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# Parish Pump

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Culm Davy Chapel

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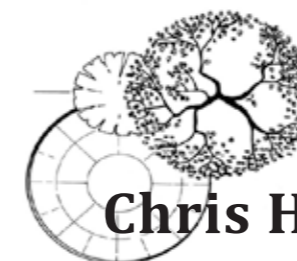
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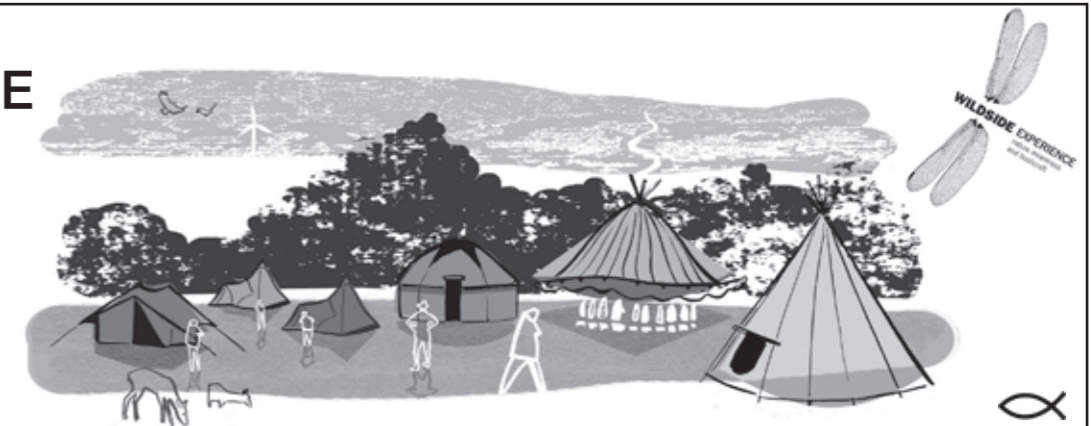
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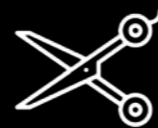
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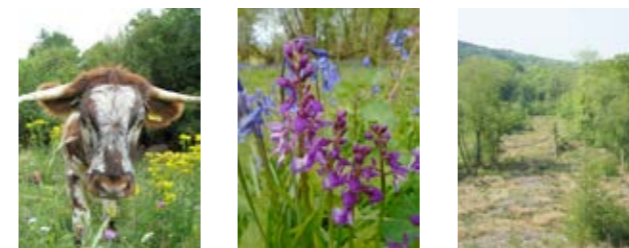


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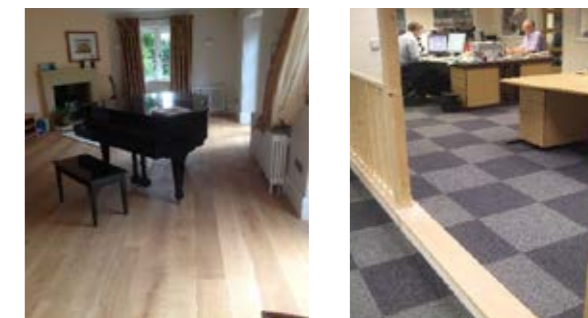
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**SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2021**

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
<b>Sunday 5 December</b> Second Sunday of Advent	<b>9.00am</b> Communion service (Traditional 1662)		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship <b>4.00pm Christingle</b> (with Hemyock School)
<b>Sunday 12 December</b> Third Sunday of Advent		<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship (contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship (Contemporary) <b>6.30pm</b> Evensong (Traditional 1662)	<b>11.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)
<b>Sunday 19 December</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>3.30pm</b> Carol Service	<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service (Contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service (Contemporary) <b>7.30pm</b> Carol Service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship <b>3.00pm</b> Stanchester Choir
<b>Friday 24 December</b> Christmas Eve			<b>8.00pm</b> Christmas Eve Communion (Contemporary)	<b>4.00 – 4.30pm</b> Crib Service <b>4.30 – 5.30pm</b> Carols in the Churchyard
<b>Saturday 25 December</b> Christmas Day	<b>9.00am</b> Christmas Morning Communion, 1662	<b>10.00am</b> Christmas Morning Family Communion (Contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Christmas Morning Family Communion (Contemporary)	<b>10.15am</b> Christmas Morning Family Communion (Contemporary)
<b>Sunday 26 December</b> St Stephen's Day	<b>10.30am - Culm Davy Chapel</b> Benefice Communion (Contemporary)			

**SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2022**

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
<b>Sunday 2 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	<b>9.00am</b> Communion service (Traditional 1662)		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 9 January</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany		<b>4.00pm</b> Epiphany Christingle	<b>10.00am</b> Epiphany Morning Worship (Contemporary) <b>6.30pm</b> Epiphany Evensong (Traditional 1662)	<b>11.00am</b> Epiphany Communion (Contemporary)
<b>Sunday 16 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<b>3.30pm</b> Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 23 January</b> 3 Sunday of Epiphany		<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship (contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship (contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)
<b>Sunday 30 January</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<b>10.30am St. Mary's Hemyock</b> United Benefice Communion Service (Contemporary)			

**In Addition:** A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer. *Contemporary* Holy Communion = Common Worship (2000) liturgy (28 Dec & 25 Jan)

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

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**'It might come in handy'**

My Mum and Dad moved house for the last time when they were in their late seventies. Like many of us they had accumulated during their lifetime not only some nice objects (books, paintings, silver and so on) but also, especially as found in the garage, hundreds of items which I can only lump together under one heading which you could describe as – 'it might come in handy'.

It was my job to go through everything in the garage, make many trips to the tip and then salvage a few things either for their new home or for mine.

My parents were brought up to be very frugal and thrifty in their lives. So, they didn't throw things away unless they absolutely had to. Dad had a huge correspondence and every day the post arrived with envelopes secured by lovely, thick, new rubber bands to be treasured in his desk

drawer. He never, ever purchased a rubber band or brown parcel paper either. In the garage were stored lengths of twine, bits of rusty wire netting, lengths of stick, blunt saws, innumerable pots, old handles for spades, seed trays full of holes, secateurs which didn't work plus good tools of all sorts.

As we approach yet another New Year, I would like to give you an important New Year resolution for which your husband/wife/partner/child(ren) will give you grateful thanks. Go through your things, especially in the shed or garage. Thank God and be grateful for what you have and then chuck out or give away what you don't need.

Don't go on for ever thinking, 'it might come in handy'.

*Happy New Year, Chris Hudson*



**Special Christmas Services**

Carol Services  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm at Culm Davy Chapel  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Culmstock, All Saints  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm at Heymock, St Marys

Starlight Carols in the Churchyards  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 5.00pm at Culmstock, All Saints  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 5.00pm at Clayhidon, St Andrews  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm at Hemyock, St Marys

Crib Services  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm at the barn, Gollick Park Farm, Clayhidon  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm at Hemyock, St Marys




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# St Mary's Hemyock



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## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

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### THANK YOU

**T**he Charity Shop crew would like to thank everyone who has supported us in so many ways during this rather unusual year. Whether it was giving donations or buying them, helping to deliver goods or just keeping us feeling wanted you've all been great. It was so encouraging to hear, after lockdowns, that we had been missed. And we missed you too!

One thing that we appreciated was the support you gave when we decided to follow your requests and open every Tuesday. We were hesitant but you were there – every week in some cases. Thank you!

We have kept to our aim of not sending goods to landfill. This year we have sent more items to CR4EE, which does save travelling to Taunton. We have also used various outlets in Honiton as well as Wellington and Tiverton.

We will too be keeping our usual act of using at least 25% of this year's proceeds for other charitable groups around the village. For various reasons we won't be doing that until April, but doing it we shall be!

One thing we will be doing a bit earlier is having a 3-2-1 Mini Carol Service on December 21st - 3 carols, 2 readings and a 1 minute "Sermon". And the customers choose the carols. Come along and sing!

It would be very wrong to finish this "review" without an enormous THANK YOU to our volunteers. If you think they just put things on shelves and take your money, would you like to add to your list "collect items, clean or repair them, deliver goods, contact people looking for special things, help dispose of unsold items to anywhere but landfill, tidy Brian's mess, find "specialists" for some repairs and a few other things besides" So Little Bren, Tall Bren, Carolyn, Colin, Marie and Pam take a big bow! You are all GREAT. As too are our relief helpers Gill and Lin. So as we approach the end of the year we hope that all of you will experience that Joy and Peace that the Christmas Story points us to. God bless you all!



## 1st Hemyock Brownies Helpers urgently needed!

The 1st Hemyock Brownie Pack was formed in 1943 being recognised formally in May two years later when Miss Barbara Hole took on the role of Brown Owl. Barbara held this role for an amazing 25 years. Janice Bawler, one of Barbara's Brownies, then took over the leadership until she married and moved away and since then various people have held the position. The present leader is Anne Leigh-Mallory and she is appealing for volunteers to help run the group.

It is impossible (and illegal) to keep the Pack in existence without new helpers. Our population has grown tremendously in recent years and many girls have enjoyed the activities Brownies offer, it would be sad if this was to end. Would you be willing to chat to Anne to discover what would be involved? As with many organisations perhaps it is a case of "the more the merrier" so that a rota can be arranged. If you feel you would like to explore this further please contact Anne on 01823 680691.

## St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

**WE WILL BE OPEN**

December 4<sup>th</sup> In Parish Hall with Church Fair

December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as normal 10 -12am  
in the Church Rooms

December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Special  
with  
Mini Carol Service

Then closed until

Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you for all your support through the year. May you all have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.**

## Christian Response to Eastern Europe

As the year draws to a close we want to extend our warmest thanks to everyone who has donated goods to Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee).

The past year has, at times, seen us almost overwhelmed with humanitarian aid for Moldova whilst over the last few weeks we have been delighted with the response to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal for children and adults.

A number of people have knitted 6" squares, some surprisingly coming from the north of England and Reading area, and have been sewn into blankets of various sizes and some lovely knitted baby clothes were a joy to receive.

Our greatest surprise was to receive knitted items - clothing and toys - from some elderly ladies from the Wellington and Taunton area, who have no connection, and between them produced well over 200 items in wonderful patterns and glorious colours. To hear that one of these 90 plus years ladies was practically blind was heartwarming and inspiring.

On our last visit to the Exmouth depot we were welcomed with the comment, "We've been looking out for you as you always bring such a lot of nice things with you". It's not us but YOU the lovely, generous people of our area and further beyond.

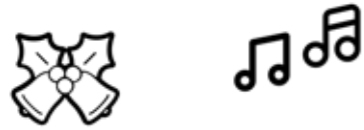
We do hope that you will feel able to continue supporting Moldova during the coming year. Please do contact us if you have any queries. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and hope 2022 will bring you much happiness.

With our love and thanks, David and Janice.  
Mob 07773 579809.

### Did You Know... No. 405

In England there are more churches either running or involved with Foodbanks than there are branches of a certain catering chain that uses a yellow "M" to advertise its presence. Thanks to all the people supporting Foodbanks via the Church and Spar Shop collecting points. You are much appreciated!"





The Friends of St Mary's Church welcome

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St Mary's Church Hemyock

## Fairtrade

**W**ith all the discussions at COP26 in the news of recent weeks you'll be pleased to know that the Hemyock PCC was there (at least in thought) before them.

A lot of parishes across the Diocese are looking at ways they can be more environmentally friendly and more aware of the needs of people in less developed countries. So the Church Council has decided to focus on Fairtrade items in its purchasing as a start.

There is Fairtrade Fortnight to come early next year. Indeed there may be many others in the village looking towards similar aims and if so we'd love to hear from you.

Who knows perhaps we could, over time, become a Fairtrade Village!

## Thanks

John Bimson would like to thank the unknown person who found his lost hearing aid and handed it in to the Surgery. He is most grateful and would like to express his sincere thanks to the kind Samaritan.

