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Culm Davy Chapel

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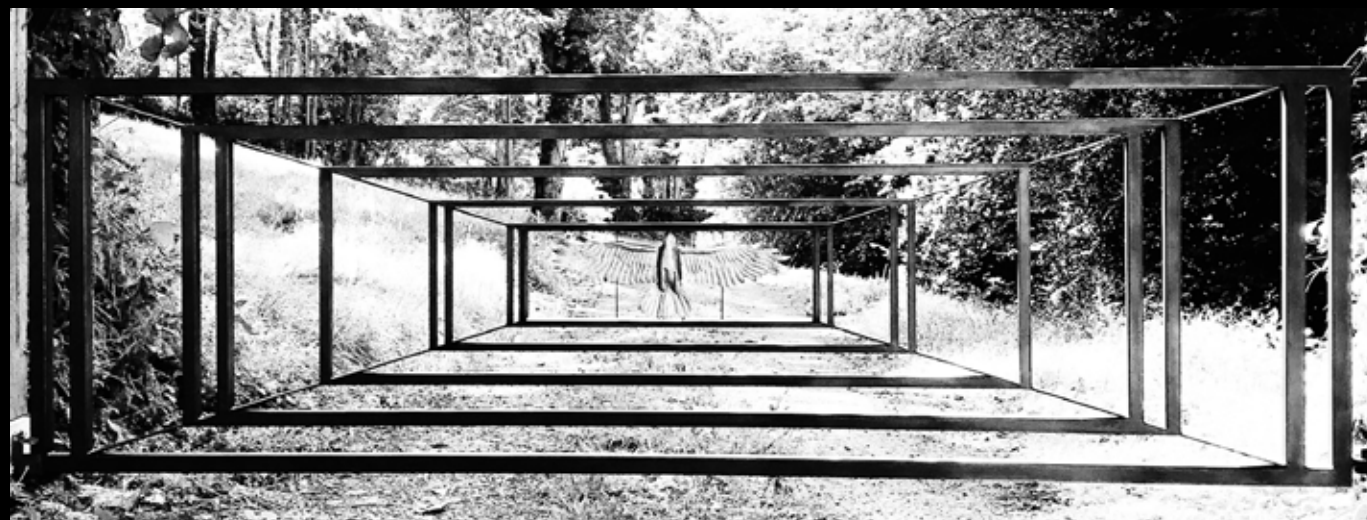
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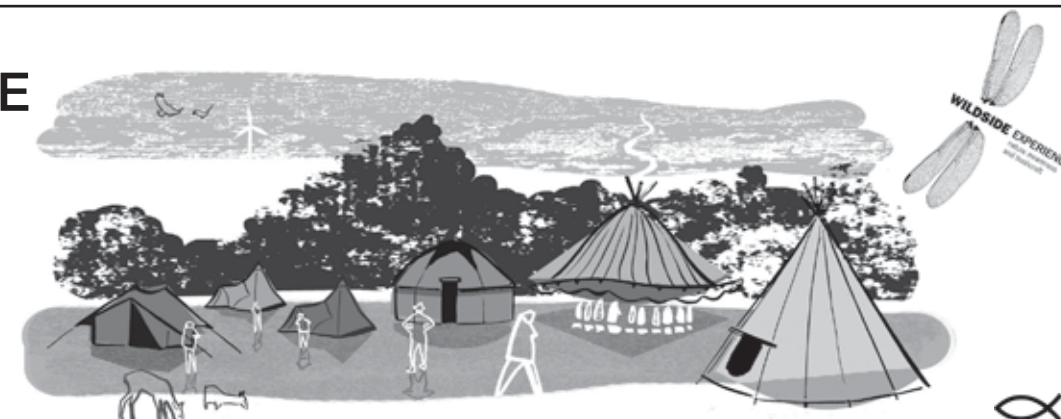
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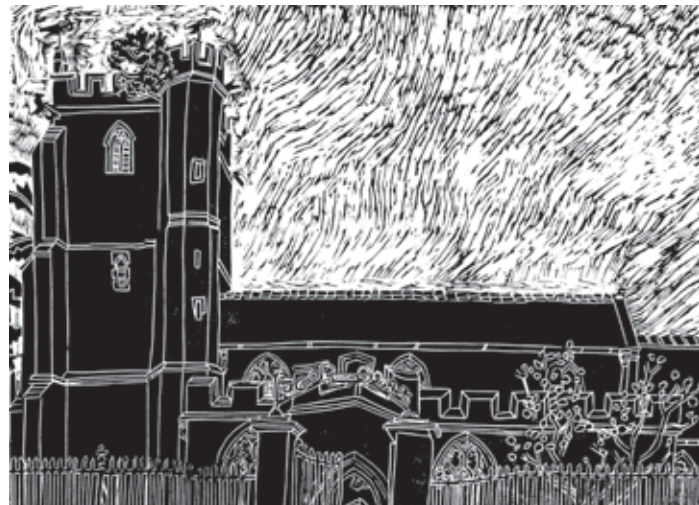
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Sunday 14th August Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Patronal Festival, Hemyock 10.30am Benefice Communion service Culmstock, 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)			
Sunday 21st August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	6.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 28th August Trinity 11		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Pet service in churchyard 5.00pm – 6.00pm Prayer Vigil for Ukraine	11.00am Communion service

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 4th September 12 th after Trinity	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 11th September 13 th after Trinity		2.30pm Horse Riders' service	10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 18th September 14 th after Trinity	6.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion service	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 25th September 15 th after Trinity		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am HARVEST Communion 5.00-6.00pm Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

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A glimpse of the universe in the making

The first full-colour pictures from NASA's new James Webb Space Telescope were recently released, revealing the most detailed glimpse of the early universe ever seen. At least one of the specs of light which appears is thought to date back more than 13 billion years – one of the very first stars in the universe.

When I saw the photo I was awed by these new glimpses of this vast and ancient universe, and felt what tiny things we human beings are within it. So I was hit between the eyes by one of Joe Biden's comments on seeing it, which was rather different: 'These images are going to remind the world that America can do big things, and remind the American people – especially our children – that there's nothing beyond our capacity.'

Which is the right approach? Humility in the face of the vastness of the universe? Or the drive to exercise our full human potential to make our mark in it?

It is the same tussle in ways of seeing and ways of approaching life which we observe in our national leaders. All leadership must balance a proper humility with a bold exercise of human skills, talent, enterprise and possibility. We are quick to judge those in public life who don't get the balance quite right.

