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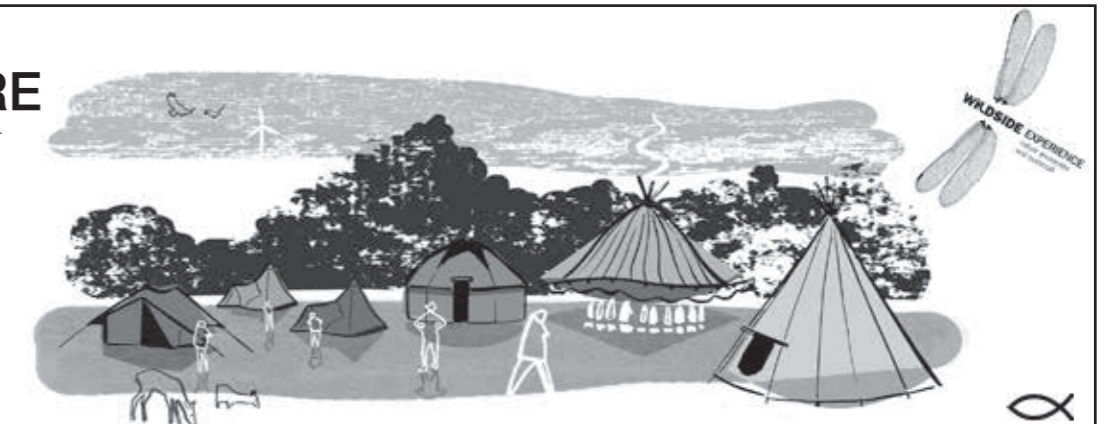
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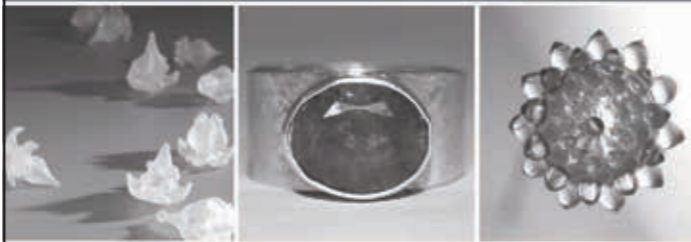
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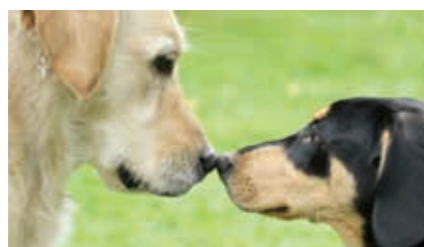
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### Services in the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

St Andrew Clayhidon, Culm Davy Chapel, All Saints Culmstock and St Mary Hemyock

Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services.

It is very likely that we will need to make changes in response to the evolving national Covid situation and guidelines.

### Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

# Churches OPEN for Prayer



**All Saints Culmstock**

Wednesday and Sundays  
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**St Mary's Hemyock**

Wednesday and Sundays  
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You are very welcome to come for private prayer

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## Parish Pump | No. 283 February – March 2021



### Dear Friends

Spring is on its way! Living in this part of the world we get to share in the mystery of life as it unfolds in the most unlikely of places – those crocuses pushing their way up through the fallen leaves of the autumn; the thrushes anticipating intruders onto their nesting territory throwing out the most beautifully assertive morning songs; the stark branches of shrubs and trees dotted with tiny new buds. Not only this, we have the Covid vaccine here too, and so hope we will soon be able to relax a little and come out of our bunkers. We thank God for the persistence and inventiveness of our country's scientists, and the loving, self-giving ministry of those on the front line of our health care, and continue to pray for wisdom for our nation's leaders.

This winter has been a tough one, though, for many. In the parishes we have lost many long-standing residents, mostly to old age and associated ailments rather than to Covid. There are now many gaps in our life as communities and churches which will feel raw for a long time to come.

As this journal goes to press the churches are still meeting via zoom, and the Anglican churches expect to continue to zoom until the end of February. We will review the situation at the end of January, however, and revisit our risk assessments for public worship. If things have moved on substantially we may be able to resume public worship in February. In light of the uncertainties we have not included service details for February or March, other than zoom services. Please do keep a look out on the benefice website, and also on the church notice boards,

which will be kept up to date with current information. Zoom has been a great way to keep in touch as churches and the services are open to all. If you prefer a measure of anonymity you don't have to have your own video screen activated so that others can see you. Another way of joining is to phone in and hear all that is happening. Our parish administrator, Hilary Clements, can forward the joining details to you for any of the gatherings, or you can contact the churchwardens or me for that information.

We look forward to Easter, the culmination of spring, with its reminder that all is not lost with winter. The God who brought all life into existence also brings his creation back into life and vigour. It's another hint of his intention to do the same for all humanity. The benefice Bible verse we have stuck to our fridges, mirrors, or iPads this year comes

from Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

With my prayer that you will sense his companionship, encouragement and strengthening whatever season you find yourself living in at present.

*Revd Canon Becky Totterdell*

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 Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

# St Mary's Hemyock



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**Christmas Celebration**

With the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols not being allowed this year St Mary's, Hemyock enjoyed A Celebration of Christmas event held at the beautifully decorated church.

Whilst there was no singing by the audience the choir entertained with music bringing the story's of Christs birth to life with readings being given by members of the audience and choir.

The Rev Becky Totterdell welcomed everyone before the joyful O come, all ye Faithful rang out. The 12 musical items, with organist Ron White, included the well loved carols Once in Royal Davids City, In dulci Jubilo, While Shepherds watched and Joy to the World.

Soloist Liz Langdon accompanied herself on guitar for See him lying on a bed of straw and Born in the Night whilst the choir harmonies for Far Away(Lully) were particularly good.

Readings, both biblical and poetry, were read by Sarah Folland, Mike Cooper, Ron White, Helen Williams, Cheyenne Jordan, David Bawler and Rev John Stone. Helen is the Mission Advisor for Families and Children (5-11yrs) Exeter Diocese

Following the blessing the choir brought a most enjoyable evening to a close as they sang We wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Then There Were Three!**

St Mary's has been supporting the local Trussell Trust Foodbank for some years now. We are well on the way to getting to a total of 2 tons of donations.

We started with a collecting box at the back of the church as our donation point.(which is still there). After about 6 months we added a second box in the Church Room. This was useful for people going to the Charity Shop and other events there.

Well now there is a third outlet for Hemyock folk to share their wish to help those in need of support. The Spar shop in Station Road has set up a collecting box in the shop giving an easy opportunity to donate. So special thanks to Kerstey and all in the Spar Shop for this move.

And thank you too to all of you who have been filling the boxes. In the current situation the Food Banks have been experiencing vastly increased demands. They feel the main causes of this are the numbers out of work or furloughed and the slow distribution of Universal Credit.

Don't forget that should you be in a position where the Foodbank might be of temporary use there you can get the initial help from the Hemyock Surgery.

**The Wellington Foodbank at the moment is open on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.**

**And the Next Job is...**

One of the "joys" of using a building of great age is the way what has been left can tell us all sorts of things about what has gone on over the years. Take a building like St Mary's and you have 900 years to contemplate. How do we know it is 900 - because the building tells us so. Come into the ringing room...

The current ringing room was at one time the centre of the church and you can still see 3 typical Norman arches on the east, north and south sides of the tower. The Normans did a lot of building and the more they did the better they got. One area was the size of blocks that they could "cut" from the rock. Experts can tell by the size of block approximately when it was used. Our blocks at the base of the arches are of a size that suggests after 1110. But by 1130 the Normans were decorating their arches, often with zig-zag designs or semi round decoration. Our arches are plain, so the experts tell us they probably date from about 1120.

Go up our "folding" staircase (built in 1906) and come into the clock room. The clock has been there since 1747 (lesson in clock building and two ways of powering them). But the large pieces of timber have only been around since 1907. They show a bellhanger's solution to a problem of stopping the stresses of swinging bells. The walls at this level are a little narrower than at ground level but the weight of the bells is directed down onto the Norman walls.

Climb up the next stair and you are in the bell chamber. Hemyock's bells have quite an interesting history, and that's only the bits we know, There were 5 bells there in 1553 and we know that because the powers that were wanted an inventory of all church property. Where they came from we are not sure, a lot of the early records were lost during World War II.

What you see now is the layout as it was left in 1907 by one Harry Stokes a noted bell-hanger from Woodbury, and modified, with modern (I.e.1983) fittings by the workers of John Taylors Bell Foundry and Bellhangers of Loughborough.

You will note that the smallest bell is upon a frame on its own. This has its origins in the fact that the Church wardens in the mid 1850s decided that Hemyock should have 6 bells. The tale of its acquisition is another story but it arrived in 1858. Where to put it? They put in a separate frame above the others.

When Harry Stokes came along he did the same, but where as the earlier frame was of wood Harry was using steel. Now the top of the tower shows evidence of improved building skills dating from the 1300s, but also has been known for its ability to maintain damp conditions in its core. A mix of water, steel and time is not good and what we have at present is indicative of there being rusting of the steel inside the walls. The way out of this is to support the frame, expose the end of the beam check for rust and treat appropriately. All whilst making sure that the five and a half cwt (280Kg) of bell doesn't fall down and create more problems.

This will be a piece of work requiring some specialist help and the Church Council have decided to take the opportunity to refresh the whole of the tower which has not had major work done since the Bells were rehung in 1983. So there will be a top to bottom list of jobs to do.

This will not be cheap or quick, but then bell-ringing is a "slow" sort of occupation. The ringers think it would good if we could do all the items could be done in time for the next "Birthday" in the tower, in 2024. Then the 3rd bell will ring in its 400th anniversary. Watch this space.

**St Mary's Charity Shop**

At the time of writing (mid January) the shop is closed along with all other Charity outlets. We cannot at present be sure when the Government will say that we can reopen but when we can we will be ready to serve you with all our bargains.