## From the Ringing Room

### The Tower upgrade.

This has begun quietly over the past few weeks. We have "entertained" representatives from Builders and bellhangers, both local and from further afield. The results of their calculations are now starting to arrive. This will lead us onto our next stage which is to investigate where we might find finance for the project. We are fortunate in this country in that there are literally hundreds of bodies who will make grants to projects such as this one. The problem is finding out which ones. Many will have restrictions such as "only for work within 30 miles of Slough" or "does not cover decorative work", "Maximum 10% of projected costs". There is a book one can scan called the "Directory of Grant Making Trusts", it's about 8 centimetres thick! Not bedtime reading!!

And if you think that approach rules out local fundraising the answer is it does not. Many trusts will only match-fund so our own fundraising will be important. So yes we will be open to sponsorships, donations, ideas etc etc.

### Bell Three – our enigma bell

Somebody raised a query about our earlier comments regarding this bell and our saying that it will be 400 years old in 2024. How did we know that? Quite simply because it is inscribed on the bell, even if the 2 is the wrong way round.

Most bells will have various details cast on their body. The more usual things are makers name, Rector and Churchwardens names and date of casting. There might also be information about donors, (Mrs Smith paid for me) some local news or even boasting (we sound better than the bells in the next village!) There might be a motto or statement, for example our 4th bell has "Draw near unto God" whilst the 5th has "True hearts and sound bottoms!"

The third in Hemyock has none of these except the date. What it does have is a series of initials:

RL CS HG HH IM HH HB WK IK WG AT PM

Whilst documentary evidence was lost in World War 2 it is thought that around 1621 it was decided to recast the 5 bells in the tower at the time, but possibly money was a bit short. One way of saving a few pence would be to forgo casting the normal information onto every bell. Even with limited detail this would save time. Don't forget that the mould would be back to front and spelt backwards when looked at. The suggestion is that these initials were those of people who had made donations towards the cost of the bell. It was put forward that this bell might have been funded by younger members of the population. Certainly names matching the initials and the date have been put forward.

And the bell rings on. There is thought that it was cast in Cullompton or Exeter, but to the best of our knowledge it has not travelled far, just leaving Hemyock once to go to Loughborough in 1982. The rest of its companions all date from the 1800s so quite a wait for the next 400th birthday!

## Friends of St Mary's Hemyock

### October's Concert

Our Concert on 17th October was given in St. Mary's by the Dayus-Jones Piano Trio +, all the way from Longmead! It comprises pianist Gareth and his two children JJ, 13 (cello) and Annie, 11 (violin). But there were four performers so the + (plus) was Annie's friend, Frankie, also 11.

The large audience were in for a real treat. The talent of all of them is remarkable. Each played a solo with a light nervousness, but a wonderfully mature sound. They also played in various groupings. We were treated to a variety of classical music and more – and they were items you would normally hear in a concert-hall, not in a practice room. The donations, including those for the tea and cakes came to nearly £300, for which we are most grateful. If you weren't there this year, we have already booked them for next October so don't miss out on a most uplifting afternoon.

### November's Refreshment

Rather different in character, was the Cider & Savoury Evening on 12th November in the Church Room, which was comfortably full and attractively laid out. The food looked delicious – and tasted even better! Have you ever drunk mulled cider? You never know what we will come up with next. I think everyone was sober the next morning, but at the time of going to press the monies had not been finalised – perhaps £200? What was definitely enjoyed was the entertainment, provided by six who did a wonderful 'costumed' version of "If I was not upon the stage, a ????? I'd be...." Thankyou.

### December's Treat

Still to come on Sunday afternoon, 19th December is a concert of Carols in St. Mary's by the Stanchester Quire, who specialise in West Country Carols. We really enjoyed their last visit and look forward to you all joining us for the singing – and even mince pies?

Ron White

## Royal British Legion Award Service

**W**hen David Bawler of Hemyock found he had been nominated for a Royal British Legion Award in recognition of his outstanding volunteer contribution to the charity by Tim Courtenay, a retired Royal Marine Colonel, for 10 years the County Field Officer for the RBL in Devon, little did he realise he would be invited to attend the RBL Centenary Service at Westminster Abbey.

The service conducted by the Dean of Westminster was attended by HM The Queen and HRH The Princess Royal along with The Lord Mayor of Westminster and saw David and his wife Janice, sat 5 rows behind the Royal party allowing them excellent views including that of the Abbey choir and the Royal British Legion Standard as it was carried to the High Altar.

The State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry and the fanfare team from the Band of the Grenadier Guards along with The Central Band of the RBL and the Abbey organ



**Above** David and Janice Bawler outside of Westminster Abbey

provided glorious music whilst the Act of Rededication was given by Lt Gen James Bashall CB CBE Naional President of the Royal British Legion.

David said " The invitation was totally unexpected. It was an honour and a humbling experience to be amongst past and present serving personnel at such a moving event. I would not have received this award if it had not been for the support of local volunteer collectors, businesses and all who donate to the Poppy Appeal year upon year and my thanks goes to them.



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**Peter Holway Charity**

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This charity still exists today and its purpose is to help anyone living within the Parish boundary who finds themselves in temporary financial hardship and requires some help. This help can come in many ways. It could be for the purchase of a piece of equipment to make life easier, or something small as providing transport to hospital or helping with hospital car parking charges.

If not for yourself, you may know someone else, who could use a little help but would not ask themselves. Anyone getting in touch with one of the trustees can be assured of absolute discretion and confidentiality.

We would also consider requests from organisations in the Parish should they have any specific needs or requirements.

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The Trust has discretion to give grants for medical equipment and treatments as well as giving financial assistance to patients of the Blackdown Practice for numerous purposes.

All grants are given for the physical and mental wellbeing of the patients, and many will gain support by the help the Trust gives in supplying counselling where the NHS is unable to supply.

There are many examples that we could give of the patients we have helped recently and would cite one that required

their bathroom to be modernised to enable them to continue to live at home; another patient who needed a chair that would help them in getting in and out without assistance. Another example is a patient who had severe back pain and a grant was given for them to have remedial massage.

If you feel the Trust can help you we would suggest you talk to your GP or any person who gives you support and submit an Application form which can be found online or pick one up from any of the Blackdown Practice surgeries. The Trustees are only too happy to consider any applications. Alternatively for more details please contact the secretary, Mrs Judy Barton on 01823 680975 or j.h.barton@hotmail.co.uk.

The Trustees are proud of the speed with which they are able to help patients and in many cases are able to provide financial assistance within two weeks.

The current Trustees are Mrs Shirley Wyatt (Chairman), Mr Stephen Walker (Legal representative - Ashfords), Mrs Judy Barton (Secretary), Mrs Penny Browning, Dr Susan Brocklesby and Mr Tom Baker.

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### News from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre

As many of you know, we re-opened on September 1st and I am so pleased to report that the Centre has been busy and buzzing with activity ever since. It is wonderful to see so many members of the community back in the Centre enjoying the facilities; they may be organising a private party, joining one of our 7 weekly exercise classes, attending CAMEO, or the Community Shed, seeing one of our therapists, taking part in one of our support groups or enjoying the monthly village lunch. It's great to have you back!

You will see in this edition of the Pump that we are launching 'The Riverside Club.' This is an amalgamation of our CAMEO and Brightside Clubs. We thank Tracey Howe for over 20 years of service to CAMEO and wish her well as she focuses on her role as a carer in the community. We are very pleased to welcome Lynn Pulman to the Centre, she will be running 'The Riverside Club' and comes with over 30 years of experience working with older people.

Looking forward to Christmas, we will be serving mulled cider and hot chocolate outside the Centre as we congregate for the start of the Lights Brigade procession on Saturday 4th December. We are having our 'Riverside Club' Christmas lunch on Monday 13th December, if you used to attend Brightside and/or Memory Café and would like to join us, speak to Jan Morison on 01823 680687.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Centre will be closed from Thursday 23rd December until Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Peta Dayus-Jones  
Centre Manager



According to Age UK, more than 2 million people in England over the age of 75 live alone, and more than a million older people say they go for over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member. People can become socially isolated for a variety of reasons, such as getting older or weaker, no longer being the hub of their family, retiring, the death of a spouse or friend, or through illness or disability. Loneliness affects the health and wellbeing of many older people in the UK and is one of the biggest issues of today.

The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre is launching 'The Riverside Club.' The aim of the Riverside Club is to bring people together to have fun, mentally and physically; laughter is the best medicine. A typical day would start with a cuppa and biscuits, a themed quick-fire quiz or word wheel, followed by an art, craft, baking, musical, travel or historical activity, then some gentle exercise followed by a two-course lunch. The afternoon might include some lively activities such as balloon tennis, seated basketball or skittles, giant board games, group games or some external entertainment. It's different every week as our days are planned/themed appropriately to fit the time of year.



The Riverside Club is run twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9.30am to 3pm by Lynn Pulman. If you would like more information or wish to join us, please contact Lynn Pulman on 01823 680687 or email [riverside@bhlac.org.uk](mailto:riverside@bhlac.org.uk)

### Blackdown Support Group



Thank you to all of our Clients, Volunteers, Friends and our Blackdown Practice Colleagues for their ongoing support over the last year, as we continue to find a way through the challenges that Covid 19 has thrown our way. We hope you are able to enjoy some time with neighbours, family or friends over the festive period and we look forward to seeing many of you at our various Christmas lunch clubs in December.



We are, as always, incredibly grateful for your contributions to the Blackdown Support Group, whether in giving up your time as a Volunteer, in donations as a supporter or Friend or as someone who uses our services, comes to a group or club and shares information with others who might find it helpful. You all help to make a difference to the lives of local people and to make the organisation a success.

Please remember that if you, or someone you know, are struggling over the winter months and need some impartial and confidential support, the following services are available to anyone, of any age, living in the Blackdown Hills:

- Transport to health, social or wellbeing appointments
- Someone to talk to – face to face or over the phone
- Prescription or shopping delivery for those self-isolating or with mobility issues
- Bereavement support – telephone or group sessions
- Carer support – sitting service and 1 to 1 support
- Practical support with social, housing or financial issues
- Advice and guidance on other services

**Please note over the Christmas period the office will be open as normal up to and including Friday 24th December.**

**We will be closed Saturday 25th to Tuesday 28th, re-opening on Wednesday 29th December. We will also be closed on Monday 3rd January.**

Advance warning of any transport requirements during this period would be appreciated where possible.

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### The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – What's on

<b>Riverside Club</b>	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687
<b>Community Shed</b>	Tuesdays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. The Shed is a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending in a social setting. Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687
<b>BSG Lunch Club</b>	First Wednesday of every month at 12.30pm, come and enjoy a low cost, nutritious and freshly-cooked two course meal. Contact Blackdown Support Group (01823) 681036
<b>Memory Café</b>	From January 2022 - Second Tuesday of the month, tea, coffee, company and gentle activities for anyone affected by memory loss and their carers. Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687

<b>Monday</b>	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
<b>Tuesday</b>	Yoga	9.30 – 11am	Lea-Ann Furphy
	Pilates	6.30 – 7.30pm	Harriet Tubbs
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pilates (2 classes)	6pm & 7.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
<b>Friday</b>	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 & 10.45am	Sarah Grey
<b>Therapies</b>	Massage – Ruth Bell (07892 896895)		
	Chiropractic – Sue Moore (07534 222031)		
	Osteopathy – Martha Price (07734 431624)		
	Massage – Rachel Ridler (07854 973276)		
	Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – clinic@betonica.co.uk		

Call 01823 680687 for further information and details of our classes or visit our new website [www.bhlac.org.uk](http://www.bhlac.org.uk)

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## Hemyock History Group

**W**e can thank 2 Hemyock residents for giving our members fascinating talks on journeys to far away places. Mark Farrell provided a journal of his and Sue, his wife's, overland journey in a converted Land Rover from Hemyock to Japan with both still and video film of the journey while Piers Langdon gave a moving description of his family's experiences of living and working in Africa from just after the first world war up to the time they had to leave Ethiopia due to the troubles that have beset that Country over many years.