But for ourselves, too, in our daily lives, there is often a balance to be struck. You might be the sort of person who is more hesitant to exercise your personal responsibility. You may find it easier to take the servant path. Perhaps Joe Biden's approach to life is one which can encourage you to see afresh your own talents and recognise God's commission to you to bring to bear on the world all the strengths that your personality, background, talents and current situation can bring.

On the other hand, perhaps you are the sort of person who too readily takes control of situations without reflecting on how appropriate that is and whether responsibility should be shared with those around you to enable them to play a fuller part.

Either way, a writer 1000 years before Christ, King David of Israel, seems to combine both approaches as he stared up at the night sky: 'When I consider the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him? Yet you have made him little lower than the angels and have crowned him with glory and honour and put all things under his feet.' (Psalm 8)

In the face of the vast universe King David is humbled. Yet he is also energised by the knowledge that the God who put it all in place also appoints humankind to step up to the role of steward and manager of this vast and beautiful cosmos, charged with making it fruitful and productive.

As our national leaders face new challenges, and as we too may be presented with new opportunities this autumn, humility and a bold exercise of responsibility will go well hand-in-hand.

Rev'd Canon Becky Totterdell, Rector: Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock

 Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

St Mary's Hemyock

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Platinum Jubilee

To begin the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration at Hemyock a Platinum Puddings and Pimms evening was held at the Church Room raising £214.50.

Organised by the Friends of St Mary's the room had been royally decorated in red, white and blue and a table held a sumptuous array of desserts. Fruit pies and tarts of all description, pavlovas, trifles, fruit salads, cheesecake, bread & butter pudding, cheese and biscuits along with custard and cream were just some of the puddings on offer and enjoyed by the many people present.

Pimms and soft drinks were freely available and glasses raised as Rev John Stone proposed the toast to The Queen.

Thanks must go to Marie Dear who has crocheted the decoration situated on the parish church wall. Just one of the Jubilee displays around the village.



St Mary's Church Fete

As the clouds remained grey with occasional showers Will it or won't it rain? was the question on everyone's lips at Hemyock as stall holders prepared for St Mary's Church fete but the afternoon saw both sunshine and drizzle and deterred no one.

The event, held in the churchyard and church, was opened by Mark Farrell, a member of The Lights Brigade and self appointed 'non elected Mayor of Hemyock' whose speech caused much laughter.

Amongst the outdoor stalls could be found cakes and savouries, tombola, preserves, raffle, good as new, hoopla, flowers, guess the weight of the cake, plants, wooden signs and the church charity shop. In the church various arts and craft were for sale and the numerous visitors were able to sit and enjoy delicious refreshments. The afternoon raised over £1,050

David Bawler, Churchwarden, who along with Patricia Fuller organised the fete said "When the weather is so changeable and you are holding an outdoor event you are always concerned if it will attract people and be a success. Thankfully the brief showers did nothing to deter our wonderful supporters both sellers and buyers who helped raise this large amount for our parish church. Our warmest thanks go to everyone involved".



Falklands Service

Amongst those who assembled at Hemyock War Memorial to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the Falklands War were 5 ex Servicemen, two members of Hemyock Parish Council and the Chairperson of Clayhidon Parish Council.

Lt Col Tim Courtenay OBE, DL, Royal Marines (Rtd) gave the Exhortation and laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the area and prayers were led by Rev Canon Becky Totterdell. The event was organised by David Bawler, RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Upper Culm Valley



Wyndham Singers Concert

Warm applause welcomed The Wyndham Singers when they made a return visit to the parish church, Hemyock for a concert in support of the Friends of St Mary's and Hospiscare. The final amount raised was £627 which is to be equally shared between the two.

The event was introduced by choir member Roger Lambert and dedicated to local musician and church organisations/choirmaster of St Mary's Ron White who was unable to be present.

A representative from Hospiscare, spoke about the work carried out by the organisation and thanked people for their support.

Musical Director, Charles West, led the Singers into their first unaccompanied number Let My Prayer Arise reminding those present of the excellent diction and harmonies produced by this group of 18 men. Panis Angelicus was followed by Harbour. This was written for Syrian refugees but is now being dedicated to the Ukrainian situation.

The audience were then introduced to The Stropes - a group of four men from within the choir. Their rendition of the Supremes hit Baby Love soon had the feet of those present tapping in time and with Diana Ross due to appear at Glastonbury it was almost expected she would suddenly appear! Their barbershop style singing continued with Lullaby followed There's a Girl that I Love before the men melted back into the group.

Prior to the interval when refreshments were served by the Friends, the Singers delighted with Cavatina written by Cleo Lane and Stanley Myers's before bursting into The Kinks joyful number Sunny Afternoon which found many of the audience gently swaying from side to side in time with the music.

The unaccompanied Rocky Road to Dublin was a delightful number to open the second half of the concert with followed by Both Sides Now and What a Wonderful World. Whether accompanied on keyboard by their MD or unaccompanied the Wyndham Singers continued high performance ensured those present were guaranteed an evening to remember.

In their own style the group sang Happy Birthday to someone who had recently celebrated their special day.

The Stropes second appearance proved to be another highlight as in their own inimitable style they performed Till There Was You, Moonlight Bay and Dream A Little Dream of Me a song covered by many artistes including Mama Cass, all bringing warm applause.

Billy Joel's She's Always a Woman began the evening finale before The Rose and then the Top of the World closed the concert. Thanks we're expressed by Sarah Folland, a member of Friends, for a very enjoyable and successful evening.

Open Cottage Garden

A glorious sunny afternoon saw people flock to the open cottage garden of Tim and Jayne Courtenay of Hemyock. The event held to support Culm Davy Chapel and the Blackdown Support Group raised £840.

A beautiful floral bed in colours of mainly mauves and blues with splashes of yellow greeted visitors on their arrival but on wandering around the large expanse of ground one came across other colourful beds and many other plants including roses, in particular a beautiful yellow rose arch, a grape vine, a meadow of white daisies and vegetable beds which included a scarecrow, whilst mature trees added to the wonderful views. Tables and chairs were set up around the large lawn area for visitors to enjoy delicious refreshments and a raffle held which all added to a highly enjoyable event.



THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S, HEMYOCK

We have an exciting programme for the Autumn.

Sunday, 11th September, 2.00 – 5.00pm in the Church.

