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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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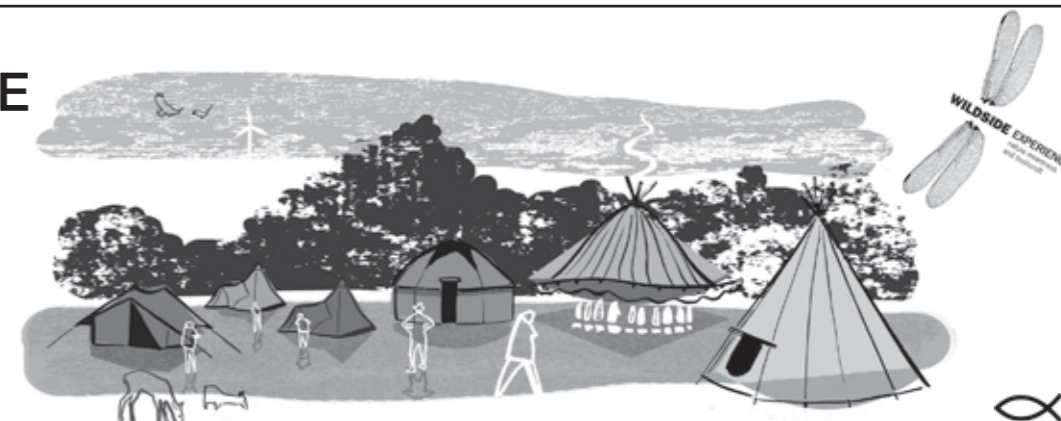
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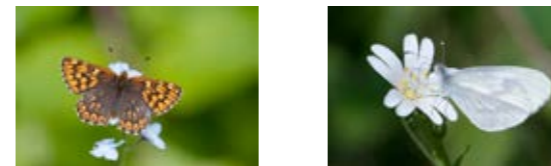
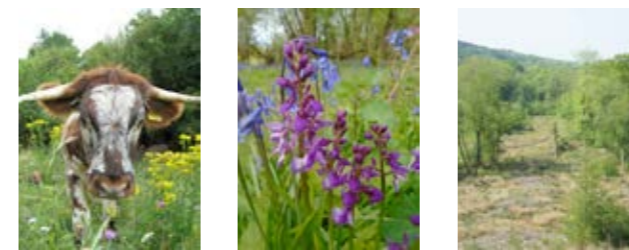
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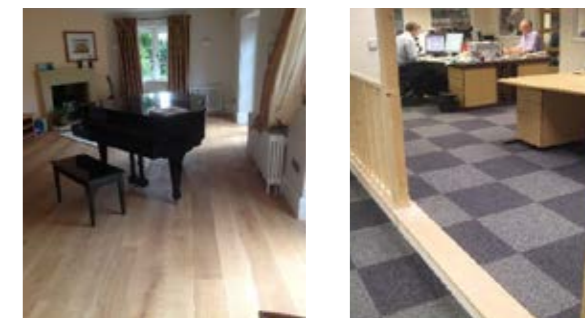
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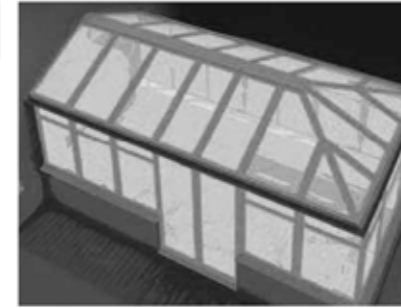
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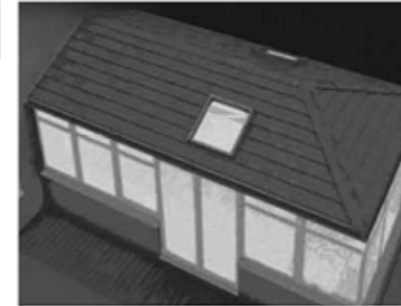
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**Please do check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services. It is very likely that we will need to make changes as new government restrictions emerge.**

Traditional Communion = according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Contemporary Communion = Common Worship liturgy, 2000

### DECEMBER 2020

	St Mary, Hemyock	All Saints, Culmstock	St Andrew, Clayhidon	Culm Davy Chapel
<b>Sunday 6 December</b> Advent 2	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)		<b>9.00am</b> Holy Comm (traditional)
<b>Sunday 13 December</b> Advent 3	<b>11.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Worship Together <b>6.30pm</b> Evensong (traditional)	<b>8.30am</b> Holy Comm (traditional)	
	<b>4.00pm</b> Christingle Celebration			
<b>Wednesday 16 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> Celebration of Christmas			
<b>Thursday 17 December</b>		<b>7.30pm</b> Celebration of Christmas		
<b>Sunday 20 December</b> Advent 4	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)		<b>3.30pm</b> Evensong (traditional)
<b>Thursday 24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>11.15pm</b> Christmas Eve Communion service (contemporary)	<b>4.00pm</b> Christmas Eve Communion service (contemporary)	<b>8.00pm</b> Christmas Eve Communion service (contemporary)	
<b>Friday 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Benefice zoom service			
<b>Sunday 27 December</b> Festival of St John	<b>11.00am</b> United benefice Communion service (contemporary)			

### JANUARY 2021

	St Mary, Hemyock	All Saints, Culmstock	St Andrew, Clayhidon	Culm Davy Chapel
<b>Sunday 3 January</b> Epiphany : Chalking of the Door	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)		<b>9.00am</b> Holy Communion (traditional)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of Christ (Plough Sunday)	<b>11.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Worship Together <b>6.30pm</b> Evensong traditional)	<b>8.30am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany 2	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)		<b>3.30pm</b> Evening Prayer (traditional)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany 3	<b>11.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion (contemporary)	
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> Candlemas Epiphany 4	<b>10.30am</b> United Benefice Holy Communion (contemporary)			

**In addition:** A Traditional service of Morning Prayer is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. There will be no Traditional communion during December. In January on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (**26 January**) it is a service of Holy Communion.

## Parish Pump | No. 282 December 2020 – January 2021



### Comfort and Joy

'O, tidings of comfort and joy': these words, recognisable from the refrain of the carol 'God rest you merry, Gentlemen,' have been adopted by the Church of England as its theme for Christmas and the weeks that precede it. Christmas should be a time when we are able to experience joy as we spend time with family or friends, or just chilling out without the pressure of going to work, and the comfort of warm homes and good food. But for many – particularly those who have been bereaved or are living alone - Christmas can be a time when joy feels in short supply, precisely because of the memories of happier times spent with family who are no longer there. While still others, especially the homeless and refugees, can expect little in the way of comfort.

***“The word comfort derives from the concept of strengthening, and means ‘consoling, or trying to make someone better after feeling sad or worried.’”***

The word comfort derives from the concept of strengthening, and means 'consoling, or trying to make someone better after feeling sad or worried'. And there is comfort in the reason why a helpless baby was born to a young Jewish woman in an obscure backwater of the Roman empire over 2000 years ago. Christians believe that child was how the all-powerful God was able to enter our world, to experience human life with all its highs and lows, and to make it possible for us to draw closer to him.

As we pass through these difficult times, the knowledge that God understands our hopes and fears because his Son Jesus has shared our human existence can be a source of comfort and joy.

This year, Christmas will feel different for many more of us because of the restrictions imposed in response to Coronavirus, not to mention the gloom associated with news of so many people suffering illness, dying, or losing their livelihoods. Victims of domestic abuse might well feel that their cage has turned into a prison. So where, you might ask, is the comfort and joy to be found?

If you would like to find out more about the Church's project please visit: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/preparing-advent-christmas-2020-comfort-and-joy>.

May your Christmas and the year ahead be crowned with much Comfort and Joy.

David Major.

The Christmas story has some pretty uncomfortable moments. For example, no room for an exhausted young couple at the Inn; a paranoid king murdering innocent children; and the aged Simeon prophesying that Mary's child would bring her grief.

# St Mary's Hemyock

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## Annual Meeting of Churches

**D**ue to the unprecedented times we are living in the annual meeting of churches was delayed from Spring to Autumn and St Mary's with Culm Davy Chapel, Hemyock held theirs following a morning service.

After 10 years' service as a Churchwarden Jenny Doble had decided to resign. Being warmly thanked for all she had done Jenny was presented with a bird feeding station and bouquet by fellow Warden David Bawler and church treasurer Hazel Partridge.

The Vestry meeting where Wardens are elected saw David Bawler, church, and Mark Fitzgerald chapel re-elected with Sarah Folland replacing Jenny Doble.

Rev Canon Becky Totterdell chaired the annual meeting looking back over the year since she had appointed. The first few months had followed the usual pattern but lockdown had changed things with services and other church activities stopped or altered. Zoom services had become the way of worship with regular congregation numbering between 40-50 but she expressed sadness that not everyone had this facility. It was hoped that the weekly, and much improved Link sheet, along with service sheets and phone calls meant everyone felt cared for. Even if no congregational singing was allowed and face masks had to be worn the Rector felt it was good to be back worshipping together mentioning that the lockdown had caused the first closure of churches for over 800 years.

Thanks we're expressed to all the Wardens for their unflinching care of the church and chapel, to the retired clergy and Readers for their support and to all who in any way contribute to the life and ministry of the parish.

The Rector expressed the need to focus on sustaining worship of God and for caring for the local community which she felt St Mary's had interconnected very well with. She ended with the thought that "We can go into the unknown without anxiety, but with trust instead in Gods goodness".



Above Jenny Doble and David Bawler

A booklet was distributed containing reports from the many groups who are involved with the church including fabric, safeguarding, Friends of St Mary's, choir, service team, bell ringers, Mission giving and charity support.