### Overland Journey from Hemyock to Tokyo in 2019 for the Rugby World Cup

The vehicle that Mark and Sue Farrell travelled in was an ex military ambulance called Amber which safely carried them over the largest landmass in the world with several sea crossings along the way. Once safely across the channel a civilized 3,500km European tour of France, Belgium, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and into Asia through Georgia, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan where they arrived at Baku, the capital located on the coast of the Caspian Sea and where they caught the ferry to take them over the Caspian Sea to Turkmenbashi in Turkmenistan. On the ferry they met several other travellers en route to Tokyo on bicycles. Over the remaining journey they were to metaphorically bump into these cyclists several more times. Mark strongly recommended Georgia and Azerbaijan as of great interest.

As they moved east via the famous Samarkand and into Tajikistan they were close to the Afghan border where the dramatic scenery presented a view of the same crops growing at ever increasing altitudes showing striking colour changes due to the planting of the crop over a long period of time by the same men manually planting the seedlings. Little evidence of agricultural mechanisation could be discerned by Mark, who is a professional in such matters.

As they progressed through this awe inspiring country they realised that the mountain range became the Hindu Kush Himalaya as the map says. Having never been there myself I cannot comment on where the Hindu Kush starts and where the Himalaya ends. However I understand that one of our members has travelled through the Hindu Kush and may talk about this differentiation at one of our future meetings.

Inside Amber there was a hidden store of bottles of Otter beer intended to be presented to Ben Moon, our Hemyock resident, who was due to be in the England squad for the world cup. As things turned out he did not make it, but the bottles of beer did, and proved useful as celebratory presentations to interesting people they met en route, and to side step the usual drink of fermented mare's milk. One such presentation was to the bride at a traditional Mongolian wedding held in the traditional colourful yurts. Although invited they turned down the opportunity of taking part in another tradition, the men's wrestling tournament where a lot of yak grease is used.

In order to avoid the Chinese border marked by a continuous barbed wire fence, Amber drove north towards Russia spotting

the Aral Sea which takes a bit of spotting, since it is virtually dried up due to the cotton plantations sucking up all the water leaving a dried up bed displaying stranded shipping boats dotted about the desert like sandy surface presenting a sort of art installation to the traveller.

A further 6,500kms took Amber through Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and Russia with a change in the route due to road conditions taking them several extra days backtracking. The temperature as they drove past the Gobi Desert was 39 degrees. One of the main problems that Mark Farrell had to prepare for was the access to diesel fuel throughout their entire journey. Amber was well stocked with metal fuel cans filled with the precious diesel. Of course with the number of vehicles trading across the vast Asian continent there are always sources of fuel, but just look at the recent situation when car drivers locally decided not to start a journey of say 50 miles unless they had checked which garages were open and stocked with fuel. Mark and Sue set off on a 6,200 mile journey to Vladivostok across some of the most inhospitable country in the world not knowing their exact route and trusting that there would be a supply of fuel when required. It is a recommendation to the planning of Mark and the welcoming nature of the peoples of the most remote countries in the world that resulted in their progress over the Asian land mass proving to be such an enjoyable experience. They then took a ferry from Vladivostok, Russia over to South Korea where they were well received, although they did have to take off any reference to Japan before proceeding.

Although Japan is not very popular in S Korea, there is a ferry from S Korea over to Japan taking Amber over to Japan and on to Tokyo where they could enjoy the Rugby World Cup.

### Surviving life in Africa

Piers' grandfather, Brigadier Daniel Sandford served on the western front in World War one, after which he moved to Ethiopia, a country the size of France and Spain combined. Ethiopia had had a troubled history since 1889 when the Treaty of Wichale, was signed by Italy who had invaded Ethiopia as part of their empire building but were routed by Ethiopian forces supported by the Russians resulting in this peace pact with Emperor Menilek II of Ethiopia, whereby Italy was granted the northern Ethiopian territories of modern Eritrea and northern Tigray. However relationships soon broke down again and Italy acknowledged the absolute independence of Ethiopia in 1896 with the Italians retaining Eritrea. Emperor Menilek I was the legendary son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

After the 1st World War Sandford was stationed in Aden across the Red Sea from Ethiopia but spent much time in Ethiopia and in 1930 when Haile Sellassie became Emperor, he worked with and advised the Emperor. Prior to his coronation, he had been the Regent Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia from 1916. He is a defining figure in modern Ethiopian history, and the key figure of Rastafari, a religious movement in Jamaica which emerged shortly after he became emperor in the 1930. Haile Selassie's internationalist views led to Ethiopia becoming a charter member of the United Nations, however Italy invaded again in 1935 and 1936 by the fascist Mussolini forcing Sandford to flee the country and return to England. Shortly afterwards Haile Sellassie also fled his country and was protected by the British Authorities living in Bath where he was reunited with Sandford. The Sandford family had established the Sandford Community

School in Addis Ababa in the 20s which is still operating today. With his knowledge of the Horn of Africa, Sandford was used by General Wavell in Cairo to work with the infamous General Wingate, based in the Sudan organising partisans. The British forces, which consisted primarily of Ethiopian-backed African and South African colonial troops, coordinated the military effort to liberate Ethiopia. The Emperor crossed back into his Country from Sudan in 1941 with the support of Sandford and Wingate and the British forces. The emperor himself issued several imperial proclamations in this period, demonstrating that, while authority was not divided up in any formal way, British military might and the emperor's populist appeal could be joined in the concerted effort to liberate Ethiopia. On 5 May 1941, Haile Selassie entered Addis Ababa and personally addressed the Ethiopian people, exactly five years after the fascist forces entered Addis Ababa. The emperor continued to be a staunch ally of the West, while pursuing a firm policy of decolonization in Africa, which was still largely under European colonial rule. Haile Sellassie ruled his country with the support of the army for many years but due to the famine in the early 1970s and inflation a troubled period resulted in the army taking control with the result that in 1975 many of the ruling elite were executed and in August 1975, Haile Sellassie after 45 years of being Head of State was also killed. Brigadier Sandford had died only 3 years before at the farm he had created just outside Addis Ababa and was aware of the troubles facing his very important friend who attended his funeral. The current situation in Ethiopia with the country entering the second year of a civil war with little prospect of a ceasefire between Tigray and Eritrea and headlines declaring an irreversible state collapse and 300,000 refugees massing on the border, the future looks bleak.

### Talks over the next 2 months

At our Christmas meeting on December 16th, John Ward will be talking about the Masons. We will also be having some seasonal food and drink.

On January 20th we have a special meeting with a historian from Cambridge talking about the Bowerman family who were connected to many famous historical figures who had connections to Hemyock.

Best wishes  
Mike Cooper

## Valley Arts

**V**alley-Arts are well under way with the comedy play "Who killed the soap star". The cast are: Alison, Hilary, Sue, Julie, Gillian, Helen, Kevin, Ben, Andy, Geoff, Chris and Gary who will provide a very entertaining play and hopefully guests will be able to pick up clues whilst watching, to help them to solve the Murder.



The hall will be decorated for Christmas, so join in the fun and wear your Christmas, socks, earrings, ties, jumpers etc. Zelda will be playing a few Christmas songs around the piano and there will be a quiz on the table for fun.

There will be a cash prize for the winning Murder Mystery table.

Drinks and food will be served to your table of 6 to avoid too much movement and disruption.

Tables are limited and tickets are selling well, so if you fancy a cracking evening out on your doorstep get your tickets soon from Gillian 680047 or stuart.summers28@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

**H**emyock Gardeners enjoyed their well-attended Association's Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 10 November. With the main business being the election of officers, the Committee were re-elected en masse by a unanimous show of hands.

Gill volunteered to become a Committee member and she will be a great addition to the team. The Treasurer said that in his view there would be no need to increase the meeting entrance fee so this will remain at £1. It was a pleasure to be able to show off the Pottinger Cup to those at the meeting. This is the trophy awarded to the winning team in a horticultural based quiz competed for every October against Willand, Sampford Peverell and this year Sampford Arundel.

Congratulations were given to the triumphant team and just to test us all Brenda came up with a couple of quizzes to end the evening's proceedings. Plans are being made for 2022 so watch this space! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8 December and our first meeting of 2022 on Wednesday 12 January is a bring and share supper and everyone is most welcome to come along.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month in Hemyock Parish Hall at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022 especially at our Spring Show on Saturday 2 April. If you need any further details about Hemyock Gardeners, do get in touch. We have a website [www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk](http://www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk) and you can find us on Facebook or just give us a ring on 01823 681393.



## Around Hemyock

**A**s we approach Christmas it was so good to hear that three now village traditional events, Lights Brigade, The Big Visit and St Mary's Christmas Fair would be taking place. Add into that the Christingle and other seasonal services life appears to be returning to some normality this December although Hemyock Singers concert and dinner is a casualty of the pandemic.

The Lights Parade attracts many people to the village as we all enjoy the spectacular lanterns produced by young and old. This years display will of course be rather special as it commemorates the founding in Hemyock of the organisation which evolved into the Young Farmers Clubs.

The Devon Air Ambulance and Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital will benefit when people dig deep to support these two charities and enjoy seeing Father Christmas as he tours around the area bringing surprises.

Meeting friends, enjoying a 'cuppa' winning a tombola or raffle prize, buying some tasty cakes or preserves are just some of the ways we can support our parish church and the work it does within our community.

The torrential storm which hit the area a few weeks ago saw roads blocked and St Mary's flooded, carpets ruined and the church closed as work took place to dry the building out. Thanks to all involved. Without doubt the biggest complaint by many over recent weeks has been the partial disruption caused by roadworks as cables were being installed.

On a happier note many belated congratulations to David and Esther Needle who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

All good wishes are sent to those who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery including **Wendy, Roger, John, Brian, Mark, Ron and Chris**. We remember and send Christmas greetings to those we know in care homes or for the first time will find themselves spending Christmas alone.

**Doreen and Robert Pike** wish to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes after they both had stays in Musgrove Hospital recently. They are now both at home once again and hope to continue making progress. We all send our best wishes and look forward to seeing them out and about when the weather allows. The following has been received from family who have recently had a loved one pass away and send our love and condolences.

### Rev Prebendary Margaret Cameron 1948-2021

The funeral of Margaret was held at Exmouth and preceded by a Requiem Mass for family and close friends.

Margaret was ordained Deacon in 1990 and in 1994 became one of the first women to be ordained to the priesthood in the Church of England moving to our United Benefice two year later before moving to serve in Plympton St Mary where she remained for the last 10 years of her fulltime ministry which ended in 2013. In 2005 Margaret was appointed a Prebendary at Exeter Cathedral.

Margaret was born in Plymouth attending Stoke Damerell High School for Girls where she excelled at English, Latin and History. She memorably played Bottom in their production of Midsummers Night Dream during her final year when she was Head Girl.

At Queen Mary College in London Margaret read history and following a post graduate diploma in archive administration gained her first job as an Archivist at the Devon record office at Exeter. Whilst there she attended St Leonard's church where she met her future husband Hamilton. They married in 1971 and this December would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.

In 1984 whilst attending a church at Budleigh Salterton the priest, after watching Margaret lead a discussion group, asked her if she had ever thought about ministry in the church. At first the idea was resisted but following a sermon Margaret realised God was calling her and she was accepted for ordination.

Margaret was a wise and insightful priest who also maintained a deep and abiding interest in many aspects of the world around her - art and literature, garden design, needlecraft, detective fiction, travel and cricket.

Following a visit to Hemyock by a Ugandan priest Margaret and Hamilton were part of a small local group who visited the country enjoying the loving hospitality of those they met.