An Art & Craft Exhibition. Some items will be for sale by silent auction – where you write your offer on a piece of paper and leave it. There is an original water colour of the church painted by a professional artist for sale. If you would like to show anything, please contact me. We hope members of local art groups may contribute, giving the Friends 10% of any sales. Refreshments – donations.

Sunday, 6th November 3.00pm in the Church.

The Dayus-Jones Family Piano Trio, all the way from Longmead, are making a welcome return. Refreshments – donations

Friday, 25th November 7.00pm in the Church Room.

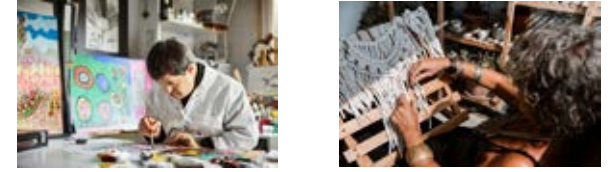
Pies and Pints; Tarts and Tipples. A repeat of our popular supper.

Sunday, 18th December 3.00pm in the Church.

A "Christmassy Concert" by the Blackdown Acapella Ladies Choir.

Ron White, 681020 revron@btinternet.com

Friends of St. Mary's, Hemyock ART & CRAFT



EXHIBITION

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

2.00 – 5.00pm in the CHURCH

Refreshments Donations

**Items for Sale by silent
auction**

Ukraine & Moldova

The support from local folk and those further afield for Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) has been, and continues to be, overwhelming.

The number of artic lorries leaving from the Exmouth depot has greatly increased transporting desperately needed items from food to nappies and walking aids plus everything in between! Whilst the trucks travel initially to Moldova to help refugees and those families supporting them, smaller vehicle are then taking goods into Ukraine and occasionally Hugh of cr2ee will travel with them. The fuel for each load costs in the region of £5,000 and thanks to your generosity over £3,500 has been donated towards this and other needs.

Many of the items we receive have come from families who have sadly lost a loved one and these donations are greatly appreciated. Whilst at the other end we have accepted numerous items from those whose children are thriving and clothes have been outgrown. Whatever the circumstances please be assured that each and every item is welcomed with thanks from those who receive them.

It is difficult to comprehend life in Ukraine with its indiscriminate bombing. The war, we are told, could go on for years and it is therefore likely that support in time will reduce which is why we are so very grateful that from our area support is still outstanding.

If you have any queries about what is accepted (and it really is most things) please contact us on either of the details below. With heartfelt thanks,

Janice & David
Mob. 07773579809
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

WANTED!

**Treasurer required for
St Mary's Church Hemyock with Culm Davy Chapel,
and/or St Andrew's Church Clayhidon**

**Can you help by undertaking this rewarding volunteer role(s)
within our Parishes?**

Skills required
An ability to implement new computerised accounts systems and church procedures for our Parish Churches; a working knowledge of basic book-keeping; payment of bills, and year end records and reporting (income and expenditure).

Hours: approx 8-12 hours per month per parish

Start date: 1 January 2023

Expressions of interest:
To express an interest in one or both posts, and to receive a role description and outline of application process, please contact Khendra Porter, Benefice Administrator, on ucvmission@gmail.com. An informal conversation with each of the current parish treasurers prior to application can be arranged if desired by potential applicants.

Applications
To be received by the Benefice Administrator by Monday 12 September 2022. Additional training and support specific to Church book-keeping is available if required.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Hemyock History Group

We did not have meetings in June or July this year, but have a series of talks planned from September onwards. Starting in September with Amyas Crump on the 15th September who will be talking about the Culm Valley Railway and Odette; he is creating a special talk for us.

Our October talk will be from Alan Reeve on the 13th October and Peter Fisher on the 10th November.

We also have Bryn Morris of South West Archaeology, Pauline Rook and Colin Spackman talking on various subjects.

Major Peter Fisher has given an interesting talk some time ago about John Wood from Hemyock who joined the 40th Regiment of Foot when it later became associated with the 2nd Somersets. This regiment fought in South America when Britain attempted to invade Montivideo and then Buenos Aires before returning to be one of three regiments serving throughout the Peninsula campaign with Wellington. Napoleon's forces invaded Portugal in 1807 and Wellington fought a total of 16 battles in the Iberian peninsula up to 1812 driving the French back. Around this time Private Wood was sent over to North America where he successfully fought against the French in the Southern States before being recalled with his regiment urgently to Europe to join Wellington's forces in time for Waterloo. In the meantime Napoleon was otherwise engaged in Russia extending his front in all directions.

If anyone in the area would like to suggest a speaker or a subject for one of our meetings then please contact us with any details at blackdownarchives.org.uk.

Chris Western who gave an interesting talk earlier this year will become more involved in the organisation of the Association as the year progresses.

Unwanted tools

Very many thanks to all who have given unwanted tools to be sent out to Amigos and others in Africa – literally tons and tons. These have been and will continue to be a Godsend for students leaving the Kira training centre. But sadly it is currently no longer possible to continue to do this.

But the good news is that here, in Hemyock, there is a facility for dealing with much loved, but no longer needed, tools. The newly opened Mens Sheds is happy to take them, refurbish them and sell them for further use.

Visit Mens Sheds at Healthy Living Centre, or contact John Dagger on 0725852322.



Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesdays
1:45pm - 3:15pm
Term time only

£2
per adult

**Hemyock
Parish Hall**



**We have ride on toys, crafts, puzzles, imaginative play, musical instruments, books and lots more!
Drinks and snacks provided for everyone.**

Facebook – Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group



Fair
in aid of

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Saturday 27 August 2022

Hemyock Village Hall
10am – 12noon

**Amazing Raffle, tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac,
water or wine stall, plants, garden produce.**

**Event kindly sponsored by
Andrew Hiller Builders**

Organised by Tracey Hyman Sue Reed and Kath Robinson

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022
1PM - 4PM
HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL, EX15 3RY

HEMYOCK PTFA PRESENTS

**COMMUNITY
APPLE DAY**

Join us for an afternoon of apple pressing & fun!
BBQ, bar, cakes, soft drinks, games & much more!



FREE ENTRY
EVERYONE WELCOME

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
HEMYOCK PRIMARY PTFA ON FACEBOOK

The Violet Chapman Trust

The Violet Chapman Charity (Charity registration number 299996) was established in 1986 after Mrs Violet Chapman, who was a patient of the Blackdown Practice, gave a substantial gift to the doctors, which was intended to provide patients with services and help that were not available under the NHS.