Hazel Partridge, PCC treasurer, reported that the two major fundraisers, summer fete and Christmas Fair, would see a loss of income but a gift day had proved to be successful. Financially things would be tight and spending would need to be carefully monitored.

Upper Culm Valley Mission Community  
The Parishes of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock

## Christmas Celebrations



### Christingle Celebration

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December | 4.00pm  
Please see posters or visit the churches website for more details on receiving your Christingle Bag

### Celebration of Christmas

St Mary's Hemyock Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December | 7.30pm  
All Saint's Culmstock Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 7.30pm  
To comply with social distancing guidelines, places are limited and both services will be ticketed. Please visit [www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk) or call Hilary on 07495 639 826 on to book your seat.

### Christmas Eve Communion

All Saints Culmstock Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 4.00pm  
St Andrews Clayhidon Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 8.00pm  
St Mary's Hemyock Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 11.15pm  
To comply with social distancing guidelines, places are limited and both services will be ticketed. Please visit [www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk) or call the parish administrator on 07495 639 826 to book your seat.

### Christmas Day

Benefice Zoom Service Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December | 10.30am  
Meeting codes can be requested by emailing [ucvmission@gmail.com](mailto:ucvmission@gmail.com), telephoning the parish administrator on 07495 639 826. They can also be requested from any Church Warden.

All services are subject to change in response to Covid 19 guidelines in place at time of activity.



## Harvest Festival

**T**he traditional Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Hemyock involves a beautifully decorated church, a Friday evening service followed by supper and entertainment with the Sunday service including well-loved harvest hymns. This September was of course totally different due to the restrictions we are all under.

There were minimal floral decorations inside the church whilst outside a harvest wreath hung on the cross alongside the War Memorial.

With the lack of Friday evening celebrations one thing that did pay tribute to tradition was that of a guest speaker. Piers Langdon, COE of Action Ethiopia, spoke of the work the charity carries out and supports in that country and included a demonstration of a simple homestead washing system ensuring the poorest of communities have somewhere to wash their hands in the hope of helping stop the spread of Coronavirus. The collection taken at the service is to be donated to Action Ethiopia.

With no fruit or vegetable in the church the congregation numbering around 50 had been invited to donate groceries which will be given to a local food bank. The Lay Team took the service with the choir providing the hymns whilst Meg Palmer had made a small harvest loaf which was placed on the altar.

Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> | 4.00pm

We have some ready-made goody bags packed with all the bits you'll need to make your own fabulous Christingle

To request your Christingle Bag and find out more about joining the celebrations please visit: [www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk)

You can also email [ucvmission@gmail.com](mailto:ucvmission@gmail.com) or telephone Hilary on 07495 639 826 to request a bag

Please note: Bags are available to residents of Hemyock, Culm Davy, Clayhidon & Clayhidon Parishes only. Christingle bags given on a first come first served basis.



Above Piers Langdon demonstrating the homestead washing system.

## Remembrance Sunday Service and Armistice Day

In glorious sunshine around 50 people gathered at Hemyock War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and were grateful for the many drivers who stopped and switched off their engines during the short event.

With the Rector holding a zoom service for the Upper Culm Mission Community the Act of Remembrance was led by Churchwarden David Bawler, local honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser of Hemyock and Clayhidon.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies and primary school. A church bell was tolled to signal the 2 minutes silence and the Union flag lowered by Andrew Batten.

Tim Barton, Parish Council Chairman and ex serviceman read the names of local men who had died during both world wars and the Malayan Conflict and gave the Exhortation and Kohema Epitaph.

To mark Armistice Day, the centre of Hemyock came to a halt as traffic stopped and almost 40 people including a number of veterans gathered at the War Memorial to pay their respects to the fallen. A brief Act of Remembrance was led by Rev Becky Totterdell. Lt Col Tim Courtenay RM (Rtd) read the names of those from the village who had died for their country with Tim Barton giving the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Despite being unable to do a door to door collection this year in aid of the annual Poppy Appeal an amazing £1,242.86 has been raised by the residents of Hemyock and Clayhidon.



Despite the frequent very inclement weather a small number of volunteers manned the milk churn outside of the Post Office where £515.71 of the total amount was donated. Many thanks to everyone for making 2020, a difficult year, so very successful.

The wonderful eye catching display at the War Memorial and church gates of hand crafted poppies along with the description of their different colours has brought many compliments of admiration. Warmest thanks to all those involved in creating such a memorable display.

David Bawler  
RBL Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser for Hemyock & Clayhidon.



Above L-R front row: representative of: Hemyock Primary School, Beavers, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs. Back row; David Bawler, Tim Barton, Andy Baton (Flag bearer).

*St Mary's Charity Shop*

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*regulations allow, we will be open in*

*December*

*on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>*

*and Tuesdays*

*8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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## Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) Christmas Appeal

**W**ow! What a tremendous response to cr2ee this year – thanks in no small part to lockdown as we all sorted through our cupboards, wardrobes, toys and equipment.

Your generosity sees us making a couple of trips to the charity depot in Exmouth every year – during 2020 we have made 6. All have seen our car filled to the brim but there have been two exceptions when the trailer has also been piled high with clothing, bedding, walking aids and other donations. One was quite soon after the first lockdown and the other as we entered the second when Christmas boxes filled the car with a tarpaulin holding down all the bags piled high on the trailer. At the depot it took 1hr 20minutes to unload as the boxes, usually around 6-8, have to be placed in large clear polythene bags for transportation.

We are aware that some local people have made private financial donations, and that of clothes, which cr2ee are most grateful for but we thought the following may be of interest and are things we received and delivered on 4th November.

- 110 Christmas boxes of all sizes including 4 very large ones for families.
- Culmstock kindly took their collection of 27 boxes to Exmouth which we were grateful for as we could not have fitted them into the car. Things were so tight we had one of Father Christmas' cuddly elves sat on the passenger's lap! He certainly caused some amusement as we drove along the motorway.
- 3 boxes of food
- 9 bags and a large storage box of knitted garments
- 53 bags of clothing etc.
- £405 donated from those unable to fill a box this year
- Thanks to the local press, social media and the Parish Pump, donations have flooded in coming from as far apart as Morchard Bishop to Crewkerne and many places in between.
- Tiverton Youth Centre held an event to raise the cash needed to buy the goods to fill their boxes
- A 90 year old Cullompton lady knitted 45 childrens cardigans and jumpers.
- A Wellington shoe shop donated a number of pairs of new slippers and other goods including the Elf! Whilst a ladies group in the town put together a number of boxes and knitted numerous items.
- A couple from Taunton donated 6 almost new thick winter coats.

Whilst in Yeovil on hearing of the charity on local radio a couple donated some walking aids and towels as well as filling 9 boxes with gifts... and finally, this year Culmstock joined the residents of Hemyock and Clayhidon and others in the surrounding area who have supported cr2ee for many years.

Moldova is, as many will know, Europe's poorest country. The country has seen a bad harvest this year, soup kitchens are needed, whilst Covid 19 has been globally devastating and seen many families lose much needed income as relatives working abroad have had to return home. Your support will help make a real difference to their lives. On behalf of the many people in Moldova who cr2ee support, visit and at times live with an enormous "THANK YOU".

With all good wishes for a healthy, happy and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Love Janice and David x



### Bringers of Joy 2020 – Karen Pinder honoured by the Bishop of Exeter as a Bringer of Joy

In February 2020 the Bishop of Exeter wrote to all the parishes in this diocese (which covers all of Devon) to say he would love to meet some of the people in our communities who bring joy into the community by what they do and the care they give. He asked each Church to nominate someone who fits the bill so that he could thank them at a dinner he planned to host in March.



St Mary's Church Council duly thought long and hard. It was not at all easy to come up with just one name as so many people contribute so much to Hemyock village life. But one person stood out for her long years of service to the community in a very wide range of ways – Karen Pinder.

Karen has been a consistent contributor to village concerns such as the Parish Hall, Hemyock Market, the Toddler Group, the Garages committee and Youth Club, the Twinning group, Scouts, Gardening Club, WI, and the Longmead management group.

Over recent months we have become much more aware of the importance of community and of the strength of our community network. Karen has done so much to foster this by the wide range of community enterprises she has given her time to over so many years, bringing people together in all these creative and enjoyable ways.

Sadly, because of lockdown, the planned dinner with Bishop Robert could not go ahead. Instead, the Bishop has written a letter of thanks to Karen and sent a glass plaque as a mark of his appreciation.

Very many thanks, Karen, for all the joy you have brought to Hemyock!

#### Stamps Recycling

Recycling waste paper? Must be good to put old envelopes and wrapping paper out for recycling? But what about the postage stamps? They can be recycled far more effectively by giving them to charity to be sold to help those in need. ALL stamps can be re sold, but particularly "special" issues and foreigners. Putting stamps in your rubbish bin? What an awful waste!!

On Google you can find a long list of charities that can sell used stamps. We send ours to the Baptist Missionary Society.

All you need to do is to drop them into the box in the Post Office or the Spar, or to me at Bakers Cottage in the High Street.

Many thanks  
David Berkley

### Litter and Wildlife

I have been spending part of the November lockdown litter-picking the roads around Hemyock and, hopefully, by the time you read this, all the roads and lanes in the parish will have been done. It is shameful just how much litter a very small minority of people create, especially in such a beautiful area and when it can so easily be recycled. On the plus side, I know there are lots of people litter-picking in and around the village, including some schoolchildren who have been litter-picking as part of their DoE. Many thanks to all of you.