On Margaret's retirement she continued to serve the church through part time ministry primarily at Clyst Honiton where she was a much loved inspiration with her kind and gentle ways.

Sadly Margaret was diagnosed with cancer in 2014 but she bore her illness with courage and resilience right to the end never allowing it to interfere with her joy of life, love of family and friends, generosity of heart and great faith.

### Anthony Francis (Tony) Bennett 15/07/1944 -27/10/2021

On 21st September children, grandchildren, relatives and representatives from the whole of his adult life were present in St. Mary's Church to celebrate the life of a gentle man with a wry sense of humour whom we were all grateful to have known. Tony was born in Hertford and spent his early life living in Essex and Hertfordshire and attending Hertford Grammar School. Studying Law and Politics at Hull University he was also active in the University Social Services Organisation & met with Mike who was later Best Man at his wedding to Sue, also a Law Student. With others they represented their University at Tiddlywinks. Mike was present at Tony's service and Sue spoke about how lucky we were to have been able to know Tony, given that his paternal grandfather had narrowly escaped death as a prisoner of the Germans in Holland during World War I when he had been Skipper of the Harwich/Hook of Holland ferry. He had survived to father Tony's Dad and Aunty Lil.

On graduation Tony became a Solicitor, eventually Partner in a London Firm with whom he stayed for ten years before moving to West Sussex/Hampshire to work for the same firm

in Petersfield. While the children were growing Tony became involved with the PTA of their local Primary School in Rogate, indulging his love of music and singing by joining Church Choir as a family, local Choral Societies, musical /drama activities with the school. He was church treasurer for 12 years. He rang church bells and, starting enjoying a 'social life' he decided not to go back to the commute London with the Firm, he joined Warner Goodman, a firm with offices in Southampton, Portsmouth and other towns in South Hants and soon becoming a partner specializing in Domestic and Commercial Conveyancing.

In the absence of Ian Curtis who was self-isolating with covid, John Nash spoke emotionally at the service about Tony's time with Warner Goodman - from being a brilliant lawyer to Tony's willingness to involve himself with various fundraising and social activities with his usual wry sense of humour to the time when he gently and patiently retrained Accountant John himself himself as a Conveyancer.

Without the commute to London, during the later 1980s, Tony fancied learning the 'art' of Morris Dancing in clogs with a highly decorative 'side' called Knockhundred Shuttle, based in Midhurst, West Sussex. With them, the family having helped him learn (in the kitchen) the essential 'tomato soup' clog tap rhythms necessary for most of the dances, he loved going to the various gigs & Festivals countrywide and abroad at weekends and during holidays. Sue would travel too and either drum for the group or play recorder or just support, while the girls played their instruments when they were available. Tony taught himself to play button accordion (melodeon) & alternated the dancing with playing for the dance, continuing having lessons when he and Sue moved to France in 2005.

Keith came to the Service and spoke about sharing 'digs' with him/us on tour, remembering Tony's quiet and unassuming presence -or sometimes sitting watching with shoulders shaking with laughter at the antics of others.



In France Tony loved the social life around learning breton dancing and singing with the local choral societies. Singing friends came to the service from Winchester – folk who have known Sue and Tony since the 70s. They represented the two missing french members of 'Quatuoria' the quartet in which Tony was the tenor for some 6 years in Brittany, singing at fundraising events locally.

And so to Hemyock in 2014. Tony joined the Church choir and Hemyock Singers, Valley Arts, the Walking Group & volunteered with the National Trust at Knightshayes. He loved the continued contact with Dance which he derived from attending 'Zimba' sessions at the Garages, and also our social gatherings with friends in the Catherine Wheel. All of these things he was able to do right up until lockdown/his sad decline into dementia and finally into the pneumonia which caused his death in August.

The family would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate Tony's life, and all those who so kindly made donations which resulted in a little over £450 which is going to the Camelot Lodge Residents' Fund. Sue, Simon, Emma & Ruth

### Mrs Edna Doble

Edna, widow of Rev John Doble, died on 7th September at the age of 92. John and Edna retired to Hemyock in 1992 and lived in Parklands, with their daughter Maggie, until they moved to Wellington in 2005. A very kind and gracious lady, whose life was given to working with John in his ministry in their various Baptist Churches in and around London and also supporting overseas mission work. Edna was, in her own right, a gifted speaker, mentor, organiser and a great letter writer. When she and John retired to Hemyock they joined Hemyock Baptist Church, Edna became a deacon and played the organ at services.

Before retirement, John and Edna with their daughters Jackie, Viv and Maggie would come each year for their summer holidays and stay with John's father and mother, Alfred and Hilda Doble of Madford and later Eastlands. During these visits, all the family made many lifelong friends, as well as visiting the wider family, and came to feel the Hemyock/Wellington area as their home. Jackie, Viv and Maggie now all live in the Wellington/Taunton area.

On 9th October a Service of Thanksgiving was held for John and Edna at Hemyock Baptist Church. Due to covid restrictions, this was the first opportunity to hold such a service and it was fitting that it should have focused on both John and Edna and their lives and work together, because they were a real team. Family members and folks from their Churches at Ruislip, Kettering, Orpington, Hove and Aldwick gave tributes together with speakers from Sat-7 and Chris Menzfeld from the Slavic Gospel Association, who, with his wife, lives here in Hemyock. Two of their five grandchildren also shared how their grandparents supported them in their young lives, and how visits to Hemyock were always a highlight!

We also remember John and family on the death of his daughter; Sarah on the passing of her brother in law, and the family of Willian (Bill) Venn on his death.

This years **Remembrance Sunday** saw around 200 people gathered around the War Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony following the church service. **David Major**, Lay



Reader, led the service with **David Bawler**, RBL Poppy Organizer reading the Lesson. At the War Memorial the names of those engraved were read out and Tim Barton gave the Exhortation. As the 2 minutes silence took place a gentle breeze blew numerous leaves from the churchyard trees being reminiscent of the poppy petals which fall during the Festival of Remembrance held at the Royal Albert Hall.

Prior to the service the *choir of St Mary's* led the parade, which included members of **1st Hemyock Scout Group**, through the village. The collection in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal amounted to £314.

**Rev John Stone** took the short Act of Remembrance held at the War Memorial on Armistice Day which was attended by about 50 people.

Our thanks go to the group of people who once again provided the glorious **handcrafted poppy display** around the church and War Memorial. Rumour has it plans are afoot to enlarge the display for next year.

Heading towards a New Year my thanks to Louise Stephens for part of a poem written by her many years ago:

A whole New Year before us  
Like a book, its pages bare  
Its up to us the writing  
To us what's written there...

May we live in quiet contentment  
Head held high and conscience clear  
Filled with strong determination  
To make a nearly perfect year.

Sending all good wishes for a joyful Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.

Janice



**Poets Corner**

**BRANCHES**

Stark and bare against the sky,  
Dark the trees stand,  
In the Winter,  
Combing mists from the cold air,  
Sighing songs of Winter wind,  
Dark bark swells  
With the bud's of Springtime,  
Even in the coldest days of Winter,  
Fit to burst with the  
Joy of Springtime,  
Ready for the green of Summer.

**DECEMBER**

Was it this dark month  
the time that Mary came?  
Cold and tired  
and she with child;  
Night came early but  
all rooms gone,  
The prospect of a shared night  
in the asses bay;  
That Night the King Of kings  
was born,  
Quietly amongst the hay.  
But shepherds in the hilltop fields,  
Heard and saw  
Heaven's choirs sing,  
and were the first to come  
To see their King,  
A story they just had to tell,  
They told it Well!

David Palmer

**Hemyock Bowling Club**

**O**n Saturday November 13th, the club held its annual presentation dinner at the Catherine Wheel in Hemyock. With Covid 19 restrictions being relaxed, the club were able to hold its usual club competitions this year, and after members had enjoyed a choice of roasts and naughty puddings, the trophies were presented.

Barbara Heaton won the ladies 2 wood title, and Jo Blackmore took the ladies 4 wood cup. John Stevens cleaned up with the First Timers trophy, the open 3 woods title and shared the men's pairs trophy with Colin Risdon, who also won the open pairs trophy with Paul Matthews. Howard Barns won the men's 2 wood and 4 wood cups. A raffle was held which raised the excellent sum of £125 for Shelterbox, the nominated charity of our president, Barbara Heaton. A good evening was enjoyed by all.

The club will hopefully be holding a Christmas lunch in mid-December, but will definitely be hosting a New Years Eve dance at the Parish hall, open to all, on guess when, New Years Eve. Watch out for more details and info about tickets.

In the spring, the club will be making a major effort to encourage people to take up bowling and become members, and will be sending out fliers in the post to a large surrounding area as well as Hemyock.

Watch out for posters. With Covid rumbling on, bowling really is an ideal safe sport for all the family to enjoy some fresh air and exercise and safe social interaction.

Howard Barns, Chairman

**HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)**

**T**he good news for the parish hall (and recreation field) is that although Covid is obviously still with us, the use of the hall is on an upward curve with many groups and societies beginning to meet once more. Look out for further info throughout the 'Pump'.

In September and October, the Saturday market returned and with a few changes to minimise unnecessary movement and increase social space, was largely seen as very successful and well attended. Let's hope that we can build on this and hold successful markets before Christmas and into 2022.

The hall committee met recently, and exists to maintain the asset that is the Parish Hall, but needs some new (possibly younger) faces to help us manage. If you feel able to commit to a few hours meeting every two months or so, and help occasionally, whether it's tables that need to be put away following a function, or Christmas decorations to be put up, then we'd like to hear from you.

We are particularly happy that we have been able to re open the children's play park, and would like to pay particular thanks to Jon Dagger and his team for making the area safe and repairing some of the equipment. We very much hope that in the not too distant future, further improvement may be possible.

Bob Hawkes (bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com)

**Hemyock Primary School**

**I**t gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Hemyock Primary School. Hemyock Primary School quite rightly has a strong reputation in the village and I look forward to working with what is an exceptional staffing body to continue to serve our wider community.



**Hemyock Primary School**



At our recent inspection, we were proud that Ofsted said we 'provide a nurturing environment for pupils to thrive and succeed.' The staff here work tirelessly with the children to encourage and enable them to achieve their potential.

After a difficult 18 months; I hope that we can work closely with community leaders and stakeholders to ensure that our wonderful primary school continues to be at the centre of village life.

If you are interested in finding out more about our school, please get in touch with the office on 01823 680240 or e-mail us on hemyock@ventrus.org.uk and we will be happy to help you.

Chris Greenhall, Head Teacher, Hemyock Primary School

**Blackdown Hills Repair Café**

We are offering you all to attend our next Blackdown Hills Repair Café at the Parish Hall in **Hemyock on the 22nd of January 2022 from 10am until 12.30pm**, where you are able to bring all your items in need of repair, and enjoy a range of delicious refreshments which will be on sale from our tea room.

Many thanks and kind regards, Stephan Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783 Or at: sfelehner@aol.com.

**Acorns**  
Next meeting  
**WEDS 19th JANUARY 2022**  
at 2.30pm  
in the Forbes Lounge.  
AGM plus tea, cake and chat  
New members welcome.