The original Trustees were Dr Jonathan Meads, Mrs Chapman and Sir Christopher who, at that time, was senior partner with Ashfords Solicitors and one time president of the Law Society. The Trustees were, at this time, all volunteers not drawing any salary or expenses, and this remains the case to date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COULD WE HELP YOU?



News from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre

We have welcomed lots of families to our Stay & Play Hub since we re-opened in April. The children have enjoyed many activities over the weeks; making Jubilee crowns, planting sunflower seeds, making jam sandwiches, finger painting, painting a large cardboard house and train to name a few. We ended the term with party games, a picnic and disco. Enjoy the summer and Stay & Play will be back on Wednesday 7th September.

Riverside members have enjoyed a variety of themed days over the past couple of months. We celebrated the Jubilee with an indoor street party. Next came Ladies' Day at Ascot, everyone dressed up in fancy hats, sipped Pimms and played our own version of the Gold Cup! We played balloon tennis for Wimbledon, made a delicious fruit and marshmallow chocolate fondue for World Chocolate Day. We enjoyed baguettes, Brie, Port Salut, Madeleines and Pain au Chocolat and played Boules for Bastille Day! If you want to join in the fun on Mondays and Thursdays, email riverside@bhlac.org.uk or call 01823 680687.

The Community Shedders have been busy helping out in the community once again. They have made a bike shed with black board panels, a child friendly sized bench and a mud play box for the nursery at Hemyock Primary School. If you like making and mending and would like to get involved in the Shed, email blackdowncommunityshed@bhlac.org.uk or call 01823 680687.

Come and join us for a Free Cream Tea

Thursday 18th August
1.30pm-3pm

Live Music from Honiton Band

Everyone Welcome
Healthy Living Centre

BLACKDOWN SUPPORT GROUP – CAN YOU HELP US? CURRENT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



We have many volunteering opportunities available, from driving our clients to much needed medical appointments or social opportunities, visiting older residents who might not have local family or be able to get out much themselves, or you might enjoy working as part of a team and be interested in helping at one of our groups. Whatever your preference please get in touch for an informal chat.



We have an experienced and knowledgeable staff team based at the Blackdown Practice who are here to support you in whatever volunteering you would like to try and our opportunities are always flexible and can fit around any other commitments you may have. We have many volunteers who are parenting, working, caring for others but really enjoy the variety of what we do, taking time to spend with others in the community they might not normally come into contact with and finding out how incredibly rewarding it can be to do a small act of kindness for someone else.

Even if you can't drive you can still help – maybe by phoning someone who would love to hear the sound of someone else's voice asking them how they are, or by walking round to visit someone local to you.

The Blackdown Support Group is a community self-help scheme offering support and volunteering opportunities to people resident in the Blackdown Hills. The Blackdown Hills has strong traditions of community spirit and resilience – we want to continue those traditions.

We believe that when access to activities and services is improved, health, wellbeing and feelings of connection and confidence are improved. The Blackdown Support Group enables people to get around more easily, to meet and make friends and when they face life challenges, to feel that they are not alone. Communities thrive on people being more connected and that is what we are all about.

Please get in touch with us to find out more about the work that we do.
01823 681 036
d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net

01823 681036
@BlackdownSupportGroup
d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net

Regular Calendar of Events

Blackdown Support Group run regular events throughout each month. Everyone is welcome to attend and booking is essential. To book your place please call us on 01823 681036 or email us d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net. Transport can be arranged if required.

- 1st Wednesday of the month**
Hemyock Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00pm
Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock.
- 2nd Wednesday of the month**
Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00pm
Rosemary Lane Chapel.
- 3rd Wednesday of the month**
Dunkeswell Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am
Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell.
- Last Wednesday of the month**
Culmstock Lunch Club 12.30 for 12.45pm
Culm Valley Inn, Culmstock.

Exeter Community Energy have been joining us at our social groups recently, as part of their Healthy Homes for Wellbeing project. Their advisors offer practical energy efficiency advice and support to help you save money and stay warm in your home. If you would like to find out more or to make an appointment with an advisor, please contact us for more information or call Exeter Community Energy direct on 0800 772 3617.

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

Riverside Club	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9.30am – 3pm. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687
Community Shed	Sundays and Mondays most weeks of the year, 10am – 4pm. 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
BSG Lunch Club	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
Stay & Play Hub	Wednesdays term-time 9.30am – 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for babies and pre-school children. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories. Health Visitor clinic on the 2 nd Wednesday of each month.

Monday	Pilates (3 classes)	9am, 10.15am & 11.30am	Louise Lyus (lou@connectedpilates.com)
	Yoga	6.15pm	Julia Baldock (07708 469745)
Tuesday	Yoga	9.30am	Lea-Ann Furphy (leaannfurphy@gmail.com)
	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs (07791234319)
Wednesday	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30am & 10.45am	Sarah Grey (pilatessouthwest@gmail.com)

Therapies

Chiropractic – Sue Moore (07534 222031) Massage – Rachel Ridler (07854 973276)
Osteopathy – Martha Price (07734 431624) Massage – Ruth Bell (07892 896895)
Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – clinic@betonica.co.uk

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH
www.bhlac.org.uk or call 01823 680687

Thank You Community Shed!

From all the children at Hemyock Primary School, thank you for all your support. We are so grateful for our new bike shed, bench and mud boxes!



Take Part, Laugh,
Enjoy & Live Life



Two-course
lunch



BLACKDOWN COMMUNITY RIVERSIDE CLUB

Fun-filled day
for older people



Mondays & Thursdays
9.30am – 3pm

Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock

Ring 01823 680687 for further info.





**Sat 17th and Sun 18th Sept
9am-5pm at Taunton Racecourse
www.somersetcountyshow.co.uk**

ALPACA VILLAGE



FALCONRY



The Würzels



ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!



VINTAGE VEHICLES



COMMUNITY STAGE



COOKING DEMOS WITH
LESLEY WATERS AND
OTHER LOCAL CHEFS



EQUESTRIAN EVENTS



A great family day out with over 70 acres of outdoors events, stalls, crafts, food, drink and many fun activities to enjoy!
Beat the queue and buy your tickets on line early from www.somersetcountyshow.co.uk or you can buy at the gate on the day.

Free Berry's bus 4 times per day from Mecca Bingo to the racecourse and back with free parking


Adult £12.50, Child £5, under 5's free,
Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) £30,
10% discount if you attend both days.

Well Behaved dogs on leads welcome - fun dog show and dog activity zone.

IS LISTENING EASIER THAN READING?