Litter is not only ugly, it is also harmful to the environment. Plastic breaks down in the soil as well as the oceans, broken glass is an obvious hazard and small mammals can get into cans and bottles but are not always able to get out again (I found this out for myself when I squashed a can and the body of a long-dead field mouse/vole oozed out).

For these reasons I am asking anyone who would like to support Hemyock's litter-pickers, to please give a donation to the Devon Wildlife Trust through their website at [www.devonwildlifetrust.org](http://www.devonwildlifetrust.org).

The county wildlife trusts are very important guardians of our wildlife and have suffered badly during the pandemic, being unable to run their usual fund-raising events or have their teams of volunteers helping to manage their sites. They will also have to face the huge cost of removing dangerous ash trees as they die from ash die-back disease.

PS: If you are looking for a good, green Christmas present for someone, you could do a lot worse than membership of their local county wildlife trust. Check it out at [www.wildlifetrust.org](http://www.wildlifetrust.org).

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and litter-free Christmas,

Julie Steed

### Hemyock Parish Hall Management Committee (HPHMC)

It will come as no surprise that the hall remains largely unused due to the present circumstances surrounding the pandemic. In August and September, as the situation eased a little, it looked promising that some activity would return, and indeed the Short Mat Bowls Club did manage to get a few sessions in before the last lockdown interfered. We can only hope that things improve from now on.

The committee is pleased to welcome Sharon Mitchell as booking secretary and Debby Lee White as cleaner. Sharon is based in the offices opposite the hall in the Blackdown Business Centre and has commercial connections that can only help to increase hall occupancy. Debby has experience of commercial cleaning, and when things return to normality, is looking forward to ensuring that hall users always find things just right.

The committee has not yet held the 2020 AGM, but has decided, subject to AGM approval that Stuart Groves will take over as acting Chairman, and Bob Hawkes move to acting Secretary. Doug Cartledge will remain as treasurer. A vice Chair has yet to be elected. The AGM will be convened at the earliest possible safe date.

Should you wish to know more about the Parish Hall or want to be involved in the running of the hall, or could help in some way, then do please get in touch: Bob Hawkes (Acting Secretary), [bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com), 01823 680047 or 07540435149.

### Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees will not be available at the Parish Hall this year but Connetts Farm is selling every day at Dunkeswell.



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Address: Connetts Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, EX14 4QZ

## The Lights Brigade

Some ideas to get you started:  
Attach lights to circular willow, wheels, hoops, a ball, hanging basket or plant pots...

PS: On Christmas Eve, at 6pm, also join the international 'Let the Bells Ring out for Christmas' movement, by ringing bells throughout the village to welcome Father Christmas and this important community time.

**HEMYOCK MERRY CHRISTMAS**

This has been an extraordinary year.

It's made us think about our community, how it works and how we are all linked, a bit like separate parts of the same circle. We can't have a lights parade, we can't hug, hold or even shake hands but we could represent togetherness and link through lights. It would be great if we could all make circles with whatever we have to hand, cover them in lights and hang them somewhere outside our homes, or in windows.

Please join in and together help make Hemyock look extraordinary this Christmas.

## Opening Times



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### Blackdown Support Group – News

#### HELPING OTHERS IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Volunteering can be hugely rewarding and is a great way of gaining work experience or new skills whilst “giving something back”. You get to know people in your local community who will appreciate your help and reward you with their humour, wisdom and often their friendship. Many people have enjoyed volunteering for their community during the Covid-19 pandemic and evidence shows that helping others can also improve our own health and well-being.

The Blackdown Support Group is a local charity, established in 1991, and linked to the Blackdown GP Practice. We offer practical and social Volunteer-led support to anyone in need in the Blackdown Hills area - this includes community transport, social clubs, befriending and mentoring, bereavement and carer support, help with form filling, footcare, wheelchair loans and advice about other services.

Our aims are to reduce social isolation, facilitate access to services and improve quality of life for people suffering the effects of loneliness, social isolation, financial difficulty, old age or ill health. Often by improving access to social activities and services, people are able to improve their health and well-being. The Blackdown Support Group enables them to get around more easily, to meet and make friends and to feel they are cared for.

We are currently recruiting for new volunteers in the following areas:

#### MEDICAL TRANSPORT DRIVERS

Our Volunteer drivers provide a critical service transporting people to important medical appointments either at local surgeries or to hospitals in Somerset and Devon. If you have a little spare time, your own vehicle, and would like to support your community in a flexible and fulfilling way please get in touch. Full safety guidance and PPE will be provided, expenses are paid and we are happy to work around any other commitments you may have.

Our drivers are often the only social contact an isolated person might have and the chat on the way to an appointment can be as important as the journey itself.

#### BEFRIENDERS

Our volunteer befrienders and mentors offer face to face and/ or telephone support of a social or practical nature to people who may be housebound, lonely, isolated or experiencing difficulties because of medical conditions, caring commitments, low mood or financial insecurity. Often the support required is as simple as having a chat, making the person you are supporting feel that they are listened to and that they are not

**HERE TO HELP**  
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 Find us on Facebook

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.

Please help us to help others by becoming a Volunteer or by supporting our work as a Friend  
 01823 681 036  
 d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net  
 www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk

alone. You will be an important link to their local community, making them feel connected and included. You may be asked to support someone to achieve small practical goals which can be hugely beneficial in improving feelings of anxiety or loneliness.

We also offer support with navigating care options or filling in forms to ensure people can stay in their own homes safely and have access to financial support where applicable.

#### DIGITAL SUPPORTERS

Could you help someone to navigate basic online tools such as Skype, Zoom or Facetime to help them connect with others digitally? Or support them to access important information which is often only available online? Support would be offered over the phone or in person when restrictions allow and could be a lifeline for someone whose normal social activities have been significantly reduced due to the pandemic.

#### GET IN TOUCH

You can find out more about us on our website or Facebook page: [www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk](http://www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk).  
<https://www.facebook.com/BlackdownSupportGroup>.

All volunteers are asked to complete a DBS check and to provide two references. If you would like to discuss our current volunteer opportunities or you know someone who might need our help, please get in touch with us.

Thank you.

Elizabeth McNabb  
 Co-ordinator  
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The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre had to close again to the public during the second lockdown period. We hope to re-open in December but this is dependent on national and local lockdown guidance.

Sue Moore (Chiropractor) and Martha Price (Osteopath) are still permitted to see patients so please contact them directly if you would like to book appointments. We look forward to seeing you again when we are allowed to fully re-open. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Peta Dayus-Jones*  
 Centre Manager

## HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

To keep up to date with  
Hemyock Community  
initiatives and events, please  
follow the Hemyock Primary  
PTFA Facebook Page.

We organise lots of fun events open to the  
whole community. All the funds that are  
raised directly support the pupils of  
Hemyock Primary School.

**@hemyockprimaryptfa**

### Part time Job

Part time/casual worker required at local funeral directors.

Duties to include bearing at funerals and occasional driving of the hearse.

The position may suit a semi retired person or somebody looking for occasional, self employed work.

Must be reliable and physically fit.

Please call Pring and Son on 01884 32855.



Hemyock Funeral Directors  
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## Hemyock Tennis Club

Hopefully, by the time the 'Pump' is delivered, the second lockdown will be over and the tennis courts reopened. As before, we'll be guided by the LTA before resuming play.

On the positive side, when permitted, other clubs in our area are keen to play some winter friendlies. Dates have been arranged with both Upottery and Wellington, with arrangements yet to be made with Wiveliscombe and Willand. Check out the club website for details.

The club is always keen to see as many members as possible getting involved in friendlies. Although competitive, they're without the edge that league matches have, so they're a great way to meet new players and play on different courts. Please, if you'd like to have a go and put your name down, then do so soon. You can reply to the club email address or to any committee member.

Prior to lockdown, it was great to see Dan with so many juniors of all ages at his Thursday sessions. If you want to get your child involved, check out what's on offer by visiting our website. Let's hope many youngsters develop their game and continue to play at Hemyock as adult members. The club had a number of plans for this season that due to the pandemic, have not come to fruition. We hoped to include juniors (and their parents) in our social events, possibly holding a bbq or other 'non tennis' based event, as well as our traditional Sunday afternoon socials. The club looks forward to the days when we can once more confidently plan our calendar.

With regards to the last lockdown, thank you everyone for following the guidelines when playing, and for booking courts and/or putting your name on the attendance log at social tennis. The club recognises the part tennis can play towards health and wellbeing, particularly during these difficult times, so we're keen to get the courts open and back playing again as soon as possible.

Bob Hawkes (Chairman)  
bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com  
hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com  
680047 or 07540435149

(to get on the HTC Whatsapp group, email or send a text to my mobile)

Website - [clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub)

Valley Arts are having a year off due to COVID restrictions, but hopefully we can all start planning for next year and will be able to get together again in the spring / summer of 2021. Whatever you do try to enjoy Christmas and look forward to a new year. Caroline Pinder and all at Valley- Arts



Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

## Poets Corner

### Changing Times

Old Time has carved her course,  
Since God first spoke His Word to the Earth,  
And God looked, and saw that Time  
Was good, and would carve a vale  
Eternal long and deep,  
Through hard rock of history,  
Rock so rugged,  
And so hard,  
The river Time was running slow;  
So on one dark Judean night  
He shocked some shepherds with glorious day,  
(For wherever Angels are it's day),  
"Go search in Bethlehem's Town for  
MY Word, My Son, is born,  
New Time begins now for each age.

David Palmer

## Point of Light Award for Devon Clinical Psychologist

A Devon based Clinical Psychologist has been awarded the Prime Minister's Point of Light award in recognition of his work in founding and leading [www.Project5.org](http://www.Project5.org), a professional volunteer service offering wellbeing support to the national NHS team.