Pre-Christmas we were opening every Tuesday which seemed to please many of you. So we may well repeat this when the time comes to reopen the doors. We'll set up posters with the details, unless by chance the next "Pump" just happens to come along at the opportune moment.

Regular Charity Shop customers will know that usually on the first Saturday of February we give money away. Not to our customers but to local charitable groups, or groups like the Air Ambulance that aid the village. Despite all the problems of last year we WILL be doing this as usual - but not on the first Saturday of February. Obviously with restricted opening in 2020 we will not have so much to pass on, but once we are open again we will look at what we can do to help.

**St Mary's Hemyock**

**CHURCH OPEN**

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**Opening times:  
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## The Meaningful Chocolate Company

**E**aster is coming and we will be bombarded with adverts for Easter Eggs. But ask the children delving into the midst of the chocolates and sweets what is being celebrated and you may not get many correct answers

One company tries to rectify this by including a booklet of the Easter story in with the egg. This is the Meaningful Chocolate company with their "Real Easter Egg". St Mary's Charity shop will be taking orders in February. Order by leaving a message for the P.C.C secretary.

The Easter story shows us how the Resurrection of Jesus replaced sorrow with joy, despair with hope, and death with new life. These are the key themes for 2021. So let's share the Easter story like never before.

## Light in the Darkness

**S**incere thanks are due to the Lights Brigade for cheering us all up with their great display around the village before Christmas. Now after discussion with the Rector they have agreed to leave their iconic star in place for a further period.

The star which the Magi followed was a symbol leading them to God's love as shown in the gift of His son. So when you see the star on top of the tower remember that. Whilst it is 2000 years on, God still loves mankind and wants us to meet His son too.

## Stamps

**D**avid Berkley has reminded us that our cast off stamps do have extra value. Stamp collecting is a world-wide hobby after all.

St Mary's has been collecting used stamps for some years now. Our donations find their way to supporting the Leprosy Mission, by way of contacts at Wellington Baptist Church. The box is normally on, or under, the "coffee-bar" at the back of the nave. So that increases your opportunities for recycling.

One small item which pleases stamp collecting organisations; leave a quarter inch band of the envelope around the stamp.

Thank you!

## The Legal Bit

**C**hurch of England churches have to follow certain rules and regulations which cover things like appointing churchwardens and electing a church council.

Normally the end of the legal year is May 31st. Last year that got extended, due to the Covid 19 effect, and the year ended on October 31st. We expected a similar "moving" of the end date to come, but as of mid January none had been received. So this could be the shortest "year" for quite a while.

We'll put an update in the next "Pump".

## Judith Major

**W**ith great sadness, the family announce the death of Judith Major, beloved wife of the late David Major, mother of Stephen and Richard, adoring Grandmother of Olivia, Amy, Roxanne and Caspian.

Judith died in Singapore on October 30th after a short battle with cancer. A cremation took place in Singapore due to Covid restrictions but the family will hold a memorial at a later date, when travel restrictions ease.

Donations in Judith's memory can be made to the Blackdown Support Group, a charity with which both Judith and David were very involved.

## Update from cr2ee

**Y**ou will be aware of the wonderful support given from here to the charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe. A trustee, Hugh, who some of you may remember has sent these reports.

### December 21st 2020

Just over one week ago, in the evening of Saturday 12th December we loaded over 5,000 Christmas Shoeboxes and are today delighted to report over 11.7 tonnes of lovely Christmas gifts are being unloaded today, Monday 21st ready to distribute in Moldova.

We are very grateful to all the lovely people who supported this year's appeal in so many ways, donating, sorting, collecting etc. and we are indebted to our fantastic team volunteers in Moldova who now have the task of distributing everything. Plans have been made and will now be put into force but will be a lot of frantic work for them.

May we take this opportunity not only to thank you all but to wish you a very Blessed Christmas.

### January 4th

We are delighted to confirm having sent our Christmas truck laden with over eleven tonnes of lovely Christmas Shoeboxes we were able to **dispatch a further truck** and managed to get it out of the UK before the Brexit deadline.

In these very uncertain Covid 19 times we felt it wise to try to get **all** the humanitarian aid from our store in Exmouth to where it is really needed, with the poor in Moldova.

This truck contained over **twelve and a half tonnes** of very good quality used and new clothing and other Humanitarian Aid and it is now on its way to Moldova where it is eagerly awaited. Twelve and a half tonnes of aid is a huge amount and a credit to all our supporters who donated everything and to our lovely team of helpers who sort and pack everything.

Janice and David

## Hemyock WI

**H**emyock WI has not been meeting for obvious reasons but members keep in touch by email and telephone if they can. Our program for last year was suspended so speakers are happy to be on standby for this year should we be able to meet again.

The Firs, in Exeter, which is the County office will open for one day a week for anyone who wishes to contact them.

All county courses and outings have been cancelled and all we can do is wait until it is safe to resume our face to face meetings. Let's hope the vaccine is rolled out as quickly as possible and we can return to some sort of normality. In the meantime, let's do all we can to stay safe and help our already overstretched NHS. Stay home and remember to wash hands, wear a mask and leave space.

I am always here if you need to talk or need any information about WI.

Much love Lynn 01823680104.

## Hemyock Parish Hall Management

### Committee (HPHMC)

**I**'m sure we all hoped that by the time 2021 came along, the pandemic would be behind us and we would by now have returned to something approaching normal. However, it's not to be and it's difficult at present to see when the hall may again be used as one of the social hubs within the parish.

We can only hope that as vaccinations are rolled out, and that the restrictions lower the rate of infection, that things slowly improve this time round.

The recreation playpark is closed at present due to Covid restrictions, but use may in any case be limited due to a number of maintenance and repair issues on the equipment. The committee would like to thank Connetts Farm in Dunkeswell for donating a Christmas tree which we duly placed outside the hall and illuminated.

For information contact Sharon Mitchell (Booking Secretary) 680517 or Bob Hawkes (Hall Secretary) 680047

## A circular message from the Lights Brigade

**T**hank you to all the residents of Hemyock for responding to our Christmas card by joining in with the circle themed light displays, linking us when we couldn't be together. Our small committee were truly blown away by your response to the idea.

Such imaginative and creative ideas from so many households, brightening up what has been, and continues to be, a difficult time for us all, thank you so much.

In a year when we weren't able to have our normal fundraising Spring Dance, we also need to thank our sponsors, the Parish Council and several individual givers for their financial help, as well as those who offered materials and their kind support.

Who knows when we will be able to let our hair down together again and parade through the streets? But, when we can do this safely, we will!

You may have noticed that we have left the star lit, as a little extra brightness each night, until the rules are relaxed.

Tim Martin  
Chair  
On behalf of the Hemyock Lights Brigade  
Committee

## The Bowerman's of Hemyock and some Spanish Adventures

The arms shown below are from the Royal College of Arms and are those of the merchant class awarded to the Bowerman family of Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Devon.

In 1515 a Nicholas Bowerman born in 1489 married Elizabeth Russell who had been born in 1478 in Kingston Russell, Dorset and was the daughter of James Russell and thus the brother of John Russell, the First Earl of Bedford and lived at Brook Manor on the Isle of Wight, a property that Nicholas had inherited from his Mother. Elizabeth may have previously married a John Bowerman who we believe died in 1508 and he may have lived at Whitehall Manor with Elizabeth until his death. Elizabeth's brother John was enobled by Henry VIII in 1539 and became the principal aristocrat in the Western Counties as President of the King's Council of the West benefiting by the grant of the buildings and land of the previous Dunkeswell Abbey, among other properties in the area. This may be the reason that his sister Elizabeth moved west to Whitehall Manor. Brooke Manor stayed in the Bowerman family for some 400 years. Nicholas's brother Richard Bowerman inherited Austerborne Manor, we now know that this became the summer home of Queen Victoria and named Osborne house.

Nicholas and Elizabeth had at least four children; Margaret who was born on the Isle of Wight around 1516; William Bowerman and John Bowerman. William inherited Brooke Manor and John married a merchant's daughter Johanna Bickman from the Devon area and they lived at Whitehall Manor Hemyock. We John and Johanna had at least four children; John, James, Dionis and William. John died on 3rd July 1540 and William became canon of Wells.

The Bowerman's took ownership of Hemyock from the Corbett family. An entry in Magna Britannia Volume 6, Devonshire, published by T. Cadell and W Davies London 1822 simply states:-

"The manor of Columb David, or Culme Davy, belonged, at a early period, to the family of Widworthy; and afterwards, successively, to Wogan, Corbett, and Bowerman. The last-mentioned family possessed it for 400 years, and then sold it about the beginning of the last century (c.1700?)."

Their grandson James married Isabell Carvanell and set about building up their name as merchants in Devon and producing many children at Whitehall three in particular are worthy of further mention.

The three principal characters were Justice William who married Elizabeth at Wells Cathedral in 1596. William died in 1590 and Elizabeth in 1610, Hugh, who became Earl of Leigh and became an adventurer sailing with Francis Drake to Spain and the New World as did Simon.

The Bristol based Merchant Adventurers, as in other English ports, financed expeditions with the object of producing a good

return for the benefit of their families and the country. Of course modern scruples are questioning their approach. Since these were very dangerous activities with few authorities concerned and their lives at stake, risks were taken.



On the 30th June 1548 The men of San Sebastian were charged with piracy but 4 English Merchants came to their defence one of whom was Laurence Bowerman, second son of James and brother of Hugh and Simon.

In 1564 Hugh Bowerman and a number of merchants wrote to the "Kynges Magestie and his Cownsell" to alert him to the fact one of their ships had been taken en route to Seville and the "maryners" clapped in irons but had broken no law. The ship contained cloth bound for Seville from Bristol. ( Documents illustrating THE OVERSEAS TRADE OF BRISTOL in the sixteenth Century, vol XXXI, Bristol Record Society)

In the same publication we find a letter from Roger Howe to Alderman George Bond dated Seville 15th June 1585 which gives concern about two ships, the Manuwell and Gillian of London may be embargoed and their goods of oil bound for Simon Bourman (Hugh's brother). It was noted that ships were having their sails taken for what reason "It is reported that the King will make ready a hundred sail of ships, "but what to do the Lord knows."