...it certainly is if you're sight impaired, and it may well be so for people who find it difficult to read because of a medical condition, for example Parkinson's Disease.

If you know someone who is struggling to read, the **Mid Devon Messenger** can offer listening alternatives. We want everyone to feel connected with their community while also having a chance to lose themselves in a good audio book!



The Mid Devon Messenger can keep people connected by providing weekly recordings of local news, interviews, stories, quizzes and entertainment. Working in collaboration with Calibre Audio, we also offer audio books. The service is entirely free of charge.

If a member of your family, or a friend, struggles to read or decipher print due to one of the following conditions, we are here to help:

- Sight impairment or blindness
- A learning disability such as Dyslexia
- A brain injury or cognitive impairment such as head trauma or stroke
- Difficulties with physical dexterity caused by Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's Disease, arthritis, paralysis or terminal illness

Our aim is to get people connected and stay connected in whatever way works best for them.

Simply contact Helen McIntosh on 07834 688838 or email: enquiries@middevonmessenger.org.uk

More information about mid Devon Messenger may be found on their website: <https://middevonmessenger.org.uk>

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Autumn Show 2022




Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 3rd September

Viewing from 2.00pm

<http://hemyockgardeners.org.uk>

Arts & Crafts 

Baby Weigh 

Sensory Play

Music & Singing 

Blackdown Stay & Play Hub

Messy Play 

Snacks & Story 

Term time on Wednesdays
9.30am-11am

Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock

Tea & Coffee 

£2 per adult

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW PARENTS

Dear Residents

I hope there are not too many problems in and around Hemyock, if there are, and I can help, please give me a call.

This is a little of some of our revenue costs, we as Members have received regular budget monitoring reports throughout 2021/22 in which budget pressures and risks have been identified. The outturn overspend of £3.3 million is an improvement from the £5.8 million forecast outturn which was reported to Cabinet 9th March. The overspends relate primarily to the budgets for Adult Care and Health and to Children's Services. The outturn for Adult Care and Health services is an overspend of £3.4 million. Adult Care Operations and Health outturn is £4.2 million overspent, the main reason for this overspend relates to significant pressure on unit rates in all service areas. There has been an increase in nursing placement volumes for older people. These pressures have been partially offset by underspends on staffing budgets which reflect the difficulty in recruiting care management staff. The challenges of recruitment and staffing levels under establishment bring challenges in being able to contain rising cost pressures. Adult Commissioning and Health outturn is £783,000 underspent, due to an under spend on Mental Health placements, further core staffing vacancies, and central budget underspends. The position for Children's Social Care is an overspend of £7.2 million. While the overall number of Looked After Children in placement was less than budgeted, there have been higher volumes of children needing complex care arrangements. At the same time the average cost of these types of placement has increased, leading to an overspend of just under £5 million.

This is the letter we received from Phil Norrey, announcing his retirement from DCC.

Dear colleagues

After nearly 17 years since my appointment as Chief Executive for Devon County Council, I have decided that it is time for me to retire.

It has been a huge privilege to serve the elected councillors and people of Devon in this role and to work with so many talented and dedicated Devon County Council employees. This has been a difficult decision as Devon County Council has been such a big part of my life for nearly a quarter of a century, but it is the right time for me and, more importantly, the organisation.

We have nearly completed the process of assembling a great new senior team, and that team and the whole organisation deserve the best possible leadership, with fresh perspective and drive, to help the Council and the communities we serve navigate through what will be a challenging period ahead. I will be leaving on 31 August 2022 and the Council is taking immediate steps to recruit my successor and to make an interim appointment should that be necessary. Best wishes,
Phil Norrey, Chief Executive

Potholes and safety defects are always high on any Parish Council agenda, this is how the Highways assess potholes. With regard to consideration of a pothole for repair we operate a risk based approach in line with national guidance. As such our Inspectors consider a number of factors including the position of the defect within the carriageway, the speed limit

of the road and the potential risk to road users. All these factors then lead to a decision whether to order a repair and the appropriate timescale for that repair. Anything that is considered a safety defect will be repaired in accordance to Devon County Councils policy. If a member of the public or Parish see a pothole that meet the intervention levels of being over 300mm in diameter and having a vertical face (sharp edge) of 40mm or over, the quickest and easiest way to deal with them is to report them online through our web site using the link below. This is the same as I would do and goes straight to the contractor for investigation saving the time of the Neighbourhood Officers visit.

NOTE: -

Potholes are only filled provided the above criteria is met and only those reported will be inspected/filled accordingly. When logging potholes through the Public Information Portal (PIP) system, they must be entered individually and not blocked together, our contractors will only deal with each pothole individually, therefore each must have its own unique number. Potholes logged using the PIP system remain as enquiries (public 'W' reference) until such time the inspector deems them to be a safety defect, at which point they are assigned to our contractor (internal 'D' reference) for repair. The response time is now based on their risk-rating ascertained during the inspector visit as well as the time scale (in most cases 28 days from the time of assessment), alternatively the enquiry may be closed down as 'no further action', this could be for example, due to not meeting policy or being a duplicate log/report. The PIP system shows the pothole(s) which have been logged (blue circle with a number if more than one at any location or a green circle with a picture of a car for a single pothole) and has now been updated to show a triangular road works sign symbol once assessed with an estimated date of repair.

Broadband CDS Lot E – East and Mid Devon Area.

This is just a bit of update from CDS of the progress of broadband, not there yet. Although the main activity of supplying broadband in Hemyock, Culmstock, Uffculme & Willand has been via Gigaclear. This contract, which will deliver new fibre connections to 13,890 homes and businesses, is also in delay, and CDS are working with Airband to complete a remedial plan and set of updates and communications to residents affected.

There are similar reasons for the delay, in particular the appointment of strategic civils and design partners has taken longer than anticipated, continued difficulty in agreeing critical wayleaves impacting on Airband's ability to finalise the designs and commit to a build schedule and the permitting this requires. A key part of approving the revised plans and timescales will be reaching agreement on extending public funding. However, design and survey work has been completed in 1 cluster between Tiverton and Nomansland, serving circa 600 premises, and build is well advanced with completion scheduled for Q2 2022/23. Survey and design activities have begun in clusters between Sampford Peverell and Bradninch as well as between Seaton, Gittisham and Sidmouth with clarity on the next to go into build expected shortly.