# What's On December 2021 / January 2022

## DEC

- Wed 1 BSG Hemyock Lunch Club, FL, 12.45 – 2.30 BHLAC
- Thu 2 Taunton FM Riverside Club, 9.30 – 3pm, Devon Dance Fit, 6 – 8pm, PH
- Sat 4 Cull'ton, FM, ST.. MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR, LIGHTS BRIGADE, 6pm
- Mon 6 Riverside Club, BHLAC, 9. 30 – 3pm, Badminton, 1.30 – 3.30 PH Salsa BX Dance, 6.30 – 7.30, PH
- Tue 7 Charity/Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12, Baby + Toddlers, 1.45- 3.15 PH, Moira Mansbridge Ballet, 4.15 – 6.15, FL, Tues Club, 7.30, FL
- Wed 8 BSG Rosemary Lane, Xmas Lunch, Empty Spaces, 2.30- 4pm, BHLAC, Gardeners' Meeting, 7.30pm, PH
- Thu 9 Taunton FM, Riverside Club, Mobile Library Devon Dance Fit 6pm – 8pm, PH
- Fri 10 Empty Spaces, 10.30 - 12.00, BHLAC
- Sat 11 HEMYOCK MARKET (inc. Xmas Trees), Well. FM Valley Arts" MURDER MYSTERY", Doors open 7pm, (01823 680047
- Mon 13 Salsa DX Dance exercise, 6.30 -7.30, PH, Young Farmers FL, 7.30
- Tue 14 Charity/ Coffee Shop, Memory Club, 10.30, 12, BHLAC, Moira's Ballet, 4.15-6.15, FL
- Thu 16 Honiton, Taunton FM. Devon Dance Fit, 6 – 8pm PH
- Fri 17 Shortest Day, Local Schools' End of Term
- Sat 18 Mobile Library, Hemyock PH
- SUN 19 STANCHESTER CHOIR, 3pm, St Mary's
- Mon 20 Young Farmers, F.L. 7.30
- Tue 21 First day of Winter, Charity/ Coffee Shop, 10 -12, CR
- Thu 23 Taunton Farmers' Market, NB - No Riverside Club
- Sat 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- SUN 26 BOXING DAY
- Mon 27 BANK HOLIDAY
- Tue 28 BANK HOLIDAY
- Thu 30 No Riverside Club
- Fri 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Party PH (680868 or 680036)

## JAN

- Sat 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Tiverton "New" Farmers' Market + Churchinford + Well FMs
- Mon 3 BANK HOLIDAY
- Tue 4 Local Schools Spring Term begins, Charity/ Coffee Shop, CR. 10am – 12 md, Moira Mansbridge Ballet, 4.15 – 6.15pm, FL
- Wed 5 BSG Hemyock Lunch Club, 12.45 – 2.30, BHLAC
- Thu 6 EPIPHANY Taunton FM, Devon Dance Fit, 6 – 8pm PH
- Sat 8 Blood Donors, P.Hall Cullompton +Yarcombe Farmers' Markets
- Mon 10 Salsa DX Dance Exercise , 6.30 -7.30, PH
- Tue 11 Charity\ Coffee Shop CR, 10 – 12 , Memory Club ,10 -12, BHLAC, Moira's Ballet, 4.15
- Wed 12 BSG Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12.45 – 2.30, Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC Gardeners' Club, PH, 7.30
- Thu 13 Taunton F.M, Devon Dance Fit, 6 - 8pm, PH
- Fri 14 PUMP DEADLINE Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00, BHLAC
- Sat 15 HEMYOCK MARKET, 10 – 12, P. Hall + FL
- Mon 17 Salsa DX Dance Exercise 6.30 – 7.30, PH
- Tue 18 Charity/ Coffee Shop, CR, 10am -12 Moira Mansbridge Ballet 4.15 – 6.15, FL
- Wed 19 Acorns, (AGM, Tea, Chat), 2.30pm, FL
- Thu 20 Taunton+ Honiton F.Ms, Devon Dance Fit, 6-8pm, PH
- Sat 22 Cullompton+ Uffculme FM, "REPAIR CAFÉ" 10 – 12.30 P.Hall + FL
- Mon 24 Salsa DX Dance Exercise 6.30 – 7.30, PH
- Tue 25 Charity/ Coffee Shop, CR, 10 – 12, Moira Mansbridge Ballet 4.15 – 6.15, FL
- Thu 27 Taunton F.M, Devon Dance Fit, 6-8pm PH
- Sat 29 Uffculme + Cullompton FMs.
- Mon 31 Salsa DX Dance Exercise 6.30 7.30

### Forthcoming Events (February 2022 onwards)

FEB	21 - 23	Local Schools Half Term
MAR	01	Shrove Tuesday
MAR	27	Mothering Sunday British Summer Time begins
APRIL	08	Local Schools End of Term
APRIL	17	Easter Sunday
APRIL	11 - 22	Easter Holiday

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 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**  
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EXPLORERS  
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**We are looking for Scouting talent - Could you be our next Group Scout Leader ?**

We're currently looking for a Group Scout Leader (GSL). This is a voluntary management role, and we need someone who can provide leadership, motivation and guidance to our other adult volunteers.

A large part of this role involves supporting adult volunteers, including those working directly with young people. For any adult volunteer in Scouting, their manager will be a regular point of call for support. You don't need any prior experience of Scouting to apply for this role: we'll make sure you're fully trained and supported.

**We've identified six core skill areas that make a good Scouting manager:**

- 1. Providing direction**  
A good GSL will create a vision for Scouting in their Group, and provide clear leadership to implement that vision.
- 2. Working with people**  
It is vital that a GSL can create team spirit amongst the other volunteers they work with, and can form effective working relationships based on trust and the fundamental principles of Scouting:
  - integrity
  - respect
  - care
  - belief
  - cooperation
- 3. Achieving results**  
Good GSLs ensure that goals are achieved, plans are seen through to completion, and that good relationships are maintained, both with the parents of the young people in the Scout Group, and within the local community.
- 4. Enabling change**  
It is important for GSLs to encourage volunteers to think of creative ways to improve Scouting in their Group. They should then provide the support to implement appropriate changes.
- 5. Using resources**  
A good GSL will ensure that information and resources are available, helping volunteers in their Group provide excellent Scouting opportunities to young people.
- 6. Managing time and personal skills**  
A good GSL should use their time effectively, and be willing to continue to learn and improve their skills.

**What's in it for me?**  
 Having the opportunity to make an impact in the lives of children and young people  
 Fit the role around your time availability.  
 Having the opportunity to put something back into the community and leave a legacy for future generations.

If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact Karen  
[kazapinder@hotmail.com](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com) or call 01823681034

The Blackdown Practice  
Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

## Opening Times

**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

### Strawberry Tennis

We had a wonderful afternoon's tennis on August Bank Holiday Monday. Malcolm Steer and Fliss Wyman played Ian Jeeves and Sue Cooper in the final, both couples having won a total of 17 games each in their respective 'heats'. Malcolm and Fliss ran out winners 6 - 4 in a close match, where many games could've gone either way. Many thanks to all those who came along and played and / or enjoyed the social occasion, for contributing to a very nice afternoon. Thank you to all those who made cakes etc., and to those who helped with setting things up, and especially, thanks to Julie Steed for making all the arrangements, for making sure we all had strawberries and cream, a glass or two of sparkling wine, and for making sure that everything went smoothly. Well done to Malcolm & Fliss!

### Playing surface

The club recognises that since the courts were resurfaced and painted in 2019, signs of wear and tear are already visible, where the paint has pretty much worn through. We are trying to talk to the contractors about the problem, because we would expect a 4 - 5 year cycle between repainting, so given that courts were unused for long periods during pandemic lockdowns, the present situation is particularly disappointing.

### Welfare

Rachel Bussell is our Welfare Officer. We thank Rachel for taking on this task, as it demands the commitment of attendance on LTA led training courses and regular refresher training. Larger clubs are being encouraged to have both a male and a female welfare officer, and while we will keep this under review, we feel this unnecessary at Hemyock at present.

### Pavilion

The club is free to use the Longmead pavilion, (although if we need access to the kitchen / meeting room, we must make a booking). The 'tennis room' (through the double doors) can be used by club members at any time whilst the courts are in use, as can both the inside and outside toilet. It can be difficult to fill water bottles from the tap over the toilet wash basin, so please make sure that you bring adequate refreshment to the court for drinking whilst playing.

### Coaching

Junior coaching is very well attended and Dan Sizer is doing great work with the youngsters. Although some age groups may be oversubscribed, it's worth registering interest with Dan because as the older juniors move school or college, openings are created further down the ladder.

Julie Steed (steedjulie52@gmail.com) has been coordinating adult coaching on Friday mornings, which has proved very beneficial and enjoyable to those taking part. The good news is that there is room for more, so if you're interested, please contact Julie and give it a try. Of course, Dan is also available for one to one (or group) coaching at other times, so if you feel that now is the time to finally iron those bugs from your serve, improve your backhand, or gain yet more tactical awareness, please get in contact.

### Clubspark / Court Booking

Club members should continue to book courts for play. If government guidelines change, we can expect LTA advice to be quickly updated, and we'll pass this on to the membership.

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

#### Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

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

#### Saturdays (once a month, Week 2)

Hemyock Parish Hall	9.45 – 12.15
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Also found on: [www.devon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.devon.gov.uk/libraries)

### Team Tennis

The A team playing in Division 4 of the West Somerset League found the going pretty tough during 2021, and a season in Division 5 beckons. It would be good to enter two teams next season, even if the aim of the 'B' team is simply to give members the experience of competitive tennis, although because of league rules, a larger pool of available players would be required. A team has been entered in the Culm and Exe Valley Mens Winter League. The standard is pretty high, so quite challenging, and the first match at Willand A ended in defeat. However, Willand A are favourites to win the league, so we must remain positive and hope that the experience of playing against a team of that quality rubs off and results in improvement. Winter friendlies are being arranged with Uptottery, Wellington, and Wiveliscombe. These will be the usual 'mixed fours' format, and fixtures will be advised soon.

### Racket Restringing

The club is blessed with an embarrassment of riches when it comes to being able to put the membership in touch with someone who can re-string their racket. Malcolm Steer and Tim Julier are both able to help, and usually are able to return the racket within a week or so. Incidentally, it may surprise some (it certainly surprised me) to learn that rackets should be restrung about every 4 months or so, or when a string breaks of course.

### Tennis Balls

Jerry Popham kindly buys tennis balls in bulk and is happy to supply to members at cost. The last delivery was priced at £8.80 for 2 tubes of 4, so pretty good value, and Jerry can make arrangements for collection from a convenient drop off point.

### Social Events

This year, we have decided not to run the 'Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Tennis' afternoon, but we will have a 'Christmas' social evening on Friday January 14th - a skittles evening with a buffet and a quiz thrown in for good measure. Look out for more details on this, a notice will follow in good time.

### AGM

You should already have been advised that our AGM will be held on Thursday 25th November. Due to the pandemic there was no 2020 AGM, so we are keen to get business done this time. Suzy Besant is standing down as Secretary. We'd like to thank Suzy for everything she's done over her time on committee and as secretary, and we really need someone to step forward and take on the role. Lucy Jefferson also wishes to step down and again, we thank Lucy for everything she's contributed and the part played as a committee member.



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

### Eighty Three!

**H**ello again. You may wonder why I started with 83? Well we recently attended the Annual

Remembrance Day Parade and Service. It

was an excellent gathering in fine warm Autumn weather which was rather unusual. Our group attendance was eighty three, which is just about a record in our sixty one year history.

We had beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, network and leaders and we were all pleased to see so many of the group. All of our young people were well turned out and smart for a very important service. It was also good to see the Service well attended with St Marys full to standing room. When we were at the War Memorial during the two minute silence many people noticed a slight breeze that brought many leaves down from the trees in the Churchyard which fell into the poppy background. Very poignant. It was a wonderful occasion.

With the numbers mentioned above you can see that the group is doing well and I have some reports from the leaders. Beavers: A total of 19 at present with 3 leaders and a parent helper. They are having fun at their weekly meetings and I have just heard from Lapland that Father Christmas could well put in an appearance at the Beavers Christmas party! I must check with leader Amy if Old Rikki can come along. Cubs: Currently a pack of 27 with several young leaders plus 4 D of E students in addition to leaders. Good to hear that they are doing well but always in need of help as I hear that Scout leader Tris comes along to assist. Scouts: Currently with 37 young members attending on Friday evenings Joss one of our young men is currently undertaking training to become a section leader to help good old Tristram. Again we are grateful to have sectional assistants and parents to help. At the end of term the scouts are off to South Molton for some climbing. Explorers: Continue as a district unit but very much headed by Hemyock with leader Tom with Hayden, Bing, Matt and Stacy in support.