Interestingly these embargoes were happening only 3 years before the Armada sailed for England. Are we seeing King Phillipe starting to equip his fleet by taking material from the English merchant ships? Simon however is not one to hide away,

OCTOBER 1601. A Spanish coast-guard galley from Cartagena (Colombia) sights an English pinnace with two prizes near Riohacha, capturing Capt. Simon Bourman and 38 of his crew members. (Born of a Spanish mother, this officer is eventually released upon the official cessation of hostilities three years later.). This Simon we speculate was the son of Lawrence Bowerman (son of James) and Katherine Cardwell a Spanish woman.

His brother, Hugh as Captain Hugh Bowerman, counsellor of England in Cadiz, Spain and local Governor served in Cadiz supporting his fellow adventurers. He died in Cadiz and has a very impressive tomb in Andaluca. There is an inscription stating that Manuel de Benavides, 4\* Lord of Rozas, married Lady Cecilia Bowerman, comtesse of Leigh from Devonshire, England in Cadiz. Daughter of Capt. Hugh Bowerman, Earl of Leigh, counsellor of England in Cadiz, Spain. Governor of Cadiz & of the Fortress of St. Catherine in Cadiz. We are attempting to determine the dates of his service bearing in mind that Sir Francis Drake attacked Cadiz in 1587 which no doubt prompted King Philip to launch the Armada in 1588. Captain Hugh's service in Spain must have predated this fallout between England and Spain. Another breakdown in relationships between England and Spain after the joining of the crowns when Phillip married our Queen Mary.

## Hemyock History Report

The report this month includes an article produced by Michael Bowerman and Michael Cooper on the Bowerman family who have a fascinating history involving the Culm David community.

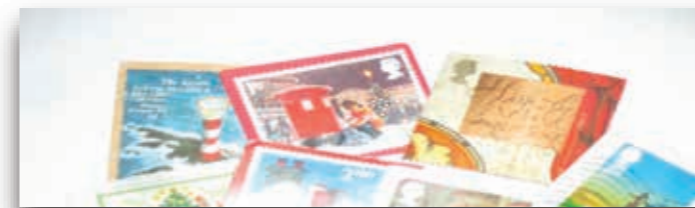
The information is still being assembled so if anyone has any information that could be of assistance in completing an accurate report on this family we would very much appreciate their contribution.

Brian Samuels of the Charity Shop and the St Mary's ringers has suggested we also accumulate information on St Mary's bells.

Hemyock had 5 bells at the time of the 1553 audit of churches, where did they come from and when?

If anyone has any suggestions about research subjects or any information you would like to share then please contact us.

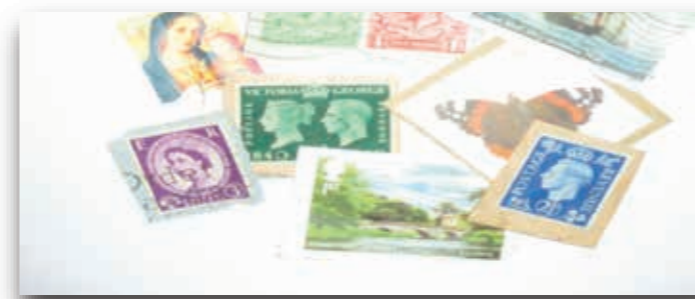
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I would like to say a very big "Thank You" to everyone who has put used stamps in the boxes in Hemyock Post office and Spar It has been a joy to sort through the hundreds and hundreds of stamps, and fascinating. Besides the usual ones, there are many fascinating different "specials" which I have never seen before. And Christmas specials from previous years? There are some even older ones – some ha'penny ones, and Coronation of 1937, some others from George V1 and even some from George V. And some First Day Covers – are such things still used? The ordinary, everyday ones are saleable, but the less usual ones must fetch a great deal more, and the proceeds used by the Baptist Missionary Society to help those in need. The joy of sorting them must be nothing compared with the joy for those people at the end of the "chain" resulting from the proceeds of selling them.

**Again "Thank You" – and keep them coming!**

David Berkley



## Do you have any information about German Prisoners of War?

This request has been received via the Devon Heritage Centre:

I am a third-year undergraduate History student at the University of Plymouth and am undertaking oral history research as part of the requirements for my final-year dissertation. My project explores the memory and experience of German Prisoners of War who were held in Devon during and after the Second World War. I am particularly interested in British attitudes towards the Prisoners of War, their employment whilst held in camps and after the end of the war as well as their socialisation with the Prisoners of War. I am hoping to carry out some informal interviews/discussions with people who would be willing, able, and happy to share their experiences. This could be German prisoners themselves, their wives and family members, those who employed them during and after the war and/or their family members also, or anyone with an experience they would like to share.

Prisoner captivity was a large part of the Second World War and various experiences of British soldiers have been shared over the years. However, the experiences of the German Prisoners of War within Devon are lesser known but are a significant part of our history. Many prisoners were employed on local farms with some even staying after the war to continue their work. I believe it is important to illuminate these unique experiences to ensure we do not forget them as the years pass on.

I would look to use these interviews within my dissertation and will ensure that participants fully understand the project, what is required of them, what they can expect of me, and how their interviews will be used, to ensure the consent they give is fully informed. In return, I would give acknowledgment to those who are happy to participate or redact/change names and details for those who wish.

Anybody who is interested to participate or who has questions can contact me during February or March via [dissertationresearch2020@gmail.com](mailto:dissertationresearch2020@gmail.com).

Many thanks  
Sarah Ferguson



The following Blackdown Support Group services continue to be available for anyone in the Blackdown Hills who needs them:

# Transport to medical appointments (including Covid vaccination appointments) for anyone who doesn't drive or have other means of transport.

# Prescription delivery, shopping support/errands for anyone shielding, high risk or with limited mobility.

# Telephone support for those living alone or struggling to cope.

If you know someone in need or if you would like to support us as a volunteer please contact us:

01823 681 036

[d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net](mailto:d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net)

Please note our volunteer telephone befrienders can work from home. Shopping/delivery volunteers are out in the community. Medical Transport volunteers use their own car to transport passengers to important appointments; PPE and infection control guidance will be provided. Transport volunteers also require a DBS check.

Thank you



## Blackdown Support Group

### Practical tips on staying positive and taking care of yourself during lockdown

It's normal to feel stressed, anxious or lonely when faced with staying indoors for long periods and interacting less with people, especially when that is added to the underlying stress of worrying whether you or your loved ones may be at risk. These feelings can affect anyone, of any age regardless of how much support you have around you. It is important to try and manage these feelings so they don't become overwhelming. Here are some practical ideas which may help:

#### Keep to a schedule

Even if you are staying at home, try to keep to a regular schedule as much as possible. While loneliness can feel like it will never end, trying to make these days feel as "normal" as possible will help you to get through. Start each day with a plan of a few things that you will do, keep a daily diary about how you are feeling and what you are doing, and keep a symptom log if you are managing illness. All of these tracking systems will help you to feel like you are being proactive about the situation.

#### Stay informed but don't overdo it!

Keeping up to date with health information and advice on precautionary measures is important but watching too much news, reading too many articles, and consuming too much online content can be overwhelming. You might decide to check the news twice a day. Or you might decide to limit your time on social media if everyone is talking about the virus. Make sure you seek websites or other sources that give factual and accurate information about what is happening and what you can do to stay safe and healthy, for example the NHS or local government.

#### Keep moving

We sometimes forget that our physical and mental health are delicately intertwined. If you spend weeks of isolation not getting any exercise at all, this will have a detrimental effect on your ability to cope mentally. Go for walks outside if you can, but even small tasks around the home or gentle stretching can help keep you moving and improve your mood. Breathing deeply for a few minutes can help you to feel calmer, less anxious and more energetic.

#### Do something meaningful or creative

Doing something meaningful or creative each day, even if only for a short period, will give you a sense of purpose and identity. Reach out to someone else and offer words of kindness and encouragement. You cannot "fix" someone else's feelings but kindness goes a long way and helping others can help you to feel less lonely or anxious yourself. Expressing yourself through creative means can also be therapeutic. Only you know what you will enjoy or find fulfilling, but below are some ideas to get you started:

- Create a family tree or photo album that you can share with others later
- Sign up to be a volunteer or reach out to someone you know who may be finding things difficult
- Sign up for an online/distance learning course and do

some work each day

- Complete a painting, colouring, sewing or knitting project
- Choose a space in your home and reorganize or redecorate it by moving things around
- Try writing poetry or short stories
- Plant seeds or bulbs to grow indoors
- Try cooking or baking something new

#### Connect with others

While you may not be able to visit with family and friends in person, that does not mean that you cannot connect. If you are comfortable using technology, there are numerous ways you can stay in touch but try to make connections meaningful. If you prefer more traditional ways of communicating, you can send a handwritten letter or postcard to someone or call them on the telephone, particularly on days you are feeling low or lonely - they may be feeling the same way. Often just talking to someone can be an enormous help.

#### Find sources of comfort

Finding ways to give yourself comfort even when you are feeling lonely can help to improve your mental health. Below are some ideas of "comfort measures" that you can take even if you are alone.

- Give yourself a foot massage or soak
- Have a bath or shower
- Focus on your pet
- Prepare and enjoy healthy comfort food
- Watch favourite TV programmes or read favourite books
- Spend time in nature
- Have a cup of relaxing herbal tea
- Maintain a regular sleep routine

#### Distract yourself

Another way to boost your mental health is to find healthy distractions. This might come in the form of reading, watching television programmes about topics you like, listening to music, or finding other activities that interest you.

- Go back and re-read some of your favourite childhood books or choose a list of books you've always wanted to read
- Listen to audiobooks if you struggle to read
- Watch documentaries or films on topics of interest to you
- Listen to your favourite songs or play an instrument
- Play games that engage your mind such as Sudoku, puzzles, crosswords, solitaire or online chess.
- Make a virtual tour of an art gallery/museum or watch an online theatre production

**Plan for the future**

Feeling like life is on hold? While it might feel like this will last forever, there will come a time that you'll be back to your usual routines and spending time with others again. One way to feel less alone now is to make plans for when things have improved – what hobbies or activities might you be able to re-start, who will you arrange to see, is there a favourite place you could visit?