Regards,

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor, Willand & Uffculme Division. Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners have had a busy time over the last couple of months. As part of Hemyock's Jubilee Celebrations the Gardeners' Association ran a competition with so many entries judging was very difficult. The winner was Emma Ward whose garden at Cornerways you probably walk past every day!

An evening visit to Old Trickey's Flower Farm a stone's throw from Hemyock was enjoyed by around 30 of us. The gardens were gorgeous and Rachel very kindly showed us round and answered all our flower-growing questions. A delightful way to spend an evening outside surrounded by beautiful flowers as the sun went down. Several gardeners embarked on a visit to Essex for the annual weekend away. Having been planned for 2020, two years later we managed to visit RHS Hyde Hall, Beth Chatto's inspirational garden. We stopped at the Savill Garden on the way up and West Green house in Hampshire - who treated us to a delicious lunch - on the way home. It was certainly a trip worth waiting for. Our next event will be the much anticipated Autumn Show on Saturday 3 September in Hemyock Parish Hall. Schedules will have been despatched to members who will no doubt enter as many classes as possible to compete for those trophies!

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Do drop in on one of those evening meetings to see what's on. Visitors are most welcome. Call 01823 681393 for further details or check the website www.hemyockgardener.org.uk or our Facebook page.

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



1st HEMYOCK SCOUT GROUP

Scouts
Explorers
Network

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with Squirrels 4-6yrs, Beavers 6-8yrs, Cubs 8-10yrs and Scouts 10-14yrs

We are here to fill you in on the details, so if you want to know more please do get in touch with Andy andy.ellis@gmail.com or Karen kazapinder@hotmail.com 01823681034

We would love to hear from you

Valley Arts

Valley –Arts new committee is now up and running, just to give you a reminder of the Officers:



Lynn Pulman chairman, Andy Pulman

- vice chairman, Stuart Summers - treasurer, Caroline Pinder - secretary, Alison Robson - booking secretary, Gillian Hawkes – membership and Noda secretary. And Members: Sally Cartledge, Hilary Moles and Sonia Moggford – Abbot.

We are holding a Valley Arts Experience Evening, Friday 16th Sept 7.30-9.30pm in Hemyock Parish Hall. This will involve looking at scripts, past photos and programmes just to give a taste of what we are all about. Also there will be opportunities to try dance moves, singing, make up, costumes and chats about lighting, sound, scenery and props. There are so many ways that your creative talents can be stimulated when you are involved in a production. All over 18s welcome, this is a social gathering and drinks and light refreshments will be served, just turn up and have fun!

Our Autumn event is on Saturday 19th Nov, this will be a social evening with one of the Blackdowns most popular bands "THE BIRD DOGS", it will be 60s and 70s themed and fancy dress is encouraged. There will be a salad supper and pudding and a bar available, this promises to be a good evening, make sure you save the date.

Our Christmas meal will be in the Catherine Wheel on 17th December.

We are changing the timing of our pantomime from October to February with rehearsals starting in September and a break over Christmas. The 2023 Pantomime will be on the 8th, 9th and 10th February, Stuart wants to decide on a pantomime by the end of July, so we are all busy researching and there will be more details in the next Pump. Also Andy is posting regular updates on our Valley -Arts Facebook page, so check it out and ask Andy any questions you have.

If you are interested in joining the group this year and think you would also like to participate in any way, don't hesitate to contact Lynn at lynnpulman@btinternet.com Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com. Please come and join us you will be most welcome.

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

Wanted: Flat to rent

Retired professional single woman (65)
Is looking for a one-bedroom flat/annexe/or similar
In this or the surrounding area
Non-smoker, quiet, responsible and reliable
Full references available
Please phone Jane on 01823 680898 or 07529223582
I can move any time up to the end of October

Around Hemyock

Since the last issue of the Pump the village has been a hive of activity including the celebration of The Queens Platinum Jubilee, the village fete at the school, St Marys fete in the churchyard and a number of open gardens. Amongst all this there has been sadness as families have lost a loved one.

I hope others will have sent the editor reviews of the above festivities as each attracted large numbers of people of all ages and I'm sure everyone will agree with the saying 'A good time was had by all'

During the jubilee weekend **Rebecca Pike** and **James Thomson** were married at St Marys where **Richard and Annette Hart** had wed 58 years previously. Congratulations to both couples and to **Les Stevens** who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

"Once a Scout, always a Scout" is a favourite saying of our daughter and she is disappointed not to be able to be here as the Group celebrate their 50th anniversary with their Danish friends. She like many has enjoyed joint camps both in Denmark and here..... whatever the weather! Thanks to all those who over the years have fundraised, organised and offered home hospitality, so that this endearing friendship may continue.

St Marys was the venue for a memorial service for **Peter Doble** who many remember. Although he and Mariette lived in Switzerland it was Peters wish to have his ashes buried at Hemyock where he had spent his younger days.

Condolences and love are sent to families and friends who have recently lost a loved one.

Barbara Bowden was a well-liked true Hemyockian having spent her life here. The following tribute has been received from her family:

Barbara Mary Bowden (née Northam)

We are sad to report that Barbara Bowden (née Northam) passed away on 25 May. Barbara was born in Hemyock in 1936 and was a life-long resident of the village. Barbara's family, on both sides, were from several generations of local people and, growing up, she was surrounded by many uncles, aunts, cousins, and numerous other relatives living in Hemyock.

Barbara was known for her friendly and open nature, welcoming newcomers to her beloved village, talking to anyone. She was always keen to support events and activities in the village and throughout her life she participated in very many. As a child and teenager, she sang in the church choir and took part in pantomimes and shows held at the milk factory. As an adult, she was an enthusiastic member of Hemyock Singers, taking part in many of the shows and musicals performed in the parish hall. At Christmas time, Barbara was one of the group who would dress up in Victorian costume and sing carols all around the village to raise money for local causes.

For many years, Barbara helped run the village playgroup for pre-school children, and a disco club for the older children in the village. She was a long-term 'tea lady' for Hemyock Cricket Club and was renowned for her home-baked scones and cakes. Barbara took part in the keep-fit and badminton clubs and played darts for the Catherine Wheel ladies team. She worked part-time for some years in the Post Office shop, a job that she

thoroughly enjoyed. In later years, Barbara was an extremely lively member of the "Party Club" whose New Year's parties held in the parish hall were enthusiastically appreciated by very many people in the village.

Barbara will be remembered for her love of people, singing and dancing, bringing a smile to any situation, and perhaps most of all her sense of fun.

The funeral service for Barbara was held in St Mary's church and was attended by over 100 people.