Dr Craig Newman, a Devon based Clinical Psychologist and leadership coach, predicted the potential for NHS staff burnout and struggles in the wake of COVID-19 in March, when the threat of the pandemic was starting to be recognised. He comments, "it was clear at the start of COVID-19 that there were risks to NHS staff of being exhausted, traumatised and highly anxious in response to the crisis. Even before COVID-19, mental health issues and burnout were seen as a significant issue for NHS staff, with almost half of the workforce (40%) already reporting feeling unwell as a result of work-related stress in the last 12 months (NHS Staff Survey, 2019)".

In response to this, in March, Dr Newman promoted a call to action to the professional coaching and therapy sectors to ask who would support NHS staff. Over 5,000 professionals volunteered. This was a much larger number than expected and presented significant challenges— how to select who was appropriately qualified, how to ensure they use the correct support approach, how to supervise them and how to link NHS staff who need help to the best suited volunteer.

In response to these challenges, in April, Dr Newman and Dr Cordet Smart (also a Chartered Psychologist) – both local to Clayhidon formed the not for profit company, Project High 5. The name of the company represented the desire to celebrate the work of the staff, to offer a 'High 5', this being the values he hoped to install – to celebrate and support the team as they support the nation. A national campaign was also started, at <https://www.highfiveourcarers.org/> to raise awareness and funds to support this ambition.

In the space of a few months, a team of skilled clinicians, researchers and software engineers was formed who created an amazing solution at record pace. A national service was created in under 2 months ([www.project5.org](http://www.project5.org)) which now offers thousands of wellbeing appointments every month, free to NHS staff. The Project5 team screened and selected over 1,000 best qualified volunteers, trained them in an approach developed for the NHS team and identified and provided training to supervisors to support this volunteer pool. A new digital booking system was developed, making it easy for NHS staff to find a supporter who is best suited to their needs – providing access to support sessions often in less than 24 hours.

The service has provided a 3-session course of solution / wellbeing support to over 700 NHS staff members since it launched officially in May, with a steady flow of about 10 NHS staff a day booking into the system to get help. Their work has been endorsed by most leading coaching organisations and sector charities, and works alongside the NHS wellbeing

taskforce. The service has been built out of donated time and skill, costing nothing to the NHS and remains free.

Project5 has a lot more capacity available than is being used, which will be invaluable as the current threats to the NHS system and team are increasing as winter arrives. Increasing burnout and stress are being reported nationally in the NHS, with exhaustion remaining from COVID wave 1 as the work to meet COVID wave 2 begins.

Project5 remains a volunteer led organisation, for which the award from the Prime Minister recognises. Boris wrote directly to Dr Newman, stating, "From the initial inspiration of your #highfiveourcarers campaign to the fantastic breadth of your brilliant Project 5, you have brought together an army of more than 1,000 researchers, coaches and therapists to support those working in every part of our NHS." Boris added, "Your endeavours are only more important at this time when our

amazing NHS staff have faced such pressures and when we owe so much to them for all that they have done to save lives."

Dr Newman was thankful for the award and commented, "Project5 is a critical service to NHS staff in the coming winter, as it focuses on supporting

their success during crisis and helps them to maintain balance in life and work – rather than waiting for longer-term mental health issues that may cripple the ability to work. Getting the message to staff that we are here is essential and we ask the public to tell their NHS working neighbours about our offer".

Feedback from NHS staff members is very positive, with one clinician writing how "it felt like you were holding my hand" whilst many refer to the benefits at work and at home, reflecting how the challenges for staff are felt through all of their lives.

Project5.org is a free service to enable NHS staff to succeed at work, built on evidence and independent from the NHS. Providing a confidential place for NHS staff to get the support early, to be successful. Sharing the awareness of this service is the main ask of Dr Newman, so please tell anyone you know in the NHS to visit the site if they feel stressed or out of balance, as the winter progresses.

The service is free and is also collecting public donations, on the same website, to cover delivery costs.

Contact Details  
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or [support@project5.org](mailto:support@project5.org).

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## Around Hemyock

The leaves are changing into glorious colours and falling to the ground, autumn flowers and shrubs are blooming, crisp mornings greet us as the temperature drops. Yes the end of the year approaches and 2020 is certainly a year we will all remember.

A villager was recently heard to ask "Has anything good happened at all this year?" Well yes there has and not least has been the wonderful Hemyock community spirit shown in so many ways. I'm sure we can all recall various things that have helped us through this unusual time - people who offered to shop, the delivery of medication, offers of keeping in contact by phone, amazing medical and care staff along with people in educational, local shop staff, takeaway deliveries, zoom meetings and church services with family FaceTime enjoyed the list is endless - we will all have memories of things to be thankful for.

There are of course those who have had more difficult periods over the year with the passing of a loved one, illness, not being able to visit a carehome resident, the loss of a job or long periods of being furloughed or perhaps not being able to visit a new grandchild or choosing to postpone a wedding and our thoughts are with them.

By the time this issue of the Pump reaches us we will hopefully be out of the second lockdown with things looking more positive as it appears a vaccine has been developed. The one thing that most of us are waiting for at present is a decision about Christmas and in many cases it will be - can more than six people gather together to celebrate? In our case will family from Cardiff, Bristol and Manchester be allowed to travel.

As I write in mid November traditional events are either cancelled or completely changed - Bonfire night, Christmas Fair, Christingle service, Nativity plays, church services, Hemyock Big Visit by Santa and his elves - but the Lights Brigade intend to brighten our lives by erecting lights around the village as they have done for the past few years and ensure the star will be shining from the church tower. Thanks to them.

Recently there was a sudden power cut for many residents. Within a very short space of time numerous people had posted on the internet that it was hoped the majority of homes would be reconnected by 8pm. Checking that some elderly neighbours were safe the thought occurred - how many people are not aware of the **Facebook Hemyock Community Group page?** (there are also other Hemyock pages) It is followed by a number of local people and contains a wealth of details including updates from the Blackdown Practice, items for sale/wanted, enquiries/recommendations for tradespeople plus items being given away. In this instance as well as folk saying their area was without electricity there was also details from the power company. If not already a member perhaps you would like to spend a few minutes checking the group out. Who knows what you will discover!

Following last years successful scarecrow competition did you know there had been a Penny for the Guy competition? Due to timing, details about it didn't make it into the Pump. There were some delightful entries with contestants paying a small fee and proceeds divided between the CAMEO Club and the Lights Brigade. Many thanks to Louisa for organising the event.

A parishioner felt disappointed they had missed what was a fun village activity especially during the extraordinary times we are living in. They said - "We all get a copy of the Parish Pump but we don't all have internet connection and those who do may not know all the different pages or want to risk going on them". Food for thought for all of us I suspect.

A very warm heartfelt thank you to the ladies who created the wonderful handmade poppy display at the War Memorial. It added greatly to the poignancy of Remembrance Sunday and the Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day. I hear there are plans afoot to make it even better for next November.

In remembering those lost in war we also remember those who have recently seen the passing of a loved one. As the Pump was going to print we heard the news that Rodney Clist had passed. We send love and condolences to his family.

Dennis Bale was a true Hemyockian having lived here all his life. Many will have been grateful for his gifted skills as a carpenter as he had been involved with building many of our local properties. He had learnt his trade with a Mr Doble at Whitehall and truly enjoyed his working life. We send love and condolences to his wife Kath and family members.

The pandemic has caused for most of us an inconvenience but for others health, job or financial worries. During recent weeks there have also been those who have been, or are unwell, needed hospital treatment and perhaps been unable to have the support of family and friends. We send all good wishes to Janet, Gordon, Mary, Bernard, Sylvia, Ron, Tony, Chris, Maureen, Malcolm, Christine and Diana and to all those known privately to us.

The thanks of all of us go to the many people who, in whatever small way, has helped make 2020 a year of kindness.

Coronavirus has impacted on our lives for most of the year but as Christmas approaches let's remember those who will be unable to celebrate in their usual way, be grateful for what we have and can do and as the saying goes: "Keep Calm and Carry On" - and remember the real reason for Christmas.

With all good wishes for the festive season and a happy, healthy New Year.

Janicejbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk for any news you would like to share.

## Blackdown Hills Business Centre

The Blackdown Hills Business Centre is in Hemyock, centrally located to serve the villages and hamlets of the Blackdown Hills.

We are just 5 miles away from Wellington and 10 miles from Taunton. The Business Centre is designed to offer a full range of business support to small businesses with a range of services from photocopying to accountancy and can tailor a support package to you're your requirements.

We offer businesses a professional office address for delivery of parcels and post, telephone answering service which can include a dedicated number answered in your company name, secretarial and administrative support and our office space can be rented by the hour, half day, full day or longer. We have a reception area with professional receptionist to meet and greet your clients or staff on arrival.

Our centre is ideal for start-up businesses, small businesses, regional hubs or for temporary requirements. We are also utilised by established businesses who are looking to increase their geographical area and need a local base. We are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and office space can be booked with additional access time if being used on a regular basis. If you wish to view the meeting rooms or office space at the Blackdowns Hill Business Centre, please telephone on 01823 478255.