**Be kind to yourself**

Most importantly, be kind to yourself during this difficult time. If you find yourself saying things like "I shouldn't be feeling this way" or pushing away difficult emotions, this will only make loneliness or anxiety persist. Many people experience these feelings but find it difficult to acknowledge them. Instead of resisting your feelings, instead, try to accept them and understand that they will come and go. This helps to take away their power.

**Finally - don't be scared to ask for help**

If you find yourself with poor mental health and you aren't able to pull yourself out of feelings of anxiety, depression or fear, it is important to reach out for help. While it's normal to feel afraid and lonely at a time like this, worsening or ongoing feelings could indicate the need for outside help. There are many sources of support available, you can speak to your GP or Blackdown Support Group about the most relevant options for you.

**Talkworks:**

Free confidential talking therapy service for people in Devon.  
www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk  
0300 555 3344

**Mind:**

Promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems  
www.mind.org.uk  
0300 123 3393 (Monday to Friday 9am-6pm)

**Samaritans:**

Confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair  
www.samaritans.org.uk  
116 123 (free 24-hour helpline)

**Devon Domestic Abuse helpline**

0345 155 1074

**Family Lives**

Advice on all aspects of parenting including coping with family life during Covid  
www.familylives.org.uk  
0808 800 2222 (Monday to Friday 9am-9pm and weekends 10am-3pm)

**Young Devon**

Advice and support services for young people in the South West  
www.youngdevon.org

**Devon Carers**

Advice and support for unpaid family carers  
www.devoncarers.org.uk  
0345 155 1007

**Poets Corner****The World Is Weeping**

The world is weeping  
yet so many are sleeping  
while others are keeping  
a watch and gathering up  
it's tears.

Creation is crying  
and many are relying  
on generosity from those  
who fight for justice  
despite all the jeers.  
The planet is dying  
so many are lying  
as others are vying  
for affluent space  
beyond all fears.

The globe is yearning  
for more discerning  
from those who are trying  
to clutch their possessions  
despite their spiritual arrears.

The earth is hoping  
while so many are coping  
with suffering and pain  
for an equal, sustaining sharing  
from all of it's peers  
so all can praise  
the rainbow in rain.

*Written by Brian Frost  
And contributed by Jan Lewer*

**A Life**

An acorn drops and  
Hides in the ground,  
Roots down, firm and strong,  
Up to the light,  
It makes a tree that spreads wide it's limb's,  
Each year grows more till years have passed,  
And each year's measure seems so small,  
Measured in the wood-rings of it's time,  
And the history written in it's gnarled back bark;  
And those who will,  
Come autumn time can,  
Plant an acorn,  
And watch it grow.

**Hemyock Gardeners' Association**

**H**emyock Gardeners' Association has not been able to hold members' meetings in the Parish Hall for a long time. The Autumn Show had to be cancelled. Now 2021 has started with its own particular set of challenges. With yet another Lockdown, we will not be able to meet as a group for the foreseeable future. All Parish Hall bookings have been suspended and it won't be possible to have the 2021 Spring Show. But we still have the Facebook group "Hemyock Gardeners' Association" so please feel free to post messages and photos to cheer us all up!

Our website still has Jane's Quiz (with the answers!) and will be up online for a while so if you have a few minutes and want to test your green-fingered knowledge, please do. Just type Hemyock Gardeners into your browser and it should direct you. Do get in touch with your news and views.

As Spring is not far off Gardeners will be considering what needs to be done in the garden in February. Jane has some tips: Prune wisterias, prune apple and pear trees. Prune late flowering clematis down to 12-18 inches off the ground. Chit seed potatoes. Plant bare rooted trees and roses. Time to start sowing tomato and chilli seeds as well as pepper seeds.

If you haven't bought seeds yet, it may be a good idea to order some. Buying seeds from Suttons Seeds can benefit not just your garden but also Hemyock Scouts. Simply go to www.suttons.co.uk and take a look at the range of items available. For every purchase made, not only do you get a discount but a donation to the Scouts is made by Suttons. The offer code at checkout is: GC6001G.

As we all have to stay at home currently it's possible to do a "virtual tour" of RHS gardens. Browse the RHS website to see Wisley, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall and Rosemoor. There are also virtual tours of Hidcote, Kew, Waddesdon and even Highgrove on www.gardensillustrated.com

And finally, some sad news. Jane Attlee who passed away recently was one of our longest serving members. Jane was a stalwart of the Gardeners' Association, regularly attending meetings and entering all the Floral Art classes in our shows and often achieving a haul of trophies. She was a knowledgeable and keen gardener as her beautiful garden in Longmead testifies. Jane will be missed by our members and our sincere condolences to her family.

Enjoy your gardening as the days grow longer.

*Susan Scantlebury  
01823 681393*

**Hemyock's Big Visit!**

**W**ith the world in crisis, we realised fairly early on that it would not be possible to bring Father Christmas to the village in the same way as before. This would have been a big shame for the two charities we support, The Grand Appeal at Bristol Children's Hospital and The Devon Air Ambulance Trust. Last year fundraising across all charities was hit particularly hard as events had to be cancelled and belts tightened.

The elves came together and decided to do what we could to spread a little Christmas joy in our community. We were able to make our hot chocolate reindeer as we have in previous years and sell these for charity from outside of our homes. We also had contact with Father Christmas himself and we were able to bring him to the village for pre-arranged hot chocolate deliveries (of course always abiding by social distancing regulations!).

We had some fantastic feedback, and we are so pleased to have been able to spread a little Christmas magic to the youngest members of our wonderful community.

In a year we thought we wouldn't be able to make our charitable contribution, due to your generosity, we actually managed to raise a fantastic **£398.64** (and a button!). This will be split between the two charities.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support, we live in a very special community. We hope to be back bigger and better than ever this year!

Here is to a healthy, happy 2021.

Best wishes  
Stuart, Libby, Chris and Lydia





## Around Hemyock

**M**usic from the 1960s is without doubt one of my favourite periods so I was sad to hear of the death of Gerry Marsden. Whether you first heard it during the musical Carousel, the hit record by Gerry and the Pacemakers or are a football fan **You'll Never Walk Alone** has been enjoyed and sung by thousands. Watching the news reports and hearing of another lockdown it is clear why it has become a suitable anthem for our keyworkers, Covid patients and for the difficult times we have all had over the past year and continue to face. As the lyrics say ..... **'Walk on with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone'**

Such is the wonderful support here it is hoped that no one in the parish has ever felt truly alone through the pandemic. There has been, and continues to be, many worries and for some great sadness but looking back over 2020 there has also been joyful times. Clapping for carers, support from family, friends and neighbours, VE/VJ Day celebrations, weddings, births, zoom church services, a Penny for the Guy competition, a wonderful poppy display, amazing dazzling Christmas lights, the discovery of Covid 19 vaccines and even decluttering! No one is likely to forget the past year but as the words of the song says .... **At the end of the storm is a golden sky** ..... and hopefully it won't be too long before we all see this and have greater peace of mind.

Perhaps like me you were given a copy of The Friendship Book for Christmas which contains a thought for each day including this one – Difficult times in life are never nice to go through, but they do bring something better times don't offer – the chance to overcome!

Sadly over recent weeks we have seen the deaths of a number of people both here and in our neighbouring villages and condolences and love are sent to those who have recently lost a loved on.

**Janet Dalton** was a quiet, talented and much loved member of our community and many were sad to hear she had passed away following a debilitating illness. The following, which was read at her funeral, has been received from her family.

Mum was the youngest of four, born into a relatively poor household in North London just before the war. She could remember being evacuated and also returning to a different world. She described playing in fields that are now housing estates and witnessed many changes during her life, as many of you here have.

At school she was sporty, something that stayed with her throughout her life. Whether playing tennis very well, or in later years home-made golf, she always did her best and usually won.

Before getting married she worked as a secretary for the Suez Canal Company, a position that made full use of the language skills she had acquired. These skills were useful throughout her life as we will see.

A mother of four herself, once her children were old enough Mum trained to be a teacher. Trips to teacher training college with her friend Carol in Carol's old mini seemed to frequently involve breakdowns and always in the rain. Undeterred, Mum graduated and became a very popular teacher of infants, although apparently the quiet Mrs Dalton could really raise her voice when necessary. She and her remaining teacher friends were still in touch until very recently, such were the friendships she developed and maintained.

Retiring from teaching and with the children doing their own thing, she and husband Peter moved to Culmstock from Bedfordshire. This took everyone by surprise as they had planned to retire to Norfolk where their respective families hailed from!

As a treat to themselves it was decided to holiday in Greece. Mum, calling on her language skills, learned Greek. Dad did not. Now in Greece, Mum would visit the local shop and converse with

the owner in Greek. To everyone's amusement Dad, believed to be one of a Greek speaking couple, would be talked to by the local men, much to his bafflement and their amusement.

Mum and Dad moved to Hemyock in 2000 and for the next 20 years Mum, a talented artist, enjoyed the painting group, travelling for painting holidays to Brittany as a guest of Roger and to Italy, having learned Italian. She helped the Friends of St Mary's with their activities and work, supported numerous fetes and events and attended Church where she also helped with the flower arranging.

She made many friends and it is good to see some of you here today as COVID-19 rules allow. She valued all of her friendships very much, was always pleased to share her painting tips, her garden and her time, and enjoyed just being a part of it all.

Mum has received a large number of cards which all describe a quiet, thoughtful, caring and talented woman who will be missed very much.

Thank you all for your friendship and for coming today.

**Rodney Clist** was born in Hemyock and apart from working 10 years in Dorset, where he met his wife Sally, lived his life here. After their marriage they moved to Castle Hill Farm and eventually moved from their house to a bungalow they had built naming it Rodleigh, farming the same land for nearly 50 years. On retiring the couple moved to a bungalow in Castle Park.