Barbara and Les were married in Hemyock Church 68 years ago, and have three daughters and one son, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She really loved having young children in the family again and enjoyed their company immensely. She has left a big gap in all our lives but we are grateful to have had her for so long.

Margaret Wheaton was another popular well-known villager. Her loved ones write:

Sadly, our Aunt passed away at home on Thursday 30th June 2022. Margaret's health had been deteriorating with a number of falls and hospital admissions since April 2022. She was a lovely stubborn lady and did not want to go into a Care Home. She had finally accepted this was for her safety and we were waiting for her Care Needs Assessment Report to be available, but we were advised this was going to take some time.

Margaret was born in Clayhidon on 12th November 1937 and passed away aged 84 years.

I think it is fair to say that Margaret had not enjoyed life since the loss of her beloved husband Brian 3 1/2 years ago. Sadly, Margaret's health has deteriorated and in recent months she had a number of falls at home and this is how she sadly passed away. Margaret cherished their son Kevin, hence Margaret and Brian's outstanding support and fundraising for Vranth House, Exeter where there is a 'Hemyock Room' acknowledging this. She also did fundraising for Blackdown Support Group and attending Hemyock Saturday market. Both Margaret and Brian were recognised for their Charity work and were invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Margaret enjoyed flower arranging and this included flowers for church, she also enjoyed crochet. Both Margaret and Brian enjoyed holidays to the Isles of Scilly, and they made a number of friends on the island. The family have fond memories of parties held in Margaret and Brian's home for various birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

We have been looking at old photos, as Aunt Margaret would always be taking photos. Paul & Janet and family and Maria & Mark are grateful for the expressions of sympathy given in this time of bereavement for our Aunt. We would like to thank Dr Greg Barnes and the staff at the Blackdown Practice- Hemyock Surgery for the care and compassion provided to Margaret.

Sue Idden was a well loved mother who passed away after a 16month journey with cancer aged 62years. She died peacefully at home in Norton Fitzwarren having previously lived in Logan Way and Riverside. Amongst her family she leaves children Sam,

Ben and Michael and grandchildren Maddi, Arabella, Imogen and Evie who had been able to enjoy holidays with Sue over her last few months.

We also remember the late Cheridah (Cherry) Troutt of Castle Park and Dr Sheila Openshaw, a lecturer of medicine, from Parklands who have recently died.

For many young people September and October sees the beginning of a new step in their life be it school, college, university or entering the workforce. We wish them well.

If you have recently moved to Hemyock we hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the activities which have taken place. Elsewhere in the Pump you will see details of other events due to take place in coming months where we hope to see you.

I was recently asked why surnames of those who are unwell are sometimes omitted from this page. Usually it is because the person concerned is happy for their first name to be included but not their last and this has to be respected. Most of us are aware of friends or neighbours who are not in the best of health, giving help and prayer when needed. Kay Lane, Wendy Baldwin, Gordon, Chris, Ron and Heather are amongst those remembered and wished well.

If you, or someone you know would ever like to be mentioned, for any reason, please let me know.

Many will remember Brian and Sheila Pretty both of whom were very involved with St Marys and the link to Potters Village, Uganda. The couple moved to Trull some years ago but in June they emigrated to Australia to be with their children Helen and Jonathon and their families. They ask to be remembered to all who knew them.

Clearly we are going through a difficult time with the rising cost of living and the Community Larder at Prowses is a huge success. Thanks to all those who are giving donations to this and to the local foodbank and cr2ee.

Although we may hope for late summer days we will be approaching autumn as we receive this issue of the Pump and I rather like the following reminding us of how glorious nature will soon appear.

*Autumn in her russet robes comes dancing down the lane,
Touching every leaf and tree she sets the woods aflame.
A magic mist of colour transforms the woodland scene
To crimson, flame and yellow where everything was green.*

For this page to continue it needs local input, please don't assume that mysterious A.N. Other has passed some interesting news/information. Why didn't you include a particular wedding anniversary? I was recently asked. As the TV advert says Simple! I wasn't told.

May your summer have been enjoyable and the next two months bring you joy.

Janice
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you

Maureen would like to thank everyone who came and supported her coffee morning in June in aid of Alzheimer's, raising a magnificent sum of £372. Thank you for all the donations and everyone who helped.

CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Saturday 17th September

After a break for the last 2 years due to reasons we all understand, our popular Model Railway Show at Willand Village Hall (10am-4.30pm) returns again this year.. This is a great day out for families and is super fun for visitors and club members alike.

As usual kids can drive trains on our SOLDOR model railway layout featuring the little blue engine and his friends. The older (or just more experienced children) can even shunt wagons whilst for the younger ones there are push buttons to work Toby and send him into a tunnel and out of a different one.

This is our 12th Show on SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL. As usual it is open from 10am until 4.30pm & the cost is £5.00 for adults and only £1.50 for children. There is of course free parking and wheelchair access to most of the hall.

The format is basically the same with 14+ layouts never seen before in Mid-Devon. Whilst we try to keep exhibitors local to Devon & Somerset we even have some real steam loco's on display for the more mechanically minded amongst you.

Top quality second-hand items at bargain prices in all the popular gauges will be available, including overseas.

As usual the ladies will be providing excellent refreshments with bacon baps, hot dogs, pasties, sandwiches etc. as well as tea, coffee and cold drinks.

We hope to see you in Willand on the 17th as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out.

For further information about the show or the club visit our webpage www.cvmrc.co.uk



Somerset County Show

For a great family day out why not join us at the Somerset County Show 17 and 18 September 9-5 at the Taunton Racecourse.

We will have a full line up of equestrian events including Shetland Pony Racing and a visit from the Mounted Police horses from Bristol.

There will be 100's of stands including large craft marquees and a food and drinks festival with performance from The Wurzels at 3.30pm on the Sunday on our Tone FM and Richard Huish College community stage.

The countryside arena is always a favourite with fun dog shows and demo's, falconry, ferret racing, Alpaca Village and we will have a new Sport and Club zone area with drumming, cricket, football and have a go area's.

Celeb chef Lesley Waters will be hosting and cooking for us and we will have a funfair, classic car display and miniature train ride area.

Tickets on sale now from www.somersetcountyshow.co.uk For more details on having a stand, sponsoring or if you would like to bring a classic vehicle or to volunteer please call Sharon on 07739964843.