So, we continue as a successful group, but always in need of help. Alas I have to report that our Group Scout Leader has stood down and are now with District Commissioner Andy Ellis in an acting capacity for that role. Having spoken with our Group Chair, Karen I know that she is actively looking to fill the role on a permanent basis. If there is anyone reading this is interested or knows someone who maybe Karen's contact details are on the back page of the Pump.

We now are looking forward to 2022 as the fiftieth year of our friendship with the scouts of Tonder in Denmark. Plans are being made with a small committee headed by leaders Julie and Tristram. We expect to find out how many Danes are joining us by the end of December and then planning will forge ahead towards the get together in July/August next year. It will be a momentous occasion. I shall of course keep you up to date with progress as the plans formulate into next year.

And finally some more very old African proverbs. A journey of 1000 miles starts with a single step. A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow. He who is sick will not refuse medicine. You may be disappointed if you fail but you are doomed if you don't try. Life is lived forward but understood backwards.

If you keep your head and heart going in the right direction, you don't have to worry about your feet. I still have lots more but will save them for later next year so it will be back to Robert Baden Powell's camp Fire Yarns for the next few Parish Pumps.

And so we are at the end of another year and hopefully closer to the end of Covid as a major problem and we can all look forward to 2022 with hope for the future. In the meantime, on behalf of all of us at Hemyock Scouts may we wish you all a Merry and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Old Rikki

## Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club

Are you looking for a new challenge!

If so, why not give Short Mat Bowls a try. We are an active Club who meet twice a week, Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

If you would like to find out more information about 'short mat', please ring Doreen, 01823 680850.

Please come and join us, we would welcome new members.

## 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).

## Funding for community projects



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

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

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

Tel: 01823 680681

Email: [blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk](mailto:blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk)



## Dear Residents

*It is December already, time flies when you are enjoying yourself Below is my report of some of the activities going on at County, there is a lot going on and impossible to report everything. This just a flavour, I can always get other information about all sorts of happenings, if you need more information.*

County has a turnover of over £1.2billion a year, that is more than £3m everyday of the year.

At month 6 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by just over £7 million, a reduction of £300,000 from month 4. The Dedicated Schools Grant projected deficit, relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), is forecast to be £36 million. In line with Department of Education guidance this deficit will not be dealt with this financial year but carried to future years. Central government has continued to provide a number of grant funding streams this year to help support Local Authorities during the pandemic. The confirmed additional funding Devon County Council is expecting to receive directly this financial year is currently £36.6 million, in addition to the £25.6 million carried forward from 2020/21.

There has been significant change to school provision over the past few years with the Local Authority's role changing but its statutory duty remains to ensure the sufficiency of school places in its area, championing high standards in all schools, supporting the most vulnerable children and acting as champions for all parents and families.

The demand on children's social care services is unsustainable. Councils have increased their budgets for children's services by diverting funds from other areas but due to spiralling demand for support they are still overspending and fear this will continue as pent-up demand due to the pandemic becomes clearer. "Supporting and protecting vulnerable children is one of the most important roles played by councils who want to ensure all children are safe, loved and thrive. Over the past year, Devon County Council has invested nearly £3.5million in providing over 100,000 supermarket vouchers for families who qualify for free school meals so their children don't go hungry over the school holidays. So these vouchers have become a lifeline for many families in Devon, We are seeing applications for free school meals continuing to rise as families struggle with their finances as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Care providers everywhere are struggling to find enough staff. Many are turning down new requests for help, and juggling rotas and home visits while doing the best they can to care for vulnerable clients. In Devon, around 2,000 additional care workers are needed to fill growing numbers of vacancies, and demand for care is rising. People needing care are finding it very difficult to source; and people already getting help are seeing changes to their visits while their care providers respond to higher demand without having the staff numbers they need. But it's not just social care."There are more people in Devon today who quite simply need help, than there are people to provide it," "I'm talking about help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, preparing a meal, or company because they're lonely."

Devon first achieved a 50% recycling rate (National Indicator NI192) in 2008/09 and by 2010/11 was the highest performing Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) in England at 55%. Since this accolade the authority has remained within the top six highest performing WDAs, and in 2019/20 achieved its highest ever recycling rate at 56.6% placing the authority in second place nationally. In 2020/21, whilst Devon's performance reduced to 55.3% (NI192), provisional national data indicates that the authority remains the second highest performing WDA against a backdrop of reducing performance for other leading authorities Waste Analysis 2022 The Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon notes that an audit of dustbin waste was carried out in 2017 and that this should be carried out at 5 yearly intervals. This gives an invaluable insight into the contents of residents' bins and therefore an understanding of which materials are being placed by residents in the wrong bin. The authorities can then measure progress from previous years but most importantly target their communications appropriately.

The 2017 analysis showed that for Devon 40.8% more could be recycled with collection services at the time (51,245 tonnes) and 58.6% more could be recycled with a district wide aligned option (73,600 tonnes). The net costs of this missed recycling are approximately £3 million and £4.4 million respectively, plus the loss of income of £1 – 1.5 million. If all residents put the right waste in the right bin in the above scenarios, the recycling rates would increase to 70.4% and 76.7% respectively.

The government has announced a £9.3m investment across Devon in innovation and employment projects including training people in retrofit and modern construction skills. We submitted the projects as the lead authority on behalf of the Team Devon partnership, working closely with Devon's District Councils This is very good news for people and businesses in Devon and to some extent offsets the very real disappointment over Devon's Levelling Up bids. Hopefully the Community Renewal Fund announcement is a sign of better things to come in terms of further Government support for Devon's economic recovery through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, County Deals and the next round of Levelling Up funds. This is the largest allocation in England is testimony to the good work of the Team Devon partnership. It will provide support for hard hit small businesses and disadvantaged young people and adults, tackle deprivation and disadvantage within Devon's most vulnerable communities, and support the economic growth of rural and coastal communities. "Now our collective task must be to crack on and deliver."

Can't believe it is that time of year, Xmas is almost here. I would like to wish everyone a happy Xmas and a Happy and Healthy new year, and thank you all for your support, you know where I am if you need me, just ask.

Regards, Ray (ray.radford@devon.gov.uk).

# Hemyock Parish Council

## Business Update, December 2021

The parish council held meetings in October and November. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

The parish council welcomes Mrs Peta Dayus-Jones onto the council. Mrs Dayus-Jones was co-opted to the council following the resignation of Miss Jo Fouracre.

## Planning

Applications received for:-

- 21/01731/HOUSE. Erection of a detached granny annexe, Parkview, Withy Lane, Hemyock.
- 21/01316/FULL. Erection of an agricultural building, greenhouse, irrigation pond, ground-mounted solar PV panels and associated works. Land at NGR 313009 111929, Castle Hill, Hemyock.
- 21/01708/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extensions and porch. Scotland Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/01914/HOUSE. Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 18/01377/HOUSE to allow the substitution of previously approved plans. Erection of an extension, Whitehall View, Hemyock.
- 21/01944/FULL. Alterations and erection of two-storey extension to dwelling following demolition of conservatory, conversion of agricultural/equestrian building to create holiday accommodation and home office. Horwood Farm, Hemyock.

## Permission granted noted for:-

- 19/00609/FULL. Conversion of 13 flats to 5 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access. 1-13 Old School Court, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock.
- 21/01233/FULL. Change of use of barn to ancillary storage/office use and annexe/holiday let. Land and Buildings at NGR 315174 115780 Foxholes Farm, Clayhidon.
- 21/01282/HOUSE. Erection of a two-storey extension following demolition of existing extension. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock.
- 21/01668/HOUSE. Conversion of part of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation and installation of solar panels on south facing roof. Barnfield, Madford Farm, Hemyock.

## Appeal noted for:-

19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Retention of timber outbuilding to be used ancillary to the main house, retention of decking and proposed installation of water supply and drainage pipes underground. Appeal Ref No. APP/Y1138/D/21/3280155. Application No: 20/01537/HOUSE. Appeal starting date: 20th October 2021.

## Finance

Income - included interest, cemetery, grant money, precept, wayleave, contribution towards tree maintenance.

Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting,

village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, professional fees, asset maintenance, and poppy appeal.

The following grants were awarded:-  
Hemyock Lights Brigade - £1,000.

## Skatepark at Longmead

Following lengthy discussions and site visits the parish council has agreed on the location of the skatepark (adjacent to the MUGA at Longmead). The skatepark team is now speaking to skatepark designers and is gathering information and advice. The parish council is looking forward to seeing the designs.

## Community Land

With regard to the 7 acres of land that will be offered to the parish council by Cavanna Homes, a working group has produced the following mission statement which has been endorsed by the parish council:-

## The parish council aims to:-

- Create and maintain a space that brings families and communities of all ages together
- Develop the space along sustainable and green principles
- Encourage people to spend time in nature through a good design of the space

## 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.

## Tree Work, Healthy Living & Activities Centre

Following a site inspection and advice from tree surgeons it has been recommended that the parish council dismantle two large ash trees and a willow tree which are suffering from disease on the land to the east of the Healthy Living & Activities Centre. The parish council is considering what to plant in their place.

## Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, potholes, 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

## Defibrillator Training

South Western Ambulance Service will be running a free defibrillator training session on Saturday 8th January 10am – 12 noon. The session is free and open to everyone. There are 3 defibrillators in the parish – do you know how to use them?



**Christmas Decorations Competition**

The council is holding its annual 'Hemyock Christmas Decorations Competition'. There will be a total of four prizes for the best decorated houses/business premises. Please enter into the spirit of Christmas and help make the village look festive. Judging will take place week commencing 13th December. Winners will be notified shortly afterwards. If you live outside of the 30MPH limit and wish to be judged, please let the clerk know.

**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 (the next meeting is Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at [www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil](http://www.hemyock.org/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).



**Culmstock Cancer Research Committee**

**Awards**

**A**wards were recently presented to the members of Culmstock Cancer Research Committee for their long service commitment of being on the committee.

A lady from Cancer Research UK came out to present the badges to the members who together had clocked up 231 years service on the committee. Kit Hoile was presented with a certificate for 60 years, Ramona Taylor and Sylvia Bates for 48 years each, Lorna Middleton 23 years, Denise Wood and Diana Clegg 20 years each and Maureen Kennard 12 years.

The committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who has supported the events in the past which include Big Breakfasts, Afternoon tea, Whist Drives, Coffee evenings and most recently an auction which raised £3122 on the day.



**December 2021 Report: It's been a real pleasure for everyone to enjoy singing again this autumn in our expanding group.**

**N**umbers have continued to rise as we attract more and more people who want to sing for pleasure in our social and musical group that includes first-timers, who haven't sung since school and talented, experienced singers of all ages from across the district and beyond.

As a result, temporarily, we're capping the choir at 40 singers as we are still cautious to keep safe when we are rehearsing and can maintain as much spacing as we like, so that everyone feels comfortable. We also insist that all members are at least double-jabbed or being tested regularly. We prefer singers to join at the beginning of a programme, normally at the beginning of a term, but can make exceptions, for example, to balance our four sections (sopranos, altos, and especially tenors and basses). Recently, we've been singing:

California Dreamin' (The Mamas and the Papas); Can you Feel the Love Tonight (Elton John); Fields of Gold (Sting); Lay all your Love on Me and Mama Mia (Abba); Sound of Silence (Simon and Garfunkel); The Long and Winding Road (Lennon and McCartney); We've Only just Begun, Sing, and Mr Guder (Carpenters) and Old Abraham Brown (Benjamin Britten).