Sally and the family would like to thank people for all the kind messages, cards and flowers received on the sad loss of dear Rodney. They would also like to thank Hummingbird Care for their kindness and special care given to Rodney during his short stay there.

### Jane Attlee

Don & Jane Attlee came to Culmstock in 1977, after Dons long RAF career ended, to run the fruit farm at Jerwoods. A venture that they both threw themselves into, along with village life. Jane set about creating and nurturing a wonderful garden there and became involved with both churches, but mainly St Marys in Hemyock, bringing her flower arranging super skills to the church flowers. Such was her skill that Jane was awarded the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies National Associate of Honour. They moved to Hemyock in 2006 and Jane was instrumental in setting up the Festival of Trees at Christmas time in the church - an event that was hard work but gave her enormous joy. My mother liked to say 'Friendship though Flowers' and she made many friends in the village and area through her love of gardening and flowers. Don and the family would like to thank everyone for their kind letters of condolences, especially the St Marys community and their wonderful and supportive neighbours in Longmead. We are intending to hold a joyful Celebration of Life service for Jane later in the year, virus permitting.

**"Difficult times in life are never nice to go through, but they do bring something better times don't offer – the chance to overcome!"**

### Ross Brand

The family of Ross Brand of 51 Castle Park would like to thank all of the first responders, paramedics and members of the public for assisting our beloved father / grandad when he collapsed in Station Road on the Wednesday 6th January. Ross and his wife Margaret moved to Hemyock from Essex in 2005 but unfortunately his wife passed away in 2007 due to a long-term illness.

Ross found great solace in reading the Bible and had attended both Hemyock Baptist Church and Rosemary Lane Chapel for many years.

He was a very loving and generous man that always had time for others and will be very deeply missed.

Thank you all for your kind messages of sympathy during this hour of need. Kevin, Wanda, Stephanie, Kara, Adele, Rhiannon and family xx

We also remember **Val Andrew** along with **Rev John Stone and his daughter Sarah** on the sudden death of her husband.

Best wishes for your recovery are sent to the many who are unwell at present.

Elsewhere in the Pump you will find a poster giving the latest details about St Mary's including being opened 2 days a week from 10am-4pm. The star on the church tower will, thanks to the Lights Brigade, remain lit during lockdown – with hope shining brightest in the dark.

Whilst the parish church remains a **collection point for a local foodbank** it cannot at present accept any donations for the Charity Shop as it is not open. Whilst your support is very much appreciated **please do not** leave anything at the church until further notice. This also applies to any donations to the charity cr2ee.

As I write our national restrictions have increased and sadly there are folk – but hopefully not here – who continually ignore the advice given. I'm sure we all look forward to the time when once again the Pump will be full of news about the many activities that normally take place here and we look forward to meeting friends both old and new.

### Now for some really good news!

Many congratulations to **Kay Cork** from The Beauty Annex at 54 Station Rd who has sent the following -

Starting this year has been a tough one for many, and our small businesses have and still are taking a hit. But perseverance has definitely paid off. Whilst 2020 was one of the hardest years I have faced in the 8years I have been running my own business, along with the closures and uncertainty have come many blessings.

To start 2021 by becoming a finalist in the Hair and Beauty Awards and nominated for Nail Technician of the year from the Social Media Hair and Beauty Awards, just days apart from becoming a Brand ambassador for one of my favourites in salon products is mind blowing and an absolute dream.

I'd just like to thank all of my wonderful clients because without you I wouldn't have my dream job. With all good wishes, Kay

Take care, stay safe and if you have any news you would like to share please do get in contact.

With all good wishes,

Janice  
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

**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

## What's On (Or What's Off!)

February / March 2021

**COVID 19: All events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to government restrictions.**

### Notable dates for February

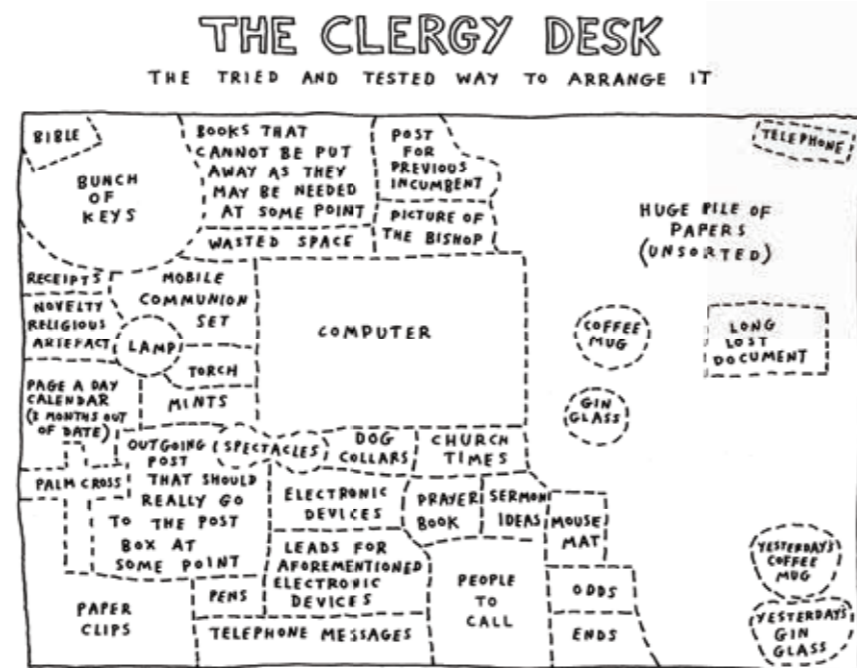
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Shrove Tuesday
- 15 – 19 Local Schools Half Term
- 21 First Sun. of Lent

### Notable dates for March

- 14 Mothering Sunday
- 20 First day of Spring
- 28 PALM SUNDAY
- 28 British Summertime begins

## Cartoon Church

Cartoons by Dave Walker,  
CartoonChurch.com



### Forthcoming Events

APRIL		
Thu	01	Local Schools' Term ends
Fri	02	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun	04	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon	19	Local Schools Summer Term starts
Fri	23	St George's Day
MAY		
Mon	03	May Bank Holiday
Mon	31	Spring Bank Holiday
JULY		
Tue	27	Local schools Term ends

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

April – May issue: 14th March

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## 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](mailto: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?

## Opening Times

**The Blackdown Practice**  
 Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

### Hemyock Surgery

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

### Churchinford Surgery

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

### Dunkeswell Surgery

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

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

### Hemyock Tennis Club

The chances are that by the time you read this, we'll be into week 4 of the 3rd lockdown resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic, and thus the 3rd time since March last year that the courts have had to close. However, we must look forward and hope that as vaccinations increase, and the restrictions start to drive the infection rate down, a little normality will return and the courts reopen.

The LTA are regularly lobbying the authorities in an effort to successfully make a case for playing a non contact sport such as tennis to be permitted. However, the club fully appreciates the need for patience in the current serious situation. The committee will have a number of issues to discuss in time for the next membership year beginning on April 1st, not least of all the setting of 2021-22 membership fees.

The LTA are pro-active in quickly getting updates on to their website news pages [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk) and we make every effort to do likewise on the club website, where you can find latest news, and information on coaching (junior and senior), competition, contacts, club policies, and of course when courts are open, court booking. [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub)

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

### Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

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

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

### 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).

### Blackdown Hills Business Centre

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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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Hemyock Scout Group**  
WITHOUT BORDERS



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

**H**ello and welcome to 2021.  
I mentioned lights and tunnels  
last time and I do believe that  
that light is getting brighter, the end  
of Covid is appearing. As we think in

scouting, be positive, be prepared and always look on the bright side.  
That is you all as well because you are part of 1st Hemyock.

Where are we now in scouting? Well our group sections were preparing to be Covid safe in our amber and yellow tiers and perhaps a little more activity. Alas the latest lockdown has scuppered that. Latest info from HQ has told us that we are at red readiness. This means no face to face activities can take place for members or leaders. Online via zoom is being encouraged and HQ is supporting this with advice for leaders. This came from Tim Kidd our UK Chief Commissioner and he finished the email with the following-- Remember, things might feel difficult at the moment but this will not last forever. As I said above, always look etc etc!

Anyway to continue, our group executive met at the end of last year (via zoom) and I do have some positive info to pass on to you. Andy reported that we still get around 100 views on facebook, so interest is still strong. A provisional date for this years summer camp has been set for W/C 24th July. We'll make it! Andy also reported that he was stepping down from his group scout leader role, but fear not our Andy is still going to be around as an assistant scout leader. We need him. Therefore we are in need of a section leader scouts and a group scout leader. Anyone out there? In the interim we do have to have a GSL and for that reason our district commissioner, Andy Ellis has taken on the role. I know that he would really like to relinquish it as soon as possible. So is there anyone in the village or surrounding area who feels they could help. Get in touch, our contacts are on the back page. Julie reported for the cubs and although no actual meetings, badge requirements were being sent out to them to complete at home. In the Autumn of last year approval for face to face meetings was gained but alas after one meeting lockdown reappeared. So zoom meetings are now going ahead every Wednesday. Acting GSL Andy E reported that ex GSL Andy B had been awarded a Medal of Merit by Scout HQ for his work with our group and district. A much deserved award for all the hard work he has put in over many years. Well done Andy. Andy E repeated what Old Rikki said above. We need a GSL Knowledge of scouting is useful but we do have an excellent training system.

We move on and look forward to next year and the fiftieth anniversary camp with our Danish friends in Tonder. Julie has booked the camp site for a week from Friday 23rd July 2022. The Danes are happy with the dates and Andy B said that we would have around 160 attending (161 if you include Old Rikki, can't miss that!) Andy will also be looking into activities once Covid is sorted out. Great news.