## 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!)

## December 2020 / January 2021

**COVID 19: 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 December

Dec 09	2.30 - 4.00	Bereavement Counselling, F. Lounge
Dec 11	10.30 – 12.00	Bereavement Counselling, F. Lounge
Dec 18	Local Schools Term Ends	
Dec 21	Winter Solstice	
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
Dec 26	Boxing Day	
Dec 28	Bank Holiday (as Boxing Day is on a Sat)	

### Notable dates for January

Jan 04	Local Schools' Spring Term begins	
Jan 08	Blood Donors, P. Hall	
Jan 08	10.30 – 12.00	Bereavement Counselling, F. Lounge
Jan 13	2.30 – 12.00	Bereavement Counselling, F. Lounge

(Short Mat Bowls may begin depending on government restrictions)

### Forthcoming Events

Feb 16	Shrove Tuesday
Feb 15 – 19	Local Schools Half Term
Mar 14	Mothering Sunday
Mar 20	First Day of Spring
Mar 28	British Summertime begins
Apr 01	Local Schools Term Ends
Apr 02	Good Friday
Apr 04	EASTER SUNDAY
Apr 19	Local Schools Summer Term starts

Upper Culm Valley Mission Community  
The Parishes of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock

## Christmas Celebrations





**Christingle Celebration**  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December | 4.00pm  
Please see posters or visit the churches website for more details on receiving your Christingle Bag

**Celebration of Christmas**  
St Mary's Hemyock Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December | 7.30pm  
All Saint's Culmstock Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December | 7.30pm  
To comply with social distancing guidelines, places are limited and both services will be ticketed. Please visit [www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk) or call Hilary on 07495 639 826 to book your seat.

**Christmas Eve Communion**  
All Saints Culmstock Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 4.00pm  
St Andrews Clayhidon Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 8.00pm  
St Mary's Hemyock Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December | 11.15pm  
To comply with social distancing guidelines, places are limited and both services will be ticketed. Please visit [www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk) or call the parish administrator on 07495 639 826 to book your seat.

**Christmas Day**  
Benefice Zoom Service Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December | 10.30am  
Meeting codes can be requested by emailing [ucvmission@gmail.com](mailto:ucvmission@gmail.com), telephoning the parish administrator on 07495 639 826. They can also be requested from any Church Warden.  
*All services are subject to change in response to Covid 19 guidelines in place at time of activity.*



## Cartoon Church

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### THE PERILS OF BEING TALL

CAUSING AN OBSTRUCTION

BANGING ONE'S HEAD

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BEING ASKED TO RETRIEVE THINGS FROM HIGH SHELVES

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### CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

WRATH (DIRECTED AT INVALID ADDITIONS)

GREED (USING TOO MANY OF THE PARISH PINS)

SLOTH (NOT REMOVING OLD NOTICES)

PRIDE (COVERING UP OTHERS' WORK)

LUST (COVETING THY NEIGHBOUR'S FONT, LAYOUT, ETC)

ENVY (RIVAL CHURCHES POACHING OUR CONGREGATION)

GLUTTONY (OVERINDULGENCE, ETC)

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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](mailto:sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com) by the "Parish Pump" deadline date. (This may stop too many clashes of dates!)

**Parish Pump Deadline**  
**February – March issue: 14th January**

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## Longmead

The **Pavilion** is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings.

The building has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use. **The MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

### Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour

MUGA - £15.00 per hour

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

## Wellington Monument Repair Update

**W**e're pleased to be able to update you on the continued progress at Wellington monument. We are delighted that we now have just under £380,000 to raise. The project was one of a handful that the National Trust were able to continue despite the impact of the first wave of Covid-19. It is still on track to finish at the end of May 2021 and we are working to understand the impact of the latest restrictions though are hopeful that construction can continue.

Throughout these difficult days, Wellington Monument has continued to bring a sense of hope to us all. Seeing the works continue has been a lifeline for some. One local woman, who has been told to self-isolate, told us how she watches the works from her bedroom window with binoculars. Around 1,500 stones have now been replaced. The new pyramidion blocks are much larger than the original to reduce water ingress. Some weigh as much as 1,800kg. The only piece of stone that could be re-used was the capstone at the very top of the monument. On 21st October, on a grey drizzling day, a crane had to lift this stone to a height of 73 metres. It was then lowered to 53 metres and back into place with cheers from the onlookers. Coincidentally this was the anniversary of 203 years of the foundation stone being placed. A real moment in history for the monument.

The scaffolding continues to impress; by some it is affectionally called the "Monument launch pad". There are roughly 250 steps and one stonemason calculated that he had climbed the equivalent of Everest; he is now on the way down! The stone masons are all very proud to be working on this project. A few are local and see the work as their legacy.

As for fundraising, we are collecting donations in return for pieces of monument stone that cannot be reused. A brilliant c£2,000 has been raised so far. People can either pick up their

### 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.

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Editor, James Winrow, [pump@lickam.co.uk](mailto: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.

stone from the Monument volunteers on Sundays by the car park or from Odette's tea-room in Wellington. One person has built a piece into his new fireplace. One fragment has been taken to Wellington, New Zealand whilst another is being sent to someone whose Grandmother was born and bred in Wellington. The Grandmother calls Wellington Monument her 'birthstone'. Still the stories pour in.

We are about to launch another fundraiser, called Memories in the Monument. All through the project people have told us their memories and their reasons why the monument means so much to them. We wanted to find a safe Covid secure way of letting people place these memories, stories or messages into the structure itself. Hence, we are asking people to send us a small letter on A5 paper with a suggested donation of £50. Their stories will be in the heart of the monument; placed behind the stones in the plinth.

So, enthusiasm is infectious as we know. Maybe it is because we need a glimmer of hope, maybe it is because the project is coming to an end? Maybe it is because people are remembering their times at the monument? Maybe it is because new memories are being created. Whatever it is, Wellington Monument is that place not just for the community but for anyone who has been part of it.

*Enma Jones, Community Engagement and Fundraising Officer*

## Hemyock History Group

**W**e joined together with Uffculme, Halberton and Willand History Groups for a November zoom talk from Amyas Crump on the Culm Valley Railway. There is little evidence today of either the Railway or the Culm Valley Dairy Factory that for about 100 years collected milk from farms in the Culm Valley, processed and filled railway tankers with milk so that London would have its morning doorstep deliveries. The history of these activities in Hemyock's industrial past can be seen on the [blackdownarchives.org.uk](http://blackdownarchives.org.uk) web site where many other historic images are available to view. The web site and images are owned by the public community and copies can be made available as required..

We are still attempting to arrange a couple of talks over the next few months as best we can. If anyone has any ideas for speakers or subjects please contact us via the contact form on the blackdown archives web site. With the approach of Christmas we are looking to support the Light Brigade in their campaign to brighten up our community by asking households to display designs of circles of light in our windows for the festive period.

If anyone has images of "local life during the pandemic" we could have a competition to display them on the front page of the Blackdown Archives Web Site. Their image and name will be recorded in the archives for future generations.

Mike Cooper  
[mroycooper@btinternet.com](mailto:mroycooper@btinternet.com).

### Acorns 2020

**M**eetings for January and February took place as planned with Brenda Persey entertaining us with music, anecdotes and quizzes in January and John Ward introducing us to the ethos and contemporary work of the Freemasons in February.

All subsequent meetings and outings were cancelled. We had no AGM. Our treasurer, Joan Fewtrell, reports that finances are in good order. Speakers' Secretary, Brenda Calcraft, confirmed that the majority of speakers who were booked for 2020 should be available in 2021.

At the time of writing (mid-November) nothing can be predicted. Everything therefore is on hold. We cannot speculate on when we might restart.

In the meantime we hope that all our members are safe and well. Alan Craig, our Chairman, sends greetings. We wish you a Happy Christmas and better things to come in 2021.

Val White (Secretary) on behalf of the Committee.



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**Longmead Field**

**TREASURER WANTED**

**LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Can you help?

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

If you are interested please contact Tracy Leaman - 01823 681569

## Hemyock WI

**H**emyock WI have not held a Meeting since March 3rd 2020. The Federation has offered talks and contact through Zoom. Denman College has been sold but at the moment courses and talks are being offered, via Zoom.

Sadly, two of our most active Members have died during this time. Namely, Elaine Moralee and Judith Major. This is a great loss to our small Group and we miss them dreadfully, and will do so even more, once life gets back to normal and Groups can start meeting again.

Members of the Reading group / Book Club, can you please check if you have any library books which should have been returned long ago to Wellington Library. If you find any, please can you make an effort to return them.

Lynn continues to remind us that 'there is no Meeting tonight' on every first Tuesday in the month!

Looking forward to normal times returning soon.  
(B. Calcraft. Vice President and press reporter!)

## LEAP News

**T**he pond at Longmead has long been in need of a clear out. Over the last few years, it has become overgrown with invasive reedmace. This sucks out all the water in the Summer, and leaves the pond almost dry and uninviting for wildlife.

Our AONB grant has paid for renovation of the pond and the removal of the reedmace using an excavator.

In late October, a small band of socially-distanced volunteers, made short work of coppicing and pruning the goat willow growing alongside the pond. Nick Thompson then got to work with his brush cutter to clear a path through the undergrowth, to allow the excavator access.

Phase one of work is now completed. Phillip Palfrey arrived with all the kit, got skilfully to work, and the pond is already looking much better. Debris removed from the pond has been left alongside it, to allow any creatures in the mud to slither back into the water. Phase two- the renovation of the second half of the pond, will take place in January. By the Spring it will be wildlife ready.

Trish Slater



## Hemyock Wildflower Verges

**A** grant from The Blackdown Hills Transition Group has enabled a small group of volunteers to plant patches of wildflowers alongside the road verges on the entrance to the village on the Culmstock and Culmbridge roads. They were only small patches of colour, but what a picture they were in August and September when they eventually flowered.

The wildflower seed, chosen for pollinators, to support our birds, bees and other wildlife included yellow rattle, betony, wild carrot, cornflower, poppy and cat's ear. It was sourced locally, and selected to include native wildflowers which will thrive in this area.