Our varied Christmas programme, reflects that we sing a little of everything across all styles from past to present. Besides popular and traditional seasonal songs, we're including modern carols such as Riding on a Donkey, Torches, a Venezuelan carol and a new version of In the Bleak Mid-Winter written for the 90th birthday of a Halberton resident, Laura Midgely. We perform for Burlescombe's Candlelight celebrations at 4.30pm on Sunday 5 December; Willand Ladies Group on Thursday 6 January and Uffculme WI on Wednesday 12 January. Our own Concert is at Halberton Village Hall on Saturday 11 January at 7.30pm, followed our party. We resume singing after Christmas on Friday 7 January at Halberton Village Hall at 7.30pm and January is great time to join us, so contact us now.

There are no auditions to join our inclusive, diverse group. We're friendly, not cliquy; come and try us, free, for two or three sessions! Anyone interested is most welcome. Contact [singers@halberton.org](mailto:singers@halberton.org) or Bernard on 01884 252910 or 07855 583356, or Terry (Chairman and Musical Director) on 01884 820081 or 07973 890947.

**Hemyock Bus Timetables**

**Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton**

Stagecoach South West

Timetable valid from 25/07/2016 until further notice. Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays					
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0850	1115	1415	1715		0850	1115	1415	1715		
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	0900	1125	1425	1726		0900	1125	1425	1726		
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	0911	1136	1436	1736		0911	1136	1436	1736		
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	0920	1145	1445	1745		0920	1145	1445	1745		
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	0924	1149	1449	1749		0924	1149	1449	1749		
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	0930	1155	1455	1755	0729	0930	1155	1455	1755	
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	0939	1204	1504	1804	0738	0939	1204	1504	1804	
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	0942	1207	1507	1807	0741	0942	1207	1507	1807	
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	0944	1209	1509	1809	0743	0944	1209	1509	1809	
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	0950	1215	1515	1815	0749	0950	1215	1515	1815	
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	0954	1219	1519	1819	0753	0954	1219	1519	1819	
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	0957	1222	1522	1822	0756	0957	1222	1522	1822	
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	1004	1229	1529	1829	0803	1004	1229	1529	1829	
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	1840		
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841	
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	0824	1024	1249	1549	1841	0824	1024	1249	1549	1841	
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	0830	1030	1255	1555	1841	0830	1030	1255	1555	1841	
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	0839	1039	1304	1604	1841	0839	1039	1304	1604	1841	
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	0846	1046	1311	1611	1841	0846	1046	1311	1611	1841	
Colyford, opp The Elms	0850	1050	1315	1615	1841	0850	1050	1315	1615	1841	
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	0852	1052	1317	1617	1841	0852	1052	1317	1617	1841	
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0857	1057	1322	1622	1841	0857	1057	1322	1622	1841	

**Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton**

Stagecoach South West

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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	1242	1542	1739	1740	0705	0942	1242	1542	1739	1740
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746		
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753		
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755		
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758		
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806		
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808		
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811		
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820		
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753	1032	1332	1632	1820	0753	1032	1332	1632	1820		
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	1036	1336	1636	1820	0757	1036	1336	1636	1820		
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	1045	1345	1645	1820	0806	1045	1345	1645	1820		
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	1052	1352	1652	1820	0813	1052	1352	1652	1820		
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	1105	1405	1705	1820	0831	1105	1405	1705	1820		

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

**Friday only (Except Public Holidays)**

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

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# St Andrew's Clayhidon

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## St. Andrew's Church News

There have been two baptisms recently in our church. Alfred Lewis Whitcombe (Alfie) was baptised on 26 September, and Elspeth May Drew (Elsie) on 23 October, and were welcomed into our community. These are always very happy occasions.

We have also had our annual Harvest Festival service when the church was decorated with fruits and vegetables for which we can always be thankful to God. Our speaker at this service was Mark Woodcock, who came to tell us about what life is like when you are homeless. Mark is the Centre Manager of Open Door in Taunton, a day centre which provides care and food for Taunton's homeless community. £100 was given at the service for the work of Open Door.

The benefice annual All Souls service, when we remember and give thanks for those who have passed away during the year, was to be held at St Mary's Hemyock. However, the flooding of that church meant St Andrew's was asked at the last minute to host the service instead. We were delighted to do so. It was a very moving occasion when people from across the benefice joined in prayers or lit a candle to remember those who had died in the last year. This of course included several from Clayhidon.

At the end of the Remembrance Service on Sunday 14th November, members walked down to the War Memorial in time for the two minutes silence at 11am. There were many who joined us for this special occasion and gathered together afterwards in the sunlight in the churchyard for coffee and refreshments. November is also our time to remember St Andrew's tide on 28th at 10.30am. St Andrew's Church hosts a benefice service that day to celebrate, after which special delights will be served.

From this time we will be into Advent and some Christmas extra services will take place. Saturday 18th December at 4pm will be the Crib Service in the barn at Gollick Park. On 23rd December at 5pm we expect to hold a Carol Service in the churchyard by lamplight, followed by mulled wine and mince pies but, if it is raining, we will be in church instead. On Christmas Day we will

celebrate Holy Communion at 10am. The Christingle will be at 4pm on 9th January at the time of Epiphany.

We continue to pray for all who are contending with ill health at present. Our very best wishes are with any who are suffering any kind of difficult experience at this time and we send our good wishes to all our parishioners, particularly at this time of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. May we know the happiness of family and friends and those who care about us and share together in the love of God.

P.Reynolds. PCC

### Family Christmas Celebrations at St Andrew's, Clayhidon

Christmas Crib Service at Gollick Park Farm, EX15 3TQ

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

Nativity scene by children of Clayhidon  
If your child would like to be involved, please contact Julia Devine  
[juliadevine@hotmail.com](mailto:juliadevine@hotmail.com)  
01823 681438

Carols in the Churchyard  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 5.00pm

Christmas Morning Family Communion  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am

Christingle Service  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm

We hope you can join us for these special times of celebration.



## CLAYHIDON CHRISTMAS CAFÉ

will be open on  
Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

10.30 – 12.30

At The Village Hall



Cakes, sausage rolls,  
mince pies

and a seasonal raffle

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Covid safety measures in place

## Clayhidon Friends, October Meeting

Tony Cooper, a retired Metropolitan Policeman came to talk to our Group about the famous Brink's Mat robbery on 26th November, 1983. So long ago, but we all still remember the audaciousness of the crime.

Tony was informative and entertaining. His inside knowledge of the robbery made fascinating listening. It astounded us to realise how long the investigation went on and how tenacious the police were in bringing the gang and further criminals involved to justice. Scotland Yard were involved from the start under the leadership of Anthony Brightwell. It was one of the largest crimes of the 20th Century and immediately made front page news. Members of the gang were Mastermind, Brian Robinson, (who died penniless), Mickey McAvoy, John Palmer, Kenneth Noye, Johnson Matthey, Brian Perry and Peter White. It occurred on the Heathrow Trading Estate in London and £26 million worth of gold bullion, (£100 million in today's value) plus diamonds and cash were stolen from a warehouse. Lloyds of London paid out for the losses and several deaths have been linked to it.

Six robbers gained entry to the warehouse. It was later proved that they were let in by one of the Security Guards, Anthony Black, (the ring leader's brother in law). Once inside the robbers smashed Guard, Peter Bentley over the head and poured petrol over all the guard's trousers and threatened to set light to them if they didn't comply! They all did. The frightened guards couldn't remember the recently changed password to the expected £3.2million in cash and the gang had to settle for the gold.

"Merry Christmas!" one of the gang called, as they left. However, during the getaway the van broke down. If only the passing policeman had noticed how low slung the van was.

Little knowing that gold would be hard to dispose of, other than to other criminals, the elite group of six expanded to further members of the criminal society. Of course they all wanted a generous cut. The wicked web expanded and then information started to leak to the police. The security cameras immediately identified Black as the one who let them in. He turned Queens Evidence in return for naming his brother in law, Brian Robinson, as one of original gang.

The inclusion of other people and the rippling out of the inner circle further than the original six robbers led to quarrelling amongst them, resulting in ten people being killed and 20 people being sent to prison.

The majority of the bullion has never been recovered. I have only told you a smidgeon of the interesting Talk Tony gave to us. I hope I have whetted your appetite to find out more yourselves.

Important to note that Tony Cooper also runs a Club called the 'Dog House'. Members are all very committed retired policemen. He is Top Dog. Then they have Deputy Dog and other comical dog-names. They raise money for the Sunshine House. This, Tony obviously feels passionately for. He enjoys giving these talks to raise money for the disabled and under-privileged children who are under the auspice of the House. Tony has plenty of other talks and if any Group would like to invite him, please contact Anne Lancaster for his details.

Refreshments, which are always welcome were supplied by Sylvi and Lynda. Our Group are very eager to invite other locals to join from Clayhidon and the surrounding villages. We meet now in the afternoons, on the second Thursday in every month in Clayhidon Parish Hall. Alongside people coming to give us Talks, we have summer outings and a Christmas dinner, bringing along our partners. If you would like to come as a Guest to meet our Group before committing, you would be very welcome. Anne Langford can be contacted on 01823 680086 and myself, Lynda, on 01823 660546.

## November Meeting 2021

### Silk Painting Demonstration

Michael and Karen Watkins introduced themselves and commented what a pretty part of Devon we lived in. They told us that was one of the reasons they enjoyed coming out doing demonstrations, the fact that they got to see parts of the country they wouldn't normally see. They do all the major shows in the West Country too, look out for them! Karen was very proud to announce that Boris Johnson wears one of their ties in a colourful space odyssey design!

The couple, who were a very competent, funny double act gave us a very entertaining and insightful demonstration of how they create some wonderful painted scarves, ties and bow ties. Amongst a lovely display of delicately floating scarves, in all colours, tied to a clothes rail with ties and bow ties enticingly displayed on a side table, we listened with enthusiasm.



Michael pinned a scarf length of white silk onto a frame. His first task was to create the background design with a special goota latex paint pen. He drew quickly and confidently. This then had to be allowed to dry. A difficult feat in our damp weather. He explained that their work was very weather dominated as in extreme weathers the paints either do not dry, in which case they resort to a hairdryer, or they dry too quickly. They have learned not to continue in hot weather

When the latex pen work had dried sufficiently he quickly added the colours in a design kept in his head but would resemble a long sea-horse. Then Karen asked for two volunteers and they filled in the edges, equally quickly, under Karen's direction. Karen then sprinkled salt onto various parts of the painting, which would dry to a feathered effect.

Usually, at home, Karen would then take over by ironing the whole item to seal the paints, hand wash in a very mild solution of gentle soap and then iron again. A part of the procedure she least likes. Michael said that he would show us some silk worms in a short while.

Whilst we waited for the paint to dry Karen gave us a very clear demonstration of how to drape a scarf in three different ways. She was very patient with us all and was willing to go through the different ways several times.

Then Michael produced a tin that had pictures of the silk worms. Being none too comfortable with the insect world, and in the front row I was feeling nervous. Giving us a brief history of the life of the silk worm he wrestled with the lid of the tin. Suddenly into the air he launched several ten inch plastic silk worms at us. One hit me and notebook and pen was flung up in the air, causing much hilarity.

We were all so impressed with their demonstration, interspersed with humour and knowledge. We would thoroughly recommend any other group to ask them to come and talk to you.

The contact is michael.watkins668@btinternet.com. They also have a Facebook page which is [www.facebook.com/michaelsilks19/](https://www.facebook.com/michaelsilks19/)

*Lynda Ridout*

### Ready made allotment available in Clayhidon

This allotment has been worked for over 12 years and is VERY productive.

Unfortunately the gentleman who did all the hard work has died. It has much fruit, eg blackcurrants, redcurrants, bilberries, rhubarb, apples, figs, raspberries, grows wonderful potatoes, peas, broadbeans, runners etc.

There is no water or electricity available. The rent is produce. Ring 01823 680620 if you are interested.

