (she really is small) and The Tivoli Gardens. I have to admit that it did pour with rain in the coach journey back to camp, but it was dark and the next day back to sunshine. Then the scouts and guides went back to Tonder to spend a week living in the homes of their new friends. Lots and lots of activities as usual. 1988. 60 Danes visited and we camped again at Fishponds It was a wet but happy camp. A number of us went down to Plymouth where we met Prince Edward who was visiting many youth organisations including scouts and guides. 1990. Our turn to visit Dk, we camped at a site at Bredeaal, on the coast just above Tonder. Yet more fun. 1992 45 Danish visitors and we camped at Gutter Tor on Dartmoor. Twenty years of our friendship. Little did we realise then that Rikki would be writing this nearly 50 years later.

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1994, 41 of us sailed across the North Sea to an International camp of 23,000 from all over the world. It was called Bla Sommer--Blue Summer, and it was temperatures in the nineties all week. This was leader Andy's first camp abroad. I have told this little tale many times, but perhaps one or two of you have not heard it! During the camp Colin and Rikki could not find Andy in our sub camp so went to look for him. We saw a group of French scouts and asked if they had seen an English leader with a bushy black beard. Answer came, oh you mean Andy, he went down there to see an American group. The joys of scouting. I think Andy met nearly all 23,000. 1996 50 Danes and we camped at Huish Woods scout site just outside Taunton. Another fine time was had by all. 1998 and 30 plus went over to Dk and we camped again at Bredeaal with lots of scouting activities. 2000. The friendship continues with 71 Danes camping with us at Clearbrook in Dorset. This included a visit to Brownsea Island where Baden Powell held the first scout camp. 2002 and we camped at the Bla Sommer site at Abenraa. Much quieter this time but still great fun.

2005 with 46 Danes and we camped at Woodhouse Park in Avon, overlooking the river Severn. 2007. 28 to Dk with a very wet camp at Troldhoj. There was much mud wrestling, including the leaders! 2010 and we camped at Caddihoe down near Exeter with 36 Danes. 2013 This time back to Bredeaal with our Danes. It is a lovely site. 2016 Camped at Cloud Farm, near Lynton with The Danes. We had a steam train ride to Dunster to see the Castle. 2019 and nearly there. Hemyock scouts travelled in two minibuses across Europe to camp at Kulso. This included a trip to Legoland at Billund. Our twentieth camp together in 47 years. History would have been different if those 12 scouts from Morocco had arrived at camp in Torbay in 1972!

So, onward to 2022, our 21st camp together in our 50th year. Quite an achievement for a small rural group set in the heart of Devon. I will keep you informed of the preparations as we progress in the next two years. I hope that I have not bored you all, but you can probably guess that although now 70 plus, I am still a scout and always will be as will every one of the thousands who have been members of 1st Hemyock. I think that can be my “finally”. Be prepared and stay safe and we can all get back to normal soon.

Old Rikki

Dear Residents

Please see my report for Aug/Sept, not sure if there are any burning issues in and around this area, please let me know if there are any that I can help you with. Things move on quickly and by the time you read this, it may be out of date or updated. Most Parish Councils have had contact with Phil Morgan (DCC Highway's Officer) on doing what matters, by the 17th July, he has to collate all the Parish Council's request and put it into priority for funding.

Restrictions at our recycling centres have eased, so personal vans are now allowed to bring household waste as long as it's only the same amount that would fit in a normal sized family car or trailer.

Following on, this is an update of some of the issues relating to the Coronavirus which is still with us, we still need to be careful and keep to social distancing.

The DCC spend on directly procured stock was £1.748m. Reimbursement of adult social care providers PPE costs stands at £1.803m

Indications are that there may be further Pandemic funding for Local Government but it seems unlikely it will cover the full cost. Current approved and pipeline response plans already exceed the main grant of £36.7 millions by £8.5 millions, and this is without taking account of the significant loss in Council Tax our Districts are projecting. It is imperative that as we transition from Response to Recovery, that we do so in a measured and affordable way.

Council Tax and Business Rates

Assessing the impact the Pandemic is having on Council Tax collection and the tax base is very difficult this early in the year. Estimates provided on the Government's returns indicate losses of up to 13%. It is however, unclear if these losses will be permanent or just a matter of cashflow with payments being made later in the year or even next year. There is an added complication relating to increased Universal Credit claimants and the impact this may have on the Tax Base for next year along with the impact of the furlough scheme ending later in the year and the ongoing economic situation.