Well, in spite of Covid we have had some group news for you and Rikki has not had to delve into the past for our report. So all that remains is my "finally". Back to that old Scout Handbook. Last time it fell open at page 110, I will try again. It is page 216 this time. "Recording the weather". In addition to his Wind Scale, Admiral Beaufort was also responsible for devising universally accepted abbreviations for recording the weather. Appearance of the sky-- Fine, fair, cloudy, overcast. Precipitation – rain, drizzle,

sleet, snow,hail, shower. Various – gale, thunder, lightening, dew, hoar frost, haze, mist, fog, thick fog. I will stop there as I cannot see where I am going! All of these terms were given a description, but I wont bore you with them all and I will run out of space and your patience!

Hopefully we will all be in a better place and circumstances next time. So until then-- Always look on the etc etc..

Old Rikki

## Dear Residents

**N**ever thought COVID would be as serious as it is looking, we need to be really careful, with vaccines now available, we will get over it. Devon County Council launch COVID-19 Fund to help communities.

Devon County Council has launched its third round of COVID-19 Funding to help provide valuable funding to organisations working in communities that have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The scheme launches this Monday (January 11, 2021) and grants of up to £700 are available. The funding aims to help voluntary and community groups to tackle the social and economic impacts of the virus outbreak and help those who are most vulnerable in their communities.

The new Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine is being given to the first people in Devon, with thousands more doses expected to be administered in coming days and weeks. Unlike the Pfizer vaccine, the first to be approved, the Oxford vaccine does not need to be stored at ultra-low temperatures and is much less complicated to move, making it easier for the NHS in Devon to vaccinate people in care homes and those who are housebound. The vaccine has been trialled at selected hospitals nationwide for surveillance purposes before being sent out to hundreds of community-based local vaccination services across the country. Devon County Council has a statutory responsibility each year to set a balanced budget. Financial targets are set for all the areas of activity that are undertaken by the County Council. Elected Members approve all budgets of the authority and, throughout the year, monitoring of expenditure and income is undertaken to ensure that spending remains under control.

The funding for the Council's budget currently comes from a number of sources including council tax, business rates, government grants, fees and charges.

I am sorry this is a bit heavy reading, but County is a big organisation and manages millions of pounds of our money, I thought you might like to know how we spend the money and where it comes from.

If there are any issues that you are concerned with, please let me know and I will do what I can to get them resolved. We know about the roads, it has been a difficult time, but I can assure you that our Highway Officer is on to it and getting it sorted.

1.1. This report outlines the financial position and forecast for the Authority at month 8 (to the end of November) of the financial year.

1.2. At month 8 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by £1.9millions, a reduction of £823,000 from month 6 forecast of £2.7 millions. If this overspending materialises then it can be accommodated by not making the full 2020/21 planned contribution to reserves which would leave the Council in a break-even position.

1.3. The Dedicated Schools Grant projected deficit, relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), is forecast to be £30.4 millions, this is an increase of £2.6 millions since month 6. In line with Department of Education guidance this deficit will not be dealt with this financial year but carried to future years.

1.4. Central government has put in place a number of grant funding streams to help support Local Authorities during the pandemic. The confirmed additional funding Devon County Council is expecting to receive directly is £80.5 millions, these grants are detailed further within section 8.

On 17th December 2020 the Government published the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2021/22. Excluding Government assumptions about council tax nationally, the increase in Government funding for the Council is £3.7 million or 2.2%. This includes:

- An additional £3.1 million from a new Social Care grant of £300 million nationally. This is to support both Children's and Adults Social Care;
- An increase in Devon's allocation of Rural Services Delivery Grant of £368,000;
- A reduction in New Home Bonus Grant of £957,000;
- Government compensation for no inflationary increase in the business rates multiplier of £1.2 million.
- Other social care grants continue with no inflationary increase.

For Council Tax, the Government has announced that: The Council Tax increase that will trigger the need for a referendum is 2%;

Local authorities can set an Adult Social Care Precept of up to 3%. If the full percentage is not used in 2021/22 there is an option to carry forward the unused amount to 2022/23;

A grant of £670 million nationally has been announced to offset some of the impact the Pandemic is having on the Council Tax Base for next year. Devon's share is £6.358 million;

A Council Tax Income Guarantee Scheme has been announced that will compensate authorities for 75% of irrecoverable losses in the current year.

The Government has also announced:

- Devon's share of national COVID funding for 2021/22 is £14.823 million.
- The continuation of the 75% Covid Sales Fees and Charges compensation scheme into the first quarter of 2021/22.
- The Fairer Funding Review, 75% Business Rate Retention and the Business Rates Reset have been delayed.
- A public sector pay freeze has been announced, except for those earning less than £24,000 per annum who will receive an increase of at least £250. The pay freeze does not apply to front-line NHS staff; and
- The National Living Wage will increase by 2.2% next year to £8.91 per hour.

## 2021/22 Targets

3.1. Cabinet in December approved Revenue Spending Targets that totalled just over £571 million which represented an increase of £28.4 million or 5.2% and included savings of £15.3 million. Although that was only a few weeks ago much has happened. A new variant of the Coronavirus has been identified and the Country has entered another national lockdown. It is hard to imagine that a return to normal will happen quickly.

3.2. The changing circumstances has led to a review of the Targets. Some savings previously identified do not now seem feasible. Other areas need bolstering to increase the resilience of the Council. In summary the proposed changes are:

- Reduce planned savings by £3.7 million across Adult Care & Health, Children's Services and Highways, Infrastructure and Waste;
- Additional Investment of £302,000 in Legal Services to support Children's Services and Risk Management to support the whole organisation; and
- Additional £3.3 million to fund the cost of the 2.2% increase in the National Living Wage.

3.3. The proposed Budget Targets have increased by just under £7.3 million to nearly £578.5 million, an increase of 6.6% on the 2020/21 Budget.

I can only help, if I know about it, so do not hesitate to give me a call, always pleased to hear from you.

Regards,  
Ray Radford,  
Your Devon County Councillor.

# Hemyock Parish Council

## Business Update, February 2021

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:-

- 20/01868/HOUSE. Erection of a single-storey rear extension. The Hay Barn, Castle Hill, Hemyock.
- 20/02018/HOUSE. Erection of a porch. Woodside, Hemyock.
- 20/02019/LBC. Listed Building Consent for the erection of a porch. Woodside, Hemyock.
- 20/02003/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey side extension following demolition of existing garage, erection of single-storey rear extension and front porch. 13 Hollingarth Way Hemyock.
- 20/01869/HOUSE. Erection of a two-storey rear extension. The Old Stables, Castle Hill, Hemyock.
- 20/02068/FULL. Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing garage (Revised Scheme). 29 Station Road, Hemyock.

#### Permission granted noted for:-

- 20/01327/HOUSE. Erection of extensions and alterations to fenestration. Byes Farm, Hemyock.
- 20/01390/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 2 shepherd's huts, associated parking and access path and retention of alterations to existing access and track. Fairwater, Hemyock.
- 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.
- 20/01698/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. Culmstock Road, Hemyock.

### Finance

Income - included interest, MDDC grant, VAT reclaim and cemetery. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, legal fees, subscriptions, bank charges and Christmas competition winners.

### Longmead Play Area

Having just refurbished the area with new equipment, surface and fencing, the parish council was disappointed to discover the gate post and fencing had been damaged. These will be repaired shortly.

New litter bins have been purchased and will shortly be fitted by the BMX track, the football dug outs and the pavilion.

### 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

District Councillor Simon Clist judged the competition this year. He commented as follows:-

*"Wow!! Well done everyone for the tremendous efforts you have made in decorating your properties with Christmas lights - what a fantastic spectacle.*

*For many years the Parish Clerk and I have driven the various judges around the Parish for their assessments and selections for the prizes the Parish Council give out for the properties with the best Christmas lights displays. This festive season I was (for obvious reasons) confronted with 10 times as many illuminated properties than normal. The circular theme of unity and togetherness was uppermost in people's minds and visible in nearly all the displays. Well done everyone for adopting this symbol. My judgment reflects this.*

*Once again we must congratulate the Lights Brigade for all their hard work and efforts in brightening the village, their community spirit and happy festive demeanour.*



*My thanks also go to my partner Debbie Pearse for organising the judge's spreadsheet and her photographic expertise - not to mention her time spent checking house names and numbers!!*

*With the circular theme in mind I decided (as a one-off) to introduce a judge's category of best individual circle of light."*

Councillor Simon Clist  
(Upper Culm Ward, MDDC)

### Results

Joint 1st place - Westward (Griffin Close) & Coleridge (Castle Hill)  
Joint 2nd place - 24 Eastlands & Northcote (Lickham)  
Joint 3rd place - 10 Lower Millhayes & 36 Prowses  
Joint 4th place - 5 Castle Park & Clavwells (Lower Greenfield)

Judge's prize for best individual rings

1st place - Studleys (Ashculme)  
Joint 2nd place - 15 Tedders Close & Alyson Cottage.

### 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 [hemyockpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com). [www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil](http://www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil).

### Our Thatching Life featuring Ferrari the Thatcher and Daisy his apprentice...

**W**ell in common with many, we have crept quietly out of last year into this. We are thankful to have work we can carry on with, and besides that, every year we both try and build on the last: The yard has young Peter Meyrick's fine gates in place and I've almost finished the stone wall next to it. I trialled what can only be described as an agricultural net curtain across one of the bays which lets light in but keeps rain out; much better for the reed and for us working under cover on rainy days.

The bats seem to like it too, as moths land on it providing an all-you-can-eat buffet for them, as evidenced by a pile of moth wings in the end of the barn. My tractor has recently been covered by Tawny owl droppings and pellets, although Daisy was none too pleased when she found me dissecting a pellet in her kitchen. The little black rescue kitten is on its way to being a good mouser and fine company, following me about the yard and trying to steal into my van anytime I open the door.

We've got our own pork and now our own beef to eat, which is just as well as since before Christmas, shopping trips have either been done early, late or on the off-chance when we spot an empty carpark next to the shop. We've a carpet of squashes in my cellar at home thanks to my Dad's loan of half his veg patch this year. It'll keep us in soups and risottos for weeks to come, which we might need if it comes in cold again.