Lockdown prevented the seed being sown until early May, when small areas of turf and perennial weeds were removed to give the seed the best start. Unfortunately, we then had one of the driest Mays on record and despite watering the seeds every few days, all seemed lost and not a seed germinated. However, nature is very resilient, and when the rain eventually came in June, so the seed germinated and to great delight and some relief, the wildflowers flowered in August and September.

Thanks to Hemyock Parish Council, the council grass contractors know which areas to avoid strimming, and seed from this year's flowers will germinate early next year. We are hoping to enlarge the areas, year on year, and given the catastrophic demise of insect life worldwide over the last fifty years, it's the least we can do.

Trish Slater



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

**H**ello to you all. Still not at the end of the tunnel yet and no face to face scouting. Very sad for us all. Anyway, as scouts we will carry on looking on the bright side of life. There will be an end to this pandemic and we will get back to proper scouting.

This past week I have received an email, as have all of our leaders, from HQ. I will relay parts of it to you. I quote - "The pandemic has led to challenging times for all of us. We understand the devastating impact it has had on Groups, members and young people across the UK. Now a second lockdown for England has started and with similar restrictions around the UK, we are facing yet more tough times ahead. Scouts is a lifeline for young people. When two thirds of young people have told us that the pandemic has had a negative impact on their mental health, Scouts is a time to reconnect with friends and take our minds off day to day pressures. We play a vital role in helping young people feel better about themselves and the future".

The email is quite long and I am pleased to say that we are looking forward and as they say, facing the challenges ahead, with support going to those most in need. I know and believe that 1st Hemyock will come out at the end of this tunnel and our wonderful and unique scouting will continue, getting extremely muddy and having fun. Rikki will join you on some of your meetings as I don't mind getting dirty either!

So, as I threatened last time I shall have to continue with a bit more history. I will give you some dates. 25th July to 1st August 1964. Why are they so important I hear you ask. Well, that was our first summer camp. In the previous three plus years we had had many weekend camps but this was the first main summer camp. Highlight of the scout year. It was held on Pinhay Estate, near Uplyme and Lyme Regis in Dorset. I shall tell you who was there, as I am sure some of you reading this know some of them or it might even be you! P Ayres, G Hold, P Mathews, P Milton, M Pring, B Haines, D Ayres, D Smale, M Shire, B Middleton, A Shire, R

### 'Economy Corner'

Mo Anderson recently contacted the Pump with some helpful tips to make things go further, save energy and help the environment.

#### Electricity

- ♦ Always switch off lights in rooms that are not being used.
- ♦ When cooking, cook in bulk and then freeze leftovers.

#### Water

- ♦ Make sure taps are turned off properly and fix any dripping ones.
- ♦ Don't run the taps when brushing teeth.
- ♦ Save washing up water for use on the garden. Bath water can also be used.

#### Cleaning and Laundry

- ♦ White vinegar is a good substitute for fabric softener.

Kennedy, K Salter, S Hoile, R Lowman, S Duckett, G Still, H Thorne, G Casely, T Fouracre, A Berriman, B Milton, J Northam aka Rikki and C R Lowman aka Skip. Hope I have stirred some memories for you. Back at the time Rikki wrote a report of the camp which went to two quite long volumes. I did not pursue a career in writing, that was my one and only effort. My memory still works and it was a great first summer camp for us. The camp was right by the sea and swimming was every day. We built shelters outside, which most of us slept in rather than our tents. My over used word FUN comes to mind.

Since then we, as most scout groups, have held a summer camp every year (this year being the exception). We have visited many parts of the country and camped at some wonderful sites. Also, of course, we have camped on several sites in Denmark with our friends in Tonder. Lets hope that the Covid vaccines that are now coming along will be effective and that we will be able to camp next summer and more importantly welcome the scouts of Tonder to our Fiftieth anniversary camp in 2022. We look forward to it with positivity.

And so finally. I guess that Rikki is a bit of a hoarder, as I have a Scout Handbook from the early sixties. How to use the handbook - For Progress, It is designed to help you along with scouting. For Information, Look up a subject in the index at the back. For interest, Dip in at random-- you might learn something new! So I will dip in at random. Page 110. Expedition food. You cannot live on pills and food weighs very heavy when you have to carry it in your rucksack. So we have a list of light weight food as follows-- fat bacon, chocolate, cheese, oatmeal, dried fruit, biscuits, dried milk, shortbread, sugar, cocoa. There, I have learnt something and I hope you have too, if you fancy a four day hike over Dartmoor!

In spite of the pandemic problems, the year has certainly passed quickly and we have continued with scouting, albeit in restricted form with modern technology to help. So, may I on behalf of all scouts in our group, wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy (and fingers crossed a Covid free) New Year.

Old Rikki

It can also clean furniture - especially a build up of polish.

- ♦ Two cheap aspirin helps whiten clothes.
- ♦ Bicarbonate of Soda cleans ovens, spots on carpet and greasy stains.
- ♦ If you use brillo pads, cut them in half.
- ♦ Lemon cleans brass.
- ♦ Toothpaste and other tubes can be cut open to get the last remains out. It's amazing how much is still left inside.

#### Toys

- ♦ Charity shops can be a great source of childrens toys and books, especially with Christmas coming up.

#### Garden

- ♦ Buy rotted horse manure, stand in a bucket of water (not you or the horse) and then use this liquid for feeding plants

# Hemyock Parish Council

## Business Update December 2020

The parish council continues to meet remotely via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join a Zoom meeting will find the meeting code on the agenda or may email the clerk for the code. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

### Planning

#### Applications received for:-

- 20/01390/FULL. Fairwater, Hemyock. Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 2 shepherds' huts, associated parking and access path and retention of alterations to existing access and track.
- 20/01443/HOUSE. Sunnycroft, Hemyock. Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling, erection of garage following demolition of existing garage and outbuilding.
- 20/01668/HOUSE. Conversion of rear building to ancillary accommodation, erection of link to dwelling and replace front window with door with porch roof above. Maranatha, High Street, Hemyock
- 20/01537/HOUSE. Installation of water supply and drainage for cabin used for ancillary accommodation. 19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock
- 20/01698/MARM. Reserved Matters for the erection of up to 40 dwellings (including affordable housing), public open space and associated infrastructure following Outline approval 16/01772/MOUT. Land at NGR 313382 113489 Culmstock Road, Hemyock.

#### Permission granted noted for:-

- 20/01342/LBC. Brownings Barn, Hemyock. Listed building consent for installation of 10 replacement windows and repairs to front door.
- 20/01303/FULL. Highwood Farm, Hemyock. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling.

#### Refusal noted for:-

- 20/00580/FULL. Cornhill, Hemyock. Erection of two dwellings and associated parking.

### Finance

Income - included interest, MDDC grant, precept and cemetery. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, insurance, water, electricity, subscriptions, Poppy Appeal, bank charge and play area.

The following grants were made:-

- Hemyock Lights Brigade £500



### Longmead Play Area

Thanks to Councillor Sean Ritchie for managing the installation of the new play area. From what we have seen and heard it has been well received and children are enjoying using it. The parish council is delighted that it is so popular and wishes to keep it open. However, due to the current pandemic, it asks that you all take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family. Please provide your own sanitation, keep you distance, only one adult per family visit, and equipment should only be used by one family unit at a time.

South West Water has contractors on site replacing a sewerage main. Please bear with the mess – we expect it to be made good once the job is finished!



### Hemyock Turbarry

Councillor Nick Moon has done a great job managing the project to create a hardstanding area for cars to park at the Turbarry. Hopefully, improving access will encourage more visitors to this wonderful 20 acre site.

### 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](http://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

### Christmas Decorations Competition

The council is holding its annual 'Hemyock Christmas Decorations Competition'. There will be a total of four prizes for the best decorated houses/business premises. Please enter into the spirit of Christmas and help make the village look festive. Judging will take place week commencing 14th December. Winners will be notified shortly afterwards. If you live outside of the 30MPH limit and wish to be judged, please let the clerk know.

### Community Speed Watch Team

Thank you to those that have volunteered to join the team. The team hopes to be out monitoring the speed of vehicles in and out of the village very soon.

### Local Heroes

We are very lucky to live in a community that has so many generous people who willingly give up their time to help others. This has been very evident throughout 2020 and we are so very grateful to all of them for doing this. We cannot mention everyone but a few who deserve special recognition are:

Elizabeth McNabb and the Blackdown Support Group Team  
Thuwara, Rajan and team at the Post Office  
Kersty and team in the Spar shop  
Rev Becky and team at St Mary's Church  
Geoff Taylor and team at The Catherine Wheel  
The parish council village maintenance team (Ian and Kate)

Thank you for all the wonderful work and help that you have given to others in our community during these challenging times.

### Calling all walkers, cyclists and riders - See and be seen, hear and be heard, protect the NHS!

We are fortunate to live in a lovely part of the world and many of us have enjoyed the delights of the countryside around us this year. However, our roads are narrow, twisty and can be hazardous. Wearing something high-vis, having bicycle lights and a bell, can help to make the roads safer for all users. It does not mean that you should be any less aware of using the roads safely, but gives people using bigger and faster forms of transport more chance of seeing you. Cyclists, in particular, should be aware that you may not be heard coming up behind a walker or rider – use a bell! Even during the daytime it helps to be visible, especially when the sun is low at this time of year.

### 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](http://www.hemyock.org//index.php?topic=parishcouncil).

### Clerk:

Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN Tel 01823 680968 Email [hemyockkpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockkpc@gmail.com).