Due to the level of Business Rates Relief the Government has introduced, the risk to lost Business Rates is much lower and estimates from the Districts are around £1 million.

The vast majority of Devon people have behaved with great sense and responsibility throughout the pandemic and that's meant we've had the lowest number of outbreaks by some way throughout the crisis.

We obviously want to keep it that way and reduce it still further. We can now build on this effort and extend the work we have done together as Team Devon to protect our residents and support the most vulnerable. Team Devon is a public and private sector partnership drawing in expertise from business, education, skills and public sector organisations, has developed the plan with the backing of business representatives. We will now be at the forefront of responding and managing the outbreak at a local level. And if there's a hotspot in a town or village we'll be able to get onto it swiftly before it spreads too far. We've ensured that our plan

includes a strong focus on prevention and early intervention to ensure key settings such as care homes and schools and high-risk locations and communities identify and prioritise preventative measures. The good sense of the people of Devon has helped protect us all so far and they continue to have a vital role in reducing the spread of the virus and preventing further outbreaks. I would urge all of us to continue to follow national guidance and advice and keep up social distancing, wash our hands regularly and, if we think we might have the virus, get a test and self-isolate if that's necessary, we need to do all we can to avoid a second spike.” Needless to say, this will have knock on effects to our budgets, to which the Government has said they will reimburse us, let's see. I would like to let any organisation, or Club know, that I have a Locality Budget and can help out any good cause, it will not be huge amounts, but every little helps, just go no DCC website and look for 'Locality Budget' fill the application in and return to me, or, any problems, give me a call.

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor, Willand & Uffculme Division

Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk

Funding for community projects



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

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

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

Tel: 01823 680681

Email: blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk



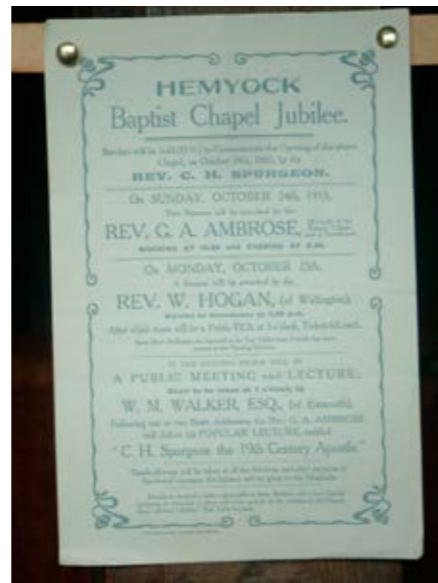
Hemyock As It Used To Be

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.



Hemyock Calf Club original winner 1921



St Andrew's Clayhidon

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St. Andrew's Church News

We have all experienced a change in our lifestyle during the last few months in so many different ways. Some of the changes were beneficial and we can give thanks for the feeling of greater community that has developed due to the support that many have given for those in greatest need.

St Andrew's has continued participating in three services each week on Sunday morning at 10.30 and two evenings at 8pm for Compline. The joint services using Zoom have increased their congregations. These will continue during August and anyone wishing to join us for a first time will be most welcome. The churchwarden or the administrator can give you details. **August 30th** is when there will be a service in the churchyard at St Andrew's at **4pm**. for Communion or inside if it is raining. Do try and join us. Zoom services will continue in the Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Holy Communion services will be resumed inside the church in **September**. We will have a **Riders' Service on September 20th at 14.30**. Please check the list of services at all the churches which are included at the front of the Pump.

Of course, after all the absence from the church and due to the necessary extra care that has to be taken for health reasons, the church will need to be cleansed in a different way before services can take place. A Saturday in early August would be a convenient time and volunteers, preferably younger ones, would be much appreciated. The churchwardens would be so glad to receive a phone call from you. (Their numbers are at the front of the Pump.) Similarly, anyone with gardening shears would be welcome to trim the edges of grave stones or inside the grave kerb stones where the mower cannot reach and where no one has visited during months, or tools for light work around the church.

We have had some repairs done since we were last open. There was a calamitous time when pieces fell off the tower and hit the roof before falling to the ground. All this had to be repaired before rain would go through the roof and do internal damage. Recently it was decided to really cleanse the toilet block before anyone would want to use it and so that all hygienic facilities would be available for this potentially infectious time.

There will be a **Gift Day** for St Andrew's on **Saturday, 29th August at 10am – 12.00**. Any donations will be most welcome as a contribution towards a loss of income during this unexpected time. There will be refreshments at the Rectory from 2pm – 4pm.

A development of worship pattern is taking place. We are looking forward to increased contact with those who have been unable to be with us during recent months. We have continued to pray for the health and well being of all in our parish and will rejoice together when we meet once more in good health in the coming weeks.

At this moment of completing this review for the Pump, the very sad news has reached me that our churchwarden, Stephen Bullett has passed away. We are all extremely sorry and send our love and deepest sympathy to Julie and her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Emma. We will leave any further information about his funeral on the notice board at the church. (Denis Sanders is the other warden who can be contacted at 601342).

P. Reynolds, PCC

Stephen Bullett

It is with very great sadness that we report that Mr Stephen Bullett, Churchwarden of St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon, passed away on the night of Monday 13 July after suffering a heart attack. Stephen's passing is a huge shock and a great loss, not only to his family but also to the church and village communities.

A family funeral service is being arranged for the near future but there will also be a Service of Thanksgiving later in the year, for the many from the Benefice, wider community and circle of friends who will wish to attend to give thanks for Stephen's life.

As a Benefice our love and deepest sympathies go to Stephen's wife, Julie, and their son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Emma. Please keep Julie, Richard, Emma and the wider family in your prayers.

Revd Canon Becky Totterdell

Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, August 2020

During the coronavirus outbreak the parish council has met remotely via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join a future meeting may email the clerk for the meeting code. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meeting is as follows:-

Finance

Income – footpath grant.
Expenditure – insurance, audit fee and grant.

Highways

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Garlands Bower Field

In an effort to support the Half Moon during the coronavirus outbreak, the pc has given permission for the field to be used as an overflow car park from July – September.



The Late John Griss

Following legal advice, the parish council has decided to create a charity to administer the estate. The exact details of the charity, including trustees, aims and objectives of the charity, etc., are being considered. In the meantime, the executor is managing day to day issues. More information to follow.

Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a modest budget to employ a trained lengthsman to maintain those ditches/drains which are no longer maintained by 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 (but due to coronavirus the meetings are currently being held remotely). 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:

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News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Ever since lockdown commenced, we have been going out for walks with the kids. We have been out almost every day and almost always to the same woods, not far from where we live. More often than not, these adventures out of the house have been documented with photos.

Last week I began looking through this record of the last few months and seeing how much things had changed: Whilst most of the trees were bare at the beginning of lockdown, now all are covered in a rich layer of green leaves. The light that broke freely through the canopy of the woods now only dapples the woodland floor. And the floor itself has changed colour... where bluebells once covered every available space, now foxgloves stand proud in the places where the sunlight still reaches. And those children of ours, who have made this their playground for the last few months, they too have changed. Our youngest was just about starting to stand as lockdown commenced, now she is running around in a desperate attempt to keep up with her brothers.

It has been a similar story in the church. As we look back over the last few months, we can see how much things have changed. Church, the gathered people of God, became a group of people distanced from one another and yet finding new points of meeting online. Zoom, YouTube and other forms of social media have become the tools of the church to communicate the good news of the gospel, to enjoy fellowship and to encourage each other in difficult days. The phone has become an increasingly invaluable tool highlighting how right Bob Hoskins was when he said, 'It's good to talk.'

I realise that it may sound as though there is an air of nostalgia in my writing, particularly as I quote an advert from the 90s – let this not conceal the acknowledgement that these days have been immensely difficult for many. We have listened to people weep over the phone because of the isolation and loneliness that these days have brought. I have heard people, indeed have myself felt, the deep frustration at not seeing friends and family. We have all felt pained at the stories of suffering witnessed on the news and within our own communities. But, we have also seen the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord at work in these trying times of a pandemic. Just like the light finds a way through the dense woodland to dapple the floor, so the light of God can burst through and touch our lives.

You light a lamp for me.

The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness –

PSALM 18:28

As a church we have seen prayers answered, relationships deepen, and lives touched. We have had opportunity to connect with people in different ways... and not just here, but from Barnstaple to Bahrain and Hampshire to Hungary. We have heard reports of how missionary friends, in already difficult circumstances, have been able to serve others during

the pandemic. As we look back, even amidst the pain and frustrations, we find ourselves strengthened in the knowledge that God is ever faithful, His love is strong and sure, and that His grace is sufficient for us each and every day.

And looking back with gratitude for God's love and faithfulness, gives us courage to look ahead with **hope**. As a fellowship we are in the process of working out how best to reopen the church building and facilitate our gathering together at Rosemary Lane. In the coming days we **hope** this will become a reality, we hope in the days ahead to resume worship, to collectively rejoice in the Lord's goodness. We **hope** that in the days to come we will not only have the capacity to make a phone to call to convey comfort, but once more embrace each other with warmth and affection. We **hope** that in the next issue of the Parish Pump we will have a great deal more to tell you about what has happened, what plans are ahead, and how great our God is!

Because God is faithful, we have hope.

But we do not live in the past or inhabit the future, we live today, and perhaps this is the greatest treasure of all: The knowledge that God cares for us here and now, where we are. He meets us in our need, He lifts us in our despair, He strengthens us in our joy, He calms us in our storm, and He offers us peace in our pain. We've had some wonderful weather these last few months, and, on several occasions, I have had opportunity to go outside at night and look up at the stars – go and do it next time you have a chance. There are an estimated one hundred *billion* stars in our galaxy alone and yet God's word tells us *He knows each and every one by name* "He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names" (Psalm 147:4). But why would he name stars? It is not for the sake of the stars, but for ours — so that we would be assured, that just as he knows each star by name, he knows you also! He sees you where you are and would draw near to you, to make known His love! Indeed, this is our Hope and comfort today, that God, seeing our need, chose to draw near and makes known the wonders of His love through His Son, Jesus Christ, just as He always promised:

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Jonathan Hillman – Rosemary Lane Chapel
www.rosemarylanechapel.co.uk

Thank You For Supporting Coldharbour Mill!

We want to say a huge thank you to the community for your support in these difficult times. Many of you have been donating to our emergency appeal or becoming a member to help sustain and support the preservation of Coldharbour Mill Museum which holds nationally important textiles and machinery which chronicle the industrial revolution and document its impact on this area.



English Heritage actually wrote a Historic Buildings Report about the Mill, describing the site as "...probably one of the best-preserved textile mill complexes in the country. It retains the full range of buildings and power system features which characterised the development of the 19th century textile mill with much of the machinery that was used at the site in the 20th century."

We could not be more grateful for how the community have risen in support of our work.

As a charity with no government or council funding, we rely on visitor admission fees as a main source of income, so your support during this time when we are unable to have visitors, makes a huge difference for the staff & volunteers at the Mill. Coldharbour Mill is currently closed owing to the pandemic, which hit just as we were about to reopen in March. We will open again as guidance allows, but only when we feel fully prepared to allow visitors safely back to the Mill.

We are now working through our plans to slowly and safely re-introduce our volunteers back to the Mill, so they can continue with the many projects which were put on hold by the pandemic. This has only been made possible by the community support we have received over this period.

Culm Valley Model Railway Show CANCELLED

I have to inform you that sadly the club have decided to cancel the Model Railway Show that was to be held in Willand on SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

With our show, social distancing would be impossible for exhibitors & visitors alike.

It would have been our 12th show but we are hoping to be back to "normal" by next year, so put the date 18th of September 2021 in your diary, usual venue at Willand Village Hall (10-4). It is pleasing that all the exhibitors for this years show have stated their wish to attend next year.

Due to lockdown everyone seems to have been improving their layouts and have exceeded the usual high standards that we normally see, so I guess that could be construed as something positive coming from this terrible time.

Though we are working hard to win this battle, there is still a long way to go before we will be in a position to re-open our doors to the public so please see below ways you can support us if you have not done so already.

Donate: We are still welcoming donations to our emergency appeal, to help us continue our work while still in our closure period. Send a cheque or visit www.coldharbourmill.org.uk donate

Become a Member: Our memberships have been extended so they don't expire until December 2021 – so you will have unlimited FREE entry and be able to take advantage of all the other discounts and benefits for well over a year. To become a member you can write or phone to request a form or you can visit www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/become-a-member If you are in a position to give more and want to discuss other levels of donation, please contact us via email at info@coldharbourmill.org.uk

Subscribe: To keep up to date with developments at the Mill, visit our Facebook page: @ColdharbourMill – or sign up for our news emails via this link: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/newsletter – or both!

To contact Coldharbour Mill:
email: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk
or visit the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk
or write to: Coldharbour Mill Museum, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE.

Thank you for your support, please stay safe and keep well from Coldharbour Mill Trustees, Staff and Volunteers

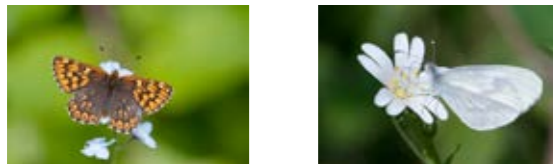
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Our large layout of Tiverton Junction, circa 1962, at The Old Well Garden Centre is currently closed, although the Garden Centre itself is open. Hopefully things may have improved towards the end of the year and if we are able to recommence operations it will be announced on our website.

For further information about the show or the club visit our webpage www.cvmrc.co.uk or phone Chris Shields (Exhibition Manager) on 07785 788153 or myself, Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk.

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

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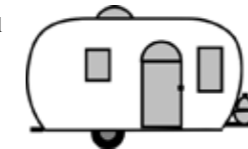
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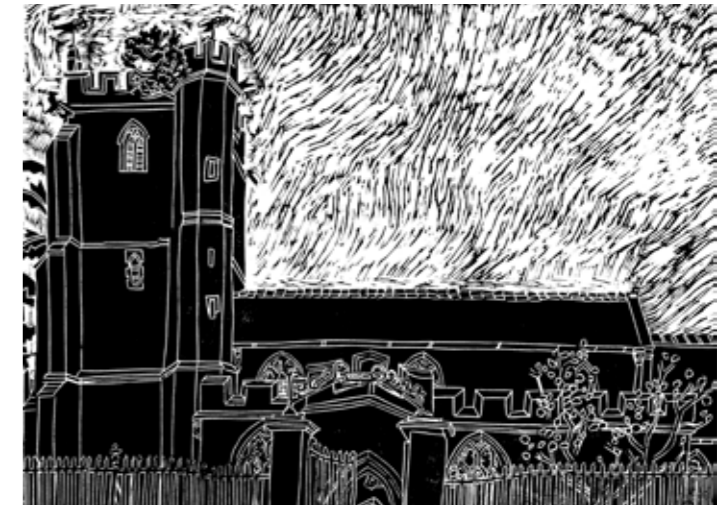
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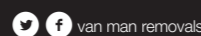
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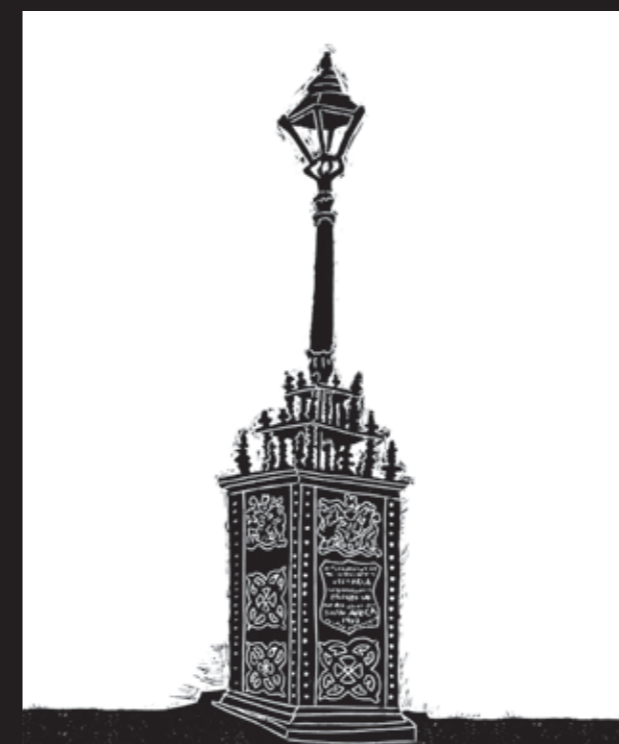
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