HEMYOCK QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In early March a small group met in the Parish Hall to try and put on some kind of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Worries about whether we could achieve this in the timescale were put to one side; we rolled up our sleeves and got on with planning

In view of the shortness of lead time it was decided to concentrate on the Saturday and Sunday of the four-day bank holiday. Planning for all the celebrations to be outside in the fresh air, the only concern was the weather!

In the end the sun shone on Sports Saturday with the Skatepark, Tennis and Football drawing in crowds of children who brought in their parents and grandparents. Everyone stayed to party on til the evening enjoying Bar None, the Blues Band and singer/guitarist John. Food outlets, ice cream van and a bar ensured everyone was catered for. Sunday's weather was less kind with a grey start and mizzle but the well attended outdoor Thanksgiving Service went without a hitch, the Hemyock schoolchildren's singing was delightful and a hasty start was made for the Big Jubilee Lunch where picnics were enjoyed before the heavens opened. Thanks to everyone who came along and celebrated. There are so many people who put their particular element together but mainly the Parish Council who funded the event, Alex Russell who cajoled us all to believe we could put on the celebrations and thanks to Graham Tottle who arranged all the musicians to entertain us. Let's hope there's not a ten-year wait for the next big gathering in Hemyock! Watch this space ...

PS if you chose a name for the Corgi but were unsuccessful in the "Name the Corgi" draw, she was called Peggy after the Queen's first pony!

Susan Scantlebury 01823 681393

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 -Cash Prizes.
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hemyock100club@gmail.com

SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN AT HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mary Waldron Trust
 Left Uffculme School?
 Continuing your Education?

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

Hemyock Primary School
 Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome and must be in writing or email. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course.

If you would like further details or to request an application form, please contact the Secretary as follows:

Mrs Sally Cartledge, 22 Station Road, Hemyock, EX15 3SE
 Phone 01823 680367.
 Email sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk

Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

Can you Help?

We meet on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 – 3.15 in the Parish hall during term time; we are hoping to find someone who loves working with children who would come along to give us a hand with the running of the Group.

If you're interested please contact
 Heidi 07771771980 or Karen 681034
 Or send a message via our Facebook group

1st HEMYOCK SCOUT GROUP

We need a new team leader!

YOU could be perfect for this role.

As the leader of the team we would call you the Group Scout Leader (GSL)

In a nutshell, the GSL would be:

- Inspiring and enthusiastic, super resourceful and full of energy
- A problem solver, fantastic team builder and a leader
- Believe passionately about developing young people and volunteers to be their best

1st Hemyock Scout Group won't be the only one to benefit – so what's in it for you?

This is an opportunity to make a real difference to local young people. Being a GSL, will look great on your CV, demonstrating to prospective employers that you have some amazing additional skills. Don't worry if you are new to Scouts, that's no problem, we will teach you everything you need to know and our award winning training scheme even leads to a certified qualification. Volunteering with Scouting can be as flexible as you need so if you are worried that you won't have enough time why not consider a role share within a small team.

We are here to fill you in on the details, so if you want to know more please do get in touch with Andy andy.ellis@gmail.com or Karen kazapinder@hotmail.com

We would love to hear from you

What's On August 2022

Mon 1	
Tue 2	
Wed 3	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 4	HONITON SHOW Taunton F M Mobile Library, PH 2.15
Fri 5	
Sat 6	Tiverton, Ch'ford, Well F.M. Cricket 1.30 – 6pm Rec. Field
Sun 7	
Mon 8	Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 9	Memory Club, BHLAC, 10 -12 Tues Club, FL 7.30
Wed 10	Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC Gardeners' Meeting FL 7.30
Thu 11	Taunton FM,
Fri 12	Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 10-11.30
Sat 13	Cullompton, Yarcombe. F.M
Sun 14	PUMP DEADLINE
Mon 15	
Tue 16	
Wed 17	
Thu 18	Honiton and Taunton F.M.
Fri 19	
Sat 20	HEMYOCK MARKET 10-12, Well. F,M, M. Lib., 9.40, PH, Cricket 1.30 – 6pm
Sun 21	
Mon 22	Young Farmers FL 7.30
Tue 23	
Wed 24	
Thu 25	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 26	
Sat 27	Coffee Morning Macmillan Cancer Research, PH 10 – 12, Uffculme FM
Sun 28	
Mon 29	BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 30	
Wed 31	

Weekly Meetings in Parish Hall and Elsewhere (Forbes Lounge, Church Room, BHLAC & Garages)

Sunday	Community Shed	10 – 4 pm	C Shed
Mondays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	9.30 - 12.30	PH
	Mature Movers	11 -12 noon	Garages
	Art Group	10 - 12 noon	FL
	Community Shed	10 – 4 pm	C. Shed
	Badminton	1.30 – 3.30 pm	PH
	Salsa DX Dance Exercise Yoga	6.30 – 7.30 pm 6.15 – 7.45 pm	PH BHLAC
Tuesdays	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 - 12 noon	CR
	Yoga	9.30 – 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 – 7.30 pm	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 - 3.15 pm	PH
	Moir Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 - 6.15 pm	FL
Wednesdays	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 - 11 am	BHLAC
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 - 7.15 pm	BHLAC
Thursdays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3 pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	1.30 – 4.30 pm	PH
	Devon Dance Fit, Gold	10 -11 am	PH
	Devon Dance Fit	7.00 – 9.30 pm	PH
Fridays	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 – 10. 15 am	BHLAC

These **WEEKLY** activities happen regularly each week with occasional breaks for Bank Holidays and school holidays. They will not be put into the “What's On” of the Parish Pump (as they are so regular) but fortnightly and monthly meetings will go into “What's On”, **IF I AM NOTIFIED!**

Please contact me, **Sue Lambert, 680664 or sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com** if there are any alterations, or additions to this list.

PH - Parish Hall
 FL – Forbes Lounge
 BHLAC – Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre
 C.SHED – Community Shed
 CR – Church Room

What's On September 2022

Thu 1	Local Schools' Term starts, Taunton FM, Mobile Library, 14.15, Hem PH
Fri 2	
Sat 3	Tiv, Well, Ch'ford FM AUTUMN SHOW, PH
Sun 4	Uffculme Show and Country Fayre at Bridwell Park, Uffculme, 10am
Mon 5	
Tue 6	
Wed 7	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30 Parish Council, BHLAC 7.30
Thu 8	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 9	
Sat 10	Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmers' Market Short Mat Bowls
Sun 11	HERITAGE SUNDAY, Art & Craft Exhibition, tea