### Looking for Old Friends – Do you know Susan Marlow?

My name is Susan Jane Marlow. I lived in Hemyock around 1972-1976 and went to the old primary school opposite the post office, which I now see has been turned into housing, which I guess would have happened when the new school was built.

I lived up on Bentley's Farm for about a year I think and then we moved into the house next door to Micky and Tommy Morgan. Opposite the Rectory.

The people I am trying to locate are old school girlfriends. They are as follows:

- Collette Avery
- Bridget Sweetland
- Rebecca Lord (used to live at Hemyock Castle)
- Deborah Perrett
- The son of the Bentleys, I think it was John or David.
- Suzanne Hart - lived on Station road, had a sister - Lorraine I think.

I have been back a number of times since I left in around 1975/1976 and once I came when it was the queens jubilee in 2002 I think, there was a display in the old school dinner hall, of children that had been at the school and there were pictures of me that I had never seen. I would love to be able to get hold of them.

My mum was Dawn Marlow, Dad Peter Marlow (often known as Alf) my sister Sarah Marlow - 15 months older than me and then little old me.

My parents separated when in Hemyock which was sad. My mother met a guy called David Reynolds whose parents Jack and Lydia Reynolds lived at Castle Park, 64 or 69 I think.

I would love to have the opportunity to get in touch with any of the above people and anyone else who remembers me.

My contact number is 07949 106067 or my email is susanmarlow1966@hotmail.co.uk

### Our Thatching Life, featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, Daisy, her dog, some cattle and the piglets...and a helpless kitten...

*Time is a funny thing. We talk about 'dog years' where they live perhaps one year for seven of ours, but piglets live at break neck speed it seems to me. Having said they were time wasters, easy to watch as they grew in confidence exploring their world, all of a sudden 6 weeks had passed and now they are weaned, enjoying the apples left over from Daisy's cider making at Bollhayes and eating me out of house and home. 12 cute little piglets are fast becoming 12 little pigs.*

The cattle are slower of course, ambling through life at a much more peaceful pace...unless you've a sack of cow cake in hand in which case 'Bossy' the lead cow does a great impression of a Thelwell pony galloping across the field. Even so the 30 months seems to have rolled around quick enough for Daisy's first bullock to go off to the abattoir. She and her daughter were out at first light to get him in to the trailer all calm and kindness, while I slipped on the gate and fair threw myself over behind him. Luckily he took no notice of me, and just walked untroubled into the trailer. Meanwhile the heifers are in calf we hope, so we can look forward to new life in the spring.

The thatching work is much the same with time seeming to stretch out forever on a large roof, and then to collapse to the density of a black hole as the pressure mounts to keep people from leaking under all the rain. Of late we've worked every day except the weekends we have with our children, with Daisy working into the dark on one job, and me up and away early to another. Prices of materials are volatile at the moment, with a lacklustre wheat reed harvest at home and concerns for the costs of shipping water reed mounting as we move toward Brexit. I imagine the growers are praying for stable weather next year in these most unstable of times.

Halfway thru thatching this big roof we are on a mewling, yowling sound punctuated our day, and again the next, and the next. Off the scaffold and out to find the source of it: a tiny black kitten under a hedge at the edge of a rabbit warren. No mother in sight; neither the customer nor the farmer knew it or anything about it, other than it had been there for 3 days howling. It took some catching; several days of leaving food for it and waiting nearby, still no sign of the mother, before tempting it into a crate. I turned the cattle trailer into a kitten nursery, with branches to climb and toys to play with, and now it's in the dairy growing well and winding itself around my boots purring louder than you'd think such a little thing could. Hopefully she will stay about the yard and help guard the reed for us.

Then there was the white tailed sea eagle I saw on the way to work, two days in a row; absolutely massive. It's things like this, saving the kitten, seeing the eagle, taking part in all the cycles of the year that give me a feeling of wonder and hope, hope for new life, the next season whatever it brings. Certainly there will be challenges, but there will be magic too. Wherever you find your wonder or your magic, I hope you do this Christmas.

Alan Ferrari.

### Hemyock Bus Timetables



#### Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

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

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



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

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### BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham REDWOODS 697

#### Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

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



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## St. Andrew's Church News

**T**his year has probably been the most surprising one for everyone. No-one would have guessed that there would be so many changes and that these would continue for so long. However, there have been moments of happiness and serenity which we did not anticipate. One great delight has been the long warm Autumn when the trees have changed into their beautiful colours but only very slowly started to lose their leaves. With the background of emerald fresh grass the scenery is enchanting.

Here at St Andrew's, we just managed to have our annual Harvest Festival service with donated packaged food which was so very suitable to send to the Charity that could distribute it all to any who are in great need.

In mid November little Lottie Devine should have been baptised/ christened here at our church but suddenly all churches had to be closed due to lockdown throughout the country.



It was essential to change plans and as the next service was at Culmstock the next day, for the whole benefice, the dear little girl was dressed in her christening gown and the ceremony proceeded during the service.

For Remembrance Sunday, 100 years since the first occasion, churches were still closed, but many from the parish gathered at the War Memorial where the names of Clayhidon men who had died during both wars, were read out with a little extra information about them. "We will remember them" we repeated and joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Services and events during the next two months cannot yet be finalised. We all need further information about lockdown. There will be some celebration at Christmas time and we will inform people by the weekly Link sheet and include information at the parish notice boards.

If you do not receive the Link sheet and would like to do so, please contact Hilary, our administrator whose contact details are given at the front of the Pump.

We send our deepest sympathy to the families of Margery Jeffries and Llewellyn Warren, who have died recently. We also remember those who are unwell at present and pray for their recovery.

Our prayers are for all our community for good health and for happiness at this very special time of the birth of Jesus.

*P. Reynolds, PCC*

## Residents Give Their Views on Hall's Future

**L**ocal people have given a clear view on how they would like to see Clayhidon Parish Hall develop. More than 100 responded to a questionnaire that asked whether the hall committee should stick to its plans to improve and extend the existing hall or build a brand-new hall if sufficient funds became available.

Their verdict was a resounding yes to the existing plan. The question had been prompted by a suggestion that the parish council might spend an inheritance from Johnny Griss on building a modern hall. Before making any request to the council the committee wanted to check which option was favoured by locals.

Among parishioners the split was 61% for the old hall and 39% for a new building, and it was roughly the same when hall users from outside the parish were included.

The Covid crisis has halted all activity at the hall and prevented builders from starting work on the extension before planning permission expired this autumn.

In a Zoom meeting on November 11 the committee agreed to:

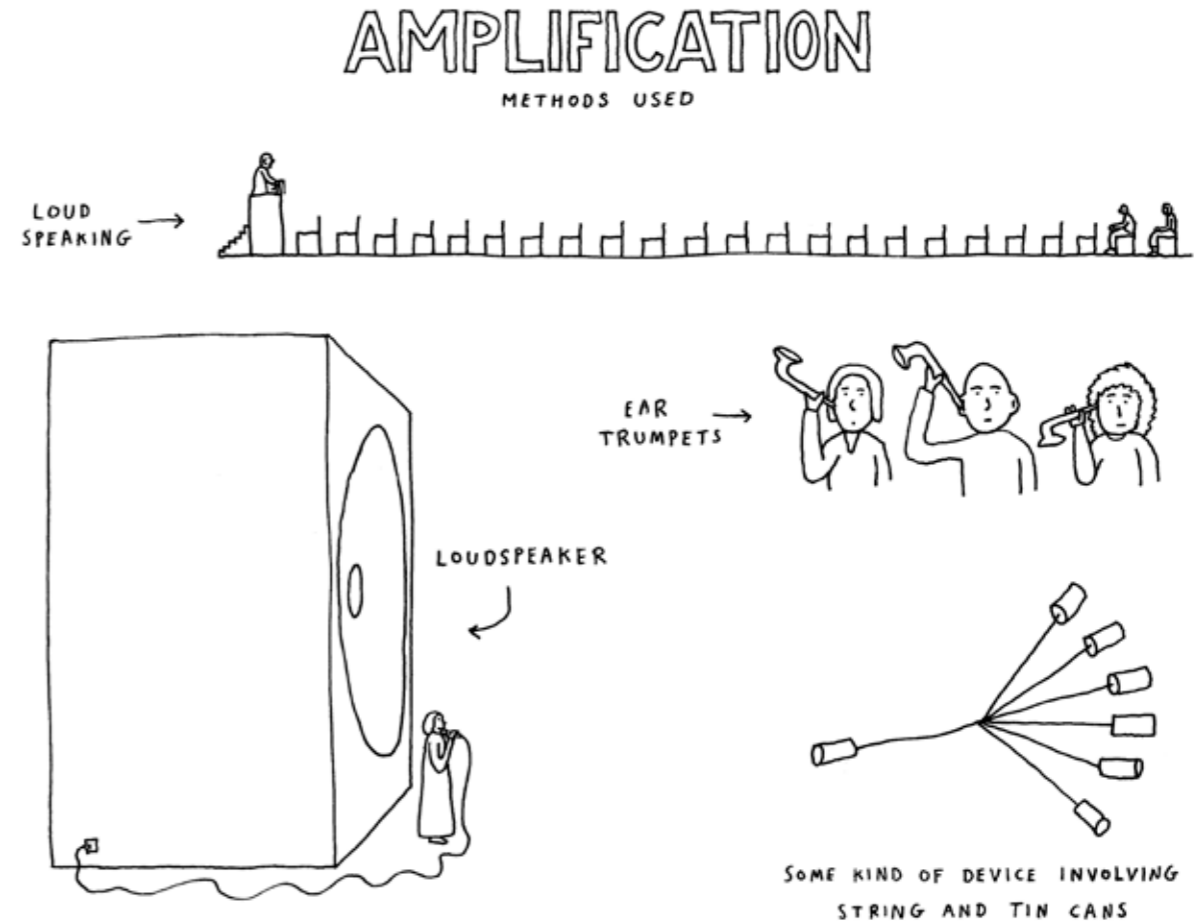
- ◆ review its plans in the light of Covid
- ◆ seek a renewal of planning permission
- ◆ get advice from an energy consultant on improving the insulation and heating
- ◆ invite builders to submit new quotes for the extension and old hall improvements

The hall already has £28,000 in the bank, but much more will be needed to complete the improvements and extension. Before seeking grants the committee must reconstitute itself as a modern charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and it will be asking the Charity Commission to approve this soon.