The biggest challenges to us at the moment are supply chains and demand. Our suppliers have warned of higher costs of imported water reed due to the ports getting used to the new

routines, and on top of that last year's wheat reed harvest in the uk was much reduced, with all stocks spoken for already and prices having shot up by 13%. Once again we are in the position of hoping for a 'normal' year for the new wheat reed harvest.

We've been lucky to be re-thatching a roof close to home this winter, but it's a big one and I expect our customers feel like we've been there for a decade already, with the next customers in line feeling like they've been abandoned in the last decade. People often ask if we work in the winter, and the answer is always 'Yes!', but lack of daylight, poor weather and Christmas all conspire to make it feel like we've been there forever. We are on the home run now tho' with one wrap left to go before ridging, cutting out the eaves all nice and tidy, and an almighty great tidy up.

There's no doubt these times are harder on our children with their lives on pause, and hardest on our elders while they wait for their vaccinations and for some semblance of normal family life to return. And so we wait; for vaccines, hugs, harvests. And hope. Daisy is better at hoping than me as a rule; she carries it with her, an air of 'everything will be alright in the end'. I can feel it coming up the ladder before she does, and so our day begins.

Alan Ferrari.



### WANTED! Group Scout Leader

**H**emyock Group are looking for a person to take on the role of Group Scout Leader (Group Manager). It is an exciting role that we need to fill with a person who is able to manage and work with the leaders so that the young people of Hemyock and surrounding areas have a great Scouting experience.

The role primarily is responsible to the DC (District commissioner) for the young people in the Hemyock Group, we are looking for a person who can manage and work with the many Leaders to ensure the youth of Hemyock learn skills for life during their time in Scouting, they will also need to help leaders develop themselves with skills and opportunities needed to be able to pass on.

They will need to work with the Chair of Hemyock Scout Group Executive and work with them to have a vision for the group and share with people to take the Group forward. Although desirable knowledge of scouting is useful but in reality we have a training system that gives people the scouting skills to undertake the role, If you think you or someone you know could undertake the role or would like to be considered for it, please either give Karen or myself a shout and we can meet up and talk about the role, this role is a key role in Scouting terms and will have a direct influence on where the group goes.

**Andy Ellis (acting GSL)** [andy.ellis@devonscouts.org.uk](mailto:andy.ellis@devonscouts.org.uk)

**Karen Pinder** [kazapinder@hotmail.com](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com)

### 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		
Hockholier, 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	1240	1536	1540	1836	1841			
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841		0820	1020	1245	1545	1841	
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	0824	1024	1249	1549			0824	1024	1249	1549		
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	0830	1030	1255	1555			0830	1030	1255	1555		
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	0839	1039	1304	1604			0839	1039	1304	1604		
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	0846	1046	1311	1611			0846	1046	1311	1611		
Colyford, opp The Elms	0850	1050	1315	1615			0850	1050	1315	1615		
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	0852	1052	1317	1617			0852	1052	1317	1617		
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0857	1057	1322	1622			0857	1057	1322	1622		

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	Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays					
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0900	1200	1500	1700			0900	1200	1500	1700		
Seaton, opp Health Centre	0904	1204	1504	1704			0904	1204	1504	1704		
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	0908	1208	1508	1708			0908	1208	1508	1708		
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	0913	1213	1513	1712			0913	1213	1513	1712		
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	0920	1220	1520	1718			0920	1220	1520	1718		
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	0929	1229	1529	1726			0929	1229	1529	1726		
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	0935	1235	1535	1732			0935	1235	1535	1732		
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735		0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	1244	1544	1739	1740	0705	0942	1244	1544	1739	
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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<b>HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes</b>	<b>0910</b>	<b>TIVERTON, Bus Station Stand 6</b>	<b>1315</b>
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
<b>HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales</b>	<b>0942</b>	<b>HUNTSHAM, Post Office</b>	<b>1342</b>
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# St Andrew's Clayhidon

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## St. Andrew's Church News

**W**e were delighted that Helen was willing to organise the Christingle celebration for the community this Christmas time. It is always a reminder of the life and birth of Jesus which we can celebrate in a different way and which the children in particular enjoy. The orange at the centre representing the world cannot be ignored. When the candle is lit, then we can only concentrate on His life and be thankful. Many people donated to the occasion and the money was given to a charity for children.

Our usual Carol Service could not take place in the church but more than fifty people gathered on the grassy churchyard as the light was fading, where we could stand in our own space to sing a range of carols. We were accompanied by instrumentalists with good voices which made it a very pleasant occasion, especially as the church was floodlit and beautiful.

On Christmas Eve we were joined by some of the congregation from Hemyock when we had our communion service. Only the wafer can be taken at this time and not the wine. Five members of their choir were spaced into our choir stalls which added to the serenity of the service and it was so good to be able to hear

## Clayhidon Parish Hall

**C**layhidon Parish Hall has been closed for most of 2020, but thanks to Zoom the committee has continued to hold online meetings and lay plans for the time when the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Members decided at their December meeting to press ahead with finishing the hall extension project while adding major improvements to the original building, namely new insulation and a kitchen refit.

This follows a survey of local opinion, in which 60 per cent of respondents expressed the wish to continue the project rather than try to build a completely new hall if funds became available.

the organ once more. On Christmas Day we were able to join together from all the churches in a zoom service.

At present our services will continue to be by zoom when we can see each other or simply just listen to our rector, lay readers or our retired clergy who give great thought to all that they say.

Sadly we must extend our deepest sympathy to Rev John Stone whose son-in-law has died. We also feel great sadness that our dear David Hortop has died of pneumonia. He was our Lay Reader for many years giving great service to St Andrew's. He continued until the very end to do everything he could for the benefit of the church. His humour which he showed in past Harvest Festival entertainments was so infectious. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Mary.

We extend our thoughts and prayers to any who are ill or in hospital. We also pray that our community can have the opportunity to have the covid virus injection and receive some immunity from the disease. Let us keep safe and well and look to a future of greater happiness.

*P. Reynolds, PCC*

Planning permission for the extension has expired and so the plans – for new toilets, an artists dressing room/small meeting room and parish archive – will have to be resubmitted to Mid Devon Council

An essential modern requirement for attracting funding is that the hall is run by a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The committee has agreed its new constitution and this will be submitted to the Charity Commission and once approved it will hand over ownership and responsibility for the hall to the new body.

## Clayhidon Parish Council

### Clayhidon Parish Council Update, February 2021

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:-

- ◆ 20/01845/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of a carport. Applehayes, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 20/01853/LBC. Listed Building Consent for the conversion of stables to dwelling and erection of single-storey extension. Applehayes, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 20/01848/FULL. Conversion of stables to dwelling and erection of single-storey extension. Applehayes, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 20/02100/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey side extension. Carlingwark, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 20/02082/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land to private equine use, erection of stables, creation of lunge area, alterations to existing access and formation of new track. Carlingwark, Clayhidon.

##### Permission granted noted for:-

- ◆ 20/01666/HOUSE. Erection of a single-storey extension to rear following demolition of existing lean-to. Little Rosegarland, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 20/01562/FULL. Works reasonably required to provide for the Class R change of use (sui generis) Foxhayes, Clayhidon.

#### Finance

Expenditure –wages, expenses, legal fees and footpath work.

##### The following grants were made:-

- ◆ Cameo Club, Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre - £130.00
- ◆ Tiverton & District Community Transport – £70.00
- ◆ St Mary's PCC Hemyock - £65.00
- ◆ Clayhidon Parish Hall - £2,000.00
- ◆ Clayhidon Parochial Church Council (churchyard maintenance) - £540.00
- ◆ Blackdown Support Group - £500.00
- ◆ Citizens Advice - £50.00

#### Litter and Dog fouling

The parish council has been disappointed to note that there has been an increase in litter around the parish (including fly-tipping and dog poo bags left discarded in hedgerows and on footpaths). The parish council kindly asks parishioners and visitors to take all rubbish home.

#### 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.

#### New Parish Councillor

The parish council welcomes John Kidner from the Bolham Valley on to the parish council. The parish council co-opted John on to the council at its meeting on 11th January.

The parish council thanks all those who applied to be co-opted and hopes they will stand at the next parish council elections in May 2023.

#### Late John Griss Estate

The John Griss Charity has been registered with the Charity Commission. A meeting of the trustees will take place shortly. In the meantime, the executor is continuing to settle the estate.

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

#### Clerk:

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## News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

I'm sure I wasn't alone in feeling a deep sense of sadness and frustration when a 3rd national lockdown was announced at the beginning of this year. Of course, we fully support the measures necessary for protecting the NHS and saving lives. As such, although places of worship were allowed to remain open, we decided to close the chapel building and stand alongside our community as we seek to curtail the spread of Covid-19.

Nevertheless, I felt a now familiar feeling of disappointment as I arrived at chapel to record the first online service of a new lockdown. And yet, alongside the familiar feeling of frustration, I encountered something else that had become a familiar experience in the year past – encouragement. As I walked into the cold chapel building, I found that a member of our fellowship had, in the days previous, installed an electric heater so that I could feel warm whilst recording. It may sound like a small thing but aren't these often the most profound.

With the news of another lockdown came the stark warnings that the worst was yet to come. According to one article I read, 'a storm was coming.' A headline such as this could cause further despondency and fear, but this last year has taught me that sometimes it takes a storm to help us discover and treasure love and mercy: A neighbour checking in to see if we are ok; a local volunteer delivering groceries with the warmth of human contact we so desperately need; and the kind experienced when a tired pastor receives a photo of a smiling family ready for the next online service. This is true of our relationship with God... sometimes it takes a storm to discover how wide his love and mercy is for us!