## Clayhidon Parish Council

### Clayhidon Parish Council Update, December 2021

The council met in October and November. A brief summary of the business conducted at those recent meetings is as follows:-

#### Planning

Planning applications considered for:-

- 21/01265/HOUSE. Erection of a garage/workshop following demolition of existing garage. Lavender House, Clayhidon.
- 21/00239/FULL. Change of use of redundant agricultural building to dwelling (Revised Scheme) and erection of 2 outbuildings. Barpark, Clayhidon.
- 21/01857/FULL. Erection of replacement guest house (use Class C1) following demolition of agricultural building. Foxhayes, Clayhidon.
- 21/01476/FULL. Conversion of a barn to holiday let with kitchen extension. Crockers Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/01479/LBC. Listed Building Consent for the conversion of a barn to holiday let with kitchen extension. Crockers Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/00990/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions. South View, Rosemary Lane.

Approval noted for :-

- 21/01511/NMA. Non-Material Amendment for 18/02002/FULL to allow reconfiguration of windows and doors due to internal layout change; change of roof glazing to rooflights over the extension; additional rooflight to corridor and confirmation of external materials. Workshop, Searles, Clayhidon.
- 21/01558/NMA. Non-Material Amendment for 16/00587/HOUSE to allow reconfiguration of the window and door to the South elevation. Lower Garlandhayes, Clayhidon.
- 21/01117/FULL. Construction of a new access track. Gollick Park, Battle Street, Clayhidon.
- 21/01846/PNAG. Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural storage/lambing shed. Beamley, Hemyock.

#### Finance

Income – John Griss Charity loan repayment, interest and VAT reclaim. Expenditure – wages and expenses.

#### 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

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#### The John Griss Charity

The John Griss Charity sent the following report:-

#### Rose Cottage

The charity is working with local developer Andy Lehner to submit a planning application to Mid Devon District Council. The plan is to demolish Rose Cottage and build a row of 3 terraced houses. It is hoped that a planning application will be submitted to Mid Devon District Council within the next month. The scheme also includes the redevelopment of the developer's Baptist Chapel, next door to Rose Cottage. The charity hopes to own 2 of the houses which might be rented at affordable rents to local people. If planning permission is granted, the charity will need to seek legal advice on how to structure any such arrangement with the developer.

#### Hartsmoor Lakes

Mike Leigh-Mallory will continue to manage the lakes on behalf of the charity until December 2022. The charity has arranged for an engineer to inspect the site and give advice on how best to repair the temporary fix to the outlet pipe on Greensands Lake. The charity has also met with representatives from the Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM) and the Environment Agency (EA) and looks forward to receiving their recommendations. Later this month the EA will conduct a bathymetric survey of Greensands Lake which will provide vital information regarding depth and confirmation as to whether the lake falls under the Reservoir Act. The charity has received a small grant from the Angling Trust towards installing an otter fence around the syndicate lake.

#### The land

The charity is leasing the land to local young farmer Rob Burridge until December 2022. The charity has applied to the Rural Payments Agency for the land to be included in a Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier Scheme and hopes to receive a grant towards tree maintenance, hedge-laying and some fencing. A decision on the grant won't be made until later in the year. No decisions have been made on the long-term future of the land and lakes. Work to manage the assets and comply with regulations continues.

#### 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. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th December at 7.30pm Parish Hall. 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:

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

### News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

**A**s a church, one of the challenges in emerging from life in lockdown is deciding which activities to resume and what events to embark upon. Therefore, with the news I have opportunity to share, you will understand why we have been so greatly encouraged as a fellowship in these recent months.

Our hearts have been gladdened by sustained fellowship that has not suffered the same interruptions as in the past year. Over the summer and into the autumn we have been reading through Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. This little letter further amplified our sense

of joy in fellowship. Alongside this, Bible Class (secondary age) and Sunday School (primary age) have been meeting, ensuring that there is something for all ages on a Sunday morning. We are grateful to all our Sunday School and Bible Class teachers who take so much time to create a wonderful space for young people to learn about God and ask questions about the Christian faith.

Our Toddler's group continue to meet during term-time (9.30-11.30am) and, as they head into December, will be busy planning the Toddler's Christmas Party. Venturers, our Friday night children's club, got going in mid-September. This took some planning, but it has certainly been worthwhile with 30-40 young people joining us for a mix of indoor games, craft and an occasional messy game. With the success of both groups, we were spurred on to plan our fireworks night as we headed toward November. We had the perfect weather as around 200 people gathered to watch the fireworks light up the night sky. We were also glad that our 'low-noise' pack of fireworks were well received by residents of Rosemary Lane.

November has always been a month that has had something of a mission focus at Rosemary Lane Chapel. This November has proven to be no different. First, we were delighted to host a Slavic Gospel Association 'Night of Praise' in early November. Dr. Paul Negrut and the 'Emanuel Singers' travelled from Romania to participate in a tour of several churches in the UK. What a blessing it was that Rosemary Lane was included in the itinerary! Dr. Paul delivered a challenging message as he spoke about the church under communism and the 'Emanuel Singers' added to the enjoyment of the evening. A week later we were joined online by Andrew Barnett of London City Mission who gave us an update on the mission work in our nation's capital. On Sunday 21st November, Luc Vandamme attended our family service where he provided another wonderful insight into the work of Mission



Aviation Fellowship who provide essential support to isolated communities across many different parts of the world.

After a long wait of over 18 months, David Needle led our first evening service at the chapel on Sunday 14th November. We hope this will become a regular meeting, first as a once month meeting on the second Sunday of each month, and then each week as we head into spring next year.

The various encouragements, and there have been many, have served to increase our sense of anticipation for the busy month of December. A Toddler's Christmas Party, Venturers Night of Festive Fun and Luncheon Club's Christmas meal are all planned. Alongside these events, we look forward to commencing our Advent Series as we discover afresh just who this Child is, the One born King, as announced by the Magi – The Promised One and Long-awaited Saviour of the World, as announced by the Prophet Isaiah:

*The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising*  
ISAIAH 60:2-3

The series gets going on Sunday 5th (11am) and continues through the month of December. There is a warm welcome extended to all who would like to join with us as we discover something of the joy that filled the hearts of the Magi who rejoiced exceedingly at the sight of the star that announced the King of Kings.

*And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!*

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# ROSEMARY LANE CHAPEL

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On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with the joy and peace of Christ.

**Jonathan Hillman**

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel  
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**Our Thatching Life, featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, Daisy his apprentice and animals various...**

*I*t's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Northay at the moment, as the clients' dogs were out today in their Christmas jumpers. The spaniel in a Christmas tree number complete with baubles, and the long suffering collie in a panda outfit. Perhaps I need to get a Santa costume for myself, and how about Daisy as an Elf? Turns out she used to be an elf at LEGOLAND, but I'll let you ask her about that!

That aside, the usual dash to the Christmas finish line has been somewhat dulled by the damage caused from the heavy rain showers. By now many of you will have fallen foul of the road through Northay or at Moorhayne; each of them just washed away overnight, with great sheets of tarmac just floated into the banks and hedges, and great heaps of rubble mounded up faster than a team of road workers with two shovels and ten cups of tea could manage. Seeing that, you can imagine what the rain is doing to roofs. It'll partly be that this just happens to be a year when all our clients' roofs have reached a certain age at once, but there's no doubt in my mind that the weight of the rain storms has hastened leaks to many. We've worked overtime to both patch

or cover people's leaks and continue on the job we are on, but we still haven't got to everyone yet. I will say its' the first time in ages that I have felt a bit under pressure! For now, we just get up a bit earlier and keep ploughing on.

A friend of ours is helping Daisy with the cider selling, so after a couple of months of no Daisy at all, I am beginning to see her back helping me, which has pleased us both. Mind you, the cider selling has brought fame at last ... blink and you'll miss it, but there she is in James Crowden's book 'Cider Country' and mention of her as a thatcher too!

We did steal a day to pour the concrete floor in Daisy's barn, helped by my Tom and Daisy's Lulah with friends Gus and Stuart too. It looks almost perfect but for the 4 neat paw prints of a cat who leaped in, thought better of it, and leaped out again. The cows have been watching with interest, the calf now looking very well and the most beautiful dark mahogany colour; his coat so thick that ducking under the electric fence didn't seem to trouble him. Lucky we didn't find his 4 paw prints in the concrete!



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When it's too dark to thatch, I've been working on the trailer and the 4x4 getting ready to take the piglets to market next week. They were a funny lot, slow to start and not so curious as the Gloucester Old Spot crosses but they've taken on a good size now. So there we are, we are dug in for the dash to Christmas, hoping to get everyone dry, and the Northay house finished; Daisy will be hoping to get the masses buying a bottle of Bollhayes for their Christmas tippie; I'm hoping for snow as that's got to be better than the rain. Whatever the weather, here's to you and yours this winter, may you stay warm and dry!

**DEVON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA STARTS A NEW ERA...**

*The Culm Valley Orchestra (CVO) has just started a new era with a new conductor. It is also putting out a call for more upper string players (violins and violas) to get in touch.*

The orchestra has appointed as its new conductor and Musical Director Alan Boxer following the death of its long-standing conductor Colin Wills.

Alan Boxer is Musical Director of the VoiceWorx community choir as well as leading a range of music and theatre projects in schools, the workplace and local communities across Devon. With a new programme including Beethoven, Dvorak and Bruch, the CVO is particularly keen to recruit more violin and viola players as some of its longest-standing string players have moved out of the area.



As an adult community orchestra the CVO does not audition and its string players include those returning to playing after a break as well as adult learners. Former members of the orchestra's strings section are also being encouraged to get in touch. The orchestra rehearses every other Saturday morning at a number of village hall venues in mid-Devon including Upplowman, Kentisbeare and Ash Thomas.

New conductor Alan Boxer says "I'm delighted and privileged to be the new conductor of the CVO. What a friendly group! If you play violin or viola come and join us to play some truly great classical music, you will be warmly welcomed."

Players interested in joining should contact Shirley Moore [shirley.moore@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.moore@btinternet.com).



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We would be especially interested to hear from people who would like to get involved in the Education Programme for schools – we have vacancies for people to dress up and play the role of 'Annie' the mill worker in the Victorian Drama sessions, and also to help with the hands-on traditional crafts sessions – no previous experience required!

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**From Quaker Faith and Practice 26.72**

**The Universal Light**

To you who are seekers, to you, young and old who have toiled all night and caught nothing, but who want to launch out into the deeps and let down your nets for a draught, I want to speak as simply, as tenderly, as clearly as I can. For God can be found. There is a last rock for your souls, a resting-place of absolute peace and joy and power and radiance and security. There is a Divine Center into which your life can slip, a new and absolute orientation in God, a Center where you live with Him and out of which you see all of life through new and radiant vision, tinged with new sorrows and pangs, new joys unspeakable and full of glory... The reality of Presence has been very great at times recently. One knows at first hand what the old inquiry meant, 'Has Truth been advancing among you?'  
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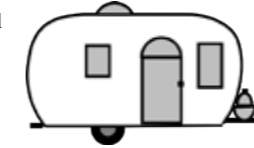
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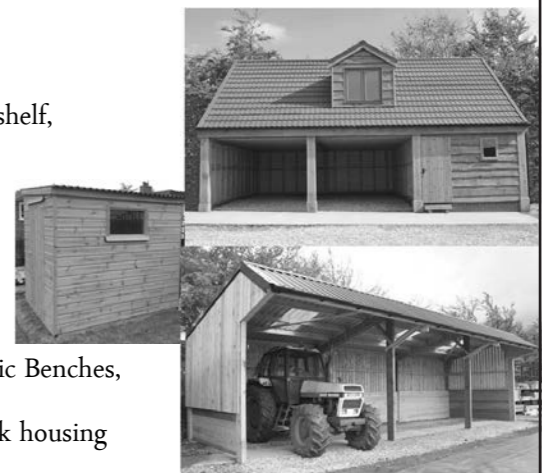
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