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to respond to the survey and especially to the many respondents who added interesting and thoughtful suggestions.

## Cartoon Church

Cartoons by Dave Walker, [CartoonChurch.com](http://CartoonChurch.com)



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# Clayhidon Parish Council

## Clayhidon Parish Council Update, December 2020

The parish council continues to meet remotely via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join a Zoom meeting will find the meeting code on the agenda or may email the clerk for the code. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

### Planning

#### Applications received for:-

- 20/01666/HOUSE. Erection of a single-storey extension to rear following demolition of existing lean-to. Little Rosegarland, Clayhidon.
- 20/01562/FULL. Conversion of agricultural building and associated land to guest house/hotel. Foxhays, Clayhidon.
- 20/01532/FULL. Erection of building for use as accommodation during building works on main dwelling and subsequent ancillary accommodation. Troakes Farm, Clayhidon.

#### Permission granted noted for:-

- 20/01078/HOUSE. Heather, Clayhidon. Raising of roof height to provide additional living accommodation at first-floor level and erection of double garage.
- 20/01209/HOUSE. Ringdown House, Clayhidon. Erection of single-storey extension.

#### Refusal noted for:-

- 20/01222/FULL. Old Ridgewood Farm, Clayhidon. Change of use of holiday let to domestic annex and erection of single-storey extension to front.

### Finance

Income – interest.

Expenditure –wages, expenses and footpath work.

### 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](http://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.

### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

A vacancy has occurred on the parish council, details will soon be available on the parish website.

### Late John Griss Estate

Probate has been granted for the estate. The parish council has instructed a legal adviser to create a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

### 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](http://www.clayhidon.org) and a schedule of meetings may be found on the noticeboard at the Parish Hall.

### Clerk:

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

## News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

*Uncertain, unprecedented, unexpected... never before have these words been heard, read or spoken with such frequency. They are indicative of the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on us as a nation and as a community here on the Blackdown Hills. Whilst we may not have felt the full force of the pandemic in the South West, very few have escaped the impact of isolation or the spread of fear. And yet, so often, when things appear at their darkest, we realise that we are not without hope... we rediscover the things that are of greatest value and, maybe for the first time, we discover that there is a light that shines in the darkness.*

At Rosemary Lane Chapel, we rediscovered the gift and unquantifiable value of community. Prior to lockdown 2.0, we felt so very grateful to have been able to open the chapel from August until early November. Whilst maintaining compliance with social distancing and our detailed risk assessment, we were able to enjoy a good harvest celebration led by Richard Coles (Somerton) and were appreciative of the opportunity to partner with others within our community at this time. Alongside supporting the work of CHAT's foodbank, we were thankful for provisions made available to continue our annual support of Mullers and Send a Cow.

***“We rediscovered the importance of meaningful relationships and the creativity we sometimes need to nurture them.”***

We rediscovered the importance of meaningful relationships and the creativity we sometimes need to nurture them. In October, as we continued in our series in the book of Acts, we were reminded of how the early Church, though under intense pressure, grew in number and gave growth to relationships within and across communities. At RML, we were delighted to welcome Andrew Barnett of London City Mission in early November who joined us digitally to inform us of his work in Kensington. He spoke about how the first period of lockdown only increased his intent and passion to draw alongside people, supporting them where possible and sharing the good news of Jesus. Despite the distance, as he shared his update from his home in North London, Andrew's warmth was felt by all at RML. The same technology that made possible Andrew's visit, has been well used within the fellowship as we have continued midweek meetings with the use of Zoom. Although some of us need reminding that the power to 'mute' someone or put them back in the 'waiting room' doesn't necessarily mean that we should! In new, wonderful and creative ways, we have rediscovered the power of being present.

So, what next? Is Christmas cancelled? No! Now is exactly the time we need the message and meaning of Christmas. At this time of writing, while in lockdown, we are putting together plans for Christmas and what our celebrations and meetings might look like in this present climate of a pandemic. To find out about our services this Christmas check out our website (listed below), visit our Facebook page, or get in contact directly. The one thing we can assure you of at this point is this: Whether we are meeting in person, or online, we will still be giving thanks for the One whom the Apostle Paul describes as the 'indefinable gift' (2 Corinthians 9:15).

You see, amidst the isolation, the loneliness, the apparent

hopelessness we have found ourselves in and the darkness of these days, we discover that there is a brilliant, radiant and glorious light that shines in the darkness. And this light, as the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem' reminds us, is the *everlasting light*. A light that casts out fear and gives enduring hope. It seems unlikely that we will be able to sing in our churches this Christmas, but the words of this much-loved carol touch not only our lips, but alight our hearts to the true source of hope and peace:

*O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight*

God the Son, the Holy Child born of a virgin, came to give everlasting light and enduring hope. But how does this help us today? How does the message and meaning of Christmas give us hope in the midst of a pandemic? Well, the final verse of 'O little town of Bethlehem' reminds us of a name given to Jesus – Emmanuel – which means 'God with us.' Here and now! The everlasting light of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, means that Christmas is not just a past event remembered, not just the cause of a hoped-for future... but also peace today in the knowledge of His abiding presence and love! As one writer puts it, 'The object of hope is future. The experience of hope is present.'<sup>1</sup> This Christmas, my prayer for each of you, as it is for my family, is that we would rediscover the things of value. And that we would, maybe of the first time, rediscover the everlasting light of Jesus. May His presence and light in your life be the cause of peace today and bright hope for tomorrow.

*O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel*

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel,

Jonathan Hillman

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<sup>1</sup> *John Piper – Coronavirus and Christ (2020)*



**NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL**



**A**lthough the Mill is closed to the public at present, we are all working hard on many ongoing projects. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have returned to help get the Mill back in order, as well as those who have been supporting us from a distance. They all work extremely hard and have made it very easy for me to start finding my feet here as a new member of staff!

The Curatorial Team has been completing a revamp on Level 3 of the Museum with some extra help from the maintenance team for the heavy lifting and painting. We are in the process of planning a new Fox Brothers Company textiles exhibition for the Level 3 Annex.

The Maintenance Team is working through a long list of tasks, from repairing roofs on the outbuildings, and reinstating and/or clearing guttering, to clearing all the leats of reeds and vegetation ... to name but a few - a huge project, but hopefully we will get it all done by the end of the year!

The Gardens volunteers have maintained the gardens and lawns all year, and the sensory garden especially looked amazing over the summer - it was such a shame more people didn't get to enjoy it! They will now establish a herb garden in the area by the Chimney, which will be wonderful!

The Steam Team have returned to their regular weekly meetings and are tackling the boilers and maintenance tasks to get everything in the Steam Complex up to standard and ready for an inspection in the New Year.

The Splash team have continued to try and beat back the vegetation over at the Mill Pond - a very difficult task, but they have done a great job of keeping the area accessible - which will also help now that we are going to be clearing the leats!

If you would like to get involved in volunteering at the Mill, whether with one of the above teams or in another way, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Unfortunately, owing to the current situation we will not be able to hold our traditional New Year Steam Day, but we still aim to open to the public next Easter!

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year  
Peter Holdway-Bradley, General Manager

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Thank you!

**Blackdown Hills Repair Café continues through lockdown**

**B**lackdown Hills Repair Café continues through lockdown. Throughout the lockdown period Stephan Lehner and the Blackdown Hills Repair Café repairers have been hard at work repairing a wide variety of items from televisions to toasters, shears to spades and radios to wristwatches. Stephan has been travelling the Blackdown Hills picking up items for repair and dropping them off to repairers in the area to save as many items from landfill as possible.

The total repairs carried out is 184 items, with over 85% of these successfully repaired and saved from Landfill. Working on approximate weights of items, this means the repair café have saved between 230 and 240 kilograms of items from going to landfill.

The results speak for themselves and demonstrate how the repair café can help the local community and also prevent further contamination of the environment.

This is open to people from Wellington too! Stephan uses his home as a hub for delivery and collection of items to be repaired and then distributes them to and from the Volunteer Repairers, who mend them at home in their own workshops. Please contact Stephan on: Best my Mobile No. 07715460783 Or 01823 460783 Or email [sfelehner@aol.com](mailto:sfelehner@aol.com).

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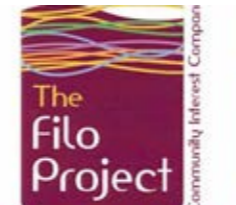
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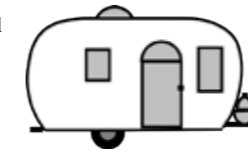
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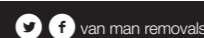
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<b>ST MARY'S RINGERS</b>	<i>Mrs L Holway</i>	681522	
<b>STROKE CLUB</b>	<i>Patrick Holman</i>	680004	
<b>TUESDAY GROUP</b>	<i>Diane Denman</i>	680139	
<b>VALLEY ARTS &amp; SOCIAL SOCIETY</b>	<i>Mrs C Pinder</i>	680854	
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