The other day, I was reading about 'Jesus calming the storm' in Mark's gospel (Mark 4:35-41). It is an incredible account that reveals Jesus to be the God of all creation as he holds command over the waves of the sea and saves his disciples. It's an account that demonstrates the power of the Lord to speak peace into and over our lives. It's an account that is also included in the gospels of Matthew (8:23-27) and Luke (8:22-25). And yet, it is only in Mark's gospel that we read that the disciple's boat was not alone on the water that day. Other boats were with them (35-36):

**“...but this last year has taught me that sometimes it takes a storm to help us discover and treasure love and mercy”**

*That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. **There were also other boats with him.***

It is an incredible act of mercy as Jesus saves his disciples from that which fears them, the storm which arose whilst they were on Lake Gennesaret. But, as I read from Mark's gospel, and as this minor detail jumped out at me, I realised I had missed how wide this act of mercy was. It was not the disciples alone who were saved, but those also in the other boats. How often is this the case in our lives? We miss the fullness of what God is doing and, as such, miss just how wide his mercy and love really is.

Our vision is limited, we cannot perceive the full extent of what

God, in his mercy, is doing among us, even in the storm. We are challenged to open our eyes to the reality of a God whose mercy and love is wider than we can comprehend. As Frederick William Faber penned:

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.*

*For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.*

In the year ahead, our hope as a fellowship, is that we may continue to trust in the God who speaks peace into and over the storm. The God who brings peace into our lives. The God whose love and mercy, revealed in Jesus Christ, is far wider than we can comprehend. And, as we look to Christ in the storm, we may continue to love, comfort and strengthen one another.

Jonathan Hillman

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel

## A Thriving Business Community in Devon

### Libraries: Business & IP Centre Devon (BIPC)

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You can access our varied range of databases which include Kompass, British Standards Online, Local Data Online and IBISWorld, some are available remotely.

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We also have a bank of experts in various fields and we can arrange a free one-to-one for you.

For details of how to access our databases or any other enquiries, email [bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk).

To browse our event listings and resources, take a look at our website: <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/>

# DEVON CPRE

## The Voice for Devon's Countryside

### Could your local churchyard be the best in Devon this year?

**D**uring the pandemic, Devon's residents have appreciated the green spaces around their churches like never before and now Devon CPRE is inviting churches of all denominations to enter this year's competition to find the 'Best Churchyard' in the whole of the county.

Following a year with little to celebrate, Devon CPRE applauds the volunteers helping to maintain and 'green up' Devon's churchyards. During the challenging months of lockdown, many churchyards have become real sanctuaries for the local community - not just for churchgoers. In some places, they are the only public space people can walk to for exercise and to observe nature.

This is the fourth year the Devon countryside charity has held its churchyard awards and it's hoping to receive more entries than ever by the end of March. The judges are not seeking the most pristine or manicured churchyards. They are looking for those which are well-managed to provide a peaceful haven for people and wildlife. Each entry is visited by the judges and assessed on a range of criteria, including the measures put in place to increase biodiversity.

Penny Mills, Director of Devon CPRE, says, "Devon has hundreds of beautiful churchyards and they've really come into their own during the challenging circumstances of 2020. Residents the length and breadth of Devon have appreciated their local churchyard like never before, so we want to really celebrate these special places in 2021 and celebrate the people who look after them - because they are all volunteers and they do a fantastic job."

CPRE Devon trustee and fellow churchyard judge Ivan Buxton has been impressed by the standard of entries year on year: "We were particularly impressed by the careful management of these ancient burial grounds to create sanctuaries for the living. Measures to encourage wildlife and biodiversity have included bug hotels, mini-beast trails, ponds, bird boxes, composting areas, wildflower meadows and even gardens producing fruit, vegetables and herbs for parishioners to enjoy."

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, last year's competition had to be run differently to previous years. The judges waited until after Lockdown travel restrictions were lifted in the summer to begin their on-site inspections. There was no official prize-giving ceremony in 2020 but the Winner and Runner-up were presented with their trophies in person, in informal visits observing strict social distancing. This year's competition will be conducted along similar lines.

Which Devon churchyards will make the shortlist in 2021? As well as the kudos of winning, there's a top prize of £200 and a beautiful oak plaque, made in Devon from sustainable wood, to display to locals and visitors.

**The deadline for entries is March 31st. Full details and an entry form can be found at [www.devoncpre.org.uk](http://www.devoncpre.org.uk).**





## NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL

In the 2021 New Year Honours list, John Jasper, volunteer at Coldharbour Mill Working Wool Museum and Wellington Arts Association received the British Empire Medal for services to Cultural Heritage in Devon and Somerset.

John has been a volunteer at Coldharbour Mill for 30 years. Without him it is doubtful that anyone would have had the knowledge or commitment to successfully lead the volunteer 'Steam Team' to return the dilapidated steam plant to operation. John has been the driving force to return the Mill's rare and original steam plant and associated engines to full working order, to lead a team of dedicated volunteers to operate the historic Steam Complex for the public at regular Steam Up! events throughout the year, manage the labour-intensive annual insurance inspection process, and continue improvements to the Museum's many machines by managing regular work days of volunteers.

Undoubtedly, his greatest achievement was to oversee the rescue, restoration and installation by the steam volunteers of the 1867 Kittoe and Brotherhood Beam Engine in the Beam Engine House, replacing the original 1865 model that had sadly been scrapped in an earlier era. To not only re-assemble it from scratch but then to successfully steam it for the public to enjoy is an amazing achievement and a terrific legacy. John has recounted the full five-year story in 'The Beam Engine Story' on the Mill website: <https://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/the-beam-engine-story/>

Unfortunately, owing to the current situation we will not be able to hold our Steam Days for a while, but John and his team will continue to keep the machinery in working order until things return to normal.

Although the Mill is closed to the public at present, we are all working hard on many ongoing projects and preparing for reopening when it is allowed.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping to get the Mill back in order, as well as those who have been supporting us from a distance.

If you would like to get involved in volunteering at the Mill in any way, please feel free to get in touch with me at the Mill.

Peter Holdway-Bradley, General Manager

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## Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Blackdown Hills Repair Café will continue to offer a repair service from home, when the lockdown is once again lifted. Throughout the last period when the Repair Cafe was not able to run from its normal premises at the Hemyock Parish Hall, 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.

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: mobile (best option) 07715460783 Or 01823 460783 Or email [sfelehner@aol.com](mailto:sfelehner@aol.com).

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Next deadline for enquiries: **1 March 2021** for the April 2021 edition.

## A New Vision for Fox's Field, Wellington

Wellington Mills CIC and Transition Town Wellington are delighted to be working with Somerset West and Taunton council on plans to protect, regenerate and restore Fox's Field as an open, green space for the whole community. The field, a popular walking spot beside the old mill buildings at Tonedale, has been brought into public ownership for the first time.

The first community consultation event about the project will be held on Saturday 6th March 2021 at 11am. All are warmly welcomed. This will be held online (details on the groups' respective websites and FB pages), and will be the first of a series of public events in a wide variety of formats over the coming months.

Cllr Mark Lithgow, representing Wellington North on Somerset West and Taunton council, said: "I am very pleased to support the TTW and CIC collaboration, working together to become the guardians of the recently purchased Fox's Field. Both groups are run by dedicated volunteers who have cared for our environment for many years. I am looking forward to seeing and enjoying the results of this collaboration," said Cllr Mark Lithgow, representing Wellington North on Somerset West and Taunton council.

Helen Gillingham and the TTW community gardening team have been looking into the idea of creating a forest garden on part of the site. A forest garden emulates a woodland edge with a mix of perennial plants that can feed either humans, wildlife or each other. It is a patchwork of open spaces, canopy trees, understorey shrubs, ground-cover and climbing plants. "It's not only beautiful but also provides a useful harvest and makes an ideal habitat for pollinators, birds and other wildlife," explained Helen. "It's a fantastic way to grow food, locally, in a way that doesn't harm the environment and is great for people and wildlife."



Local resident Gina Deacon, who launched the initial campaign to save the field from being sold for development, is delighted with the news: "Fox's Field is a very important environmental resource in our community... especially for those like me, who need to mobilise for health reasons, with their dogs, or just to enjoy walking. Not forgetting the wildlife too, who need the green belt to survive."

"We're keen to hear any ideas that would attract wildlife and allow everyone in the community to enjoy this beautiful space," said Anita Roy, who works with both the CIC and TTW. "We've seen from lockdown that green spaces like this are absolutely vital for our physical and mental health. And with the changing weather patterns, increased flooding and the loss of wildlife, we need to find ways to work with nature to restore ecosystems."

The community groups are looking forward to coming up with plans that aim to enhance biodiversity, increase the soil health, and allow people to continue to enjoy and have access to this vital open space for years to come.



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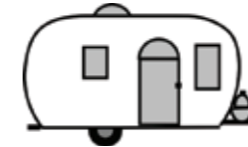
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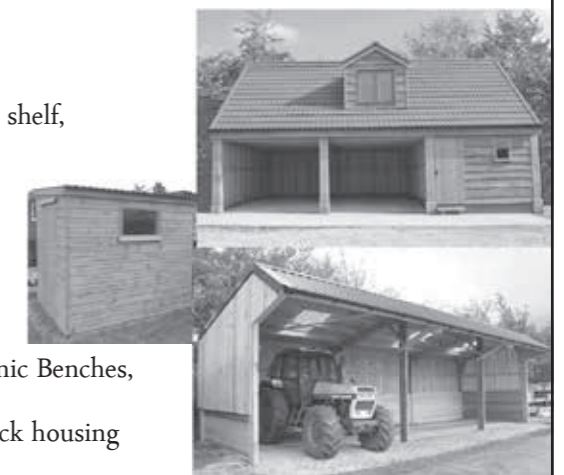
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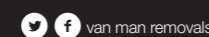
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<b>BRIGHTSIDE</b>	<i>Janet Elworthy</i>	680687	
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<b>CLAYHIDON HISTORY</b>	<i>Pam Reynolds</i>	680481	
<b>CLAYHIDON TODDLERS</b>	<i>Karen Menzfeld</i>	680040	
	<i>Philippa Brooke</i>	680984	
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<b>HEMYOCK WI</b>	<i>Lyn Taylor</i>	680104	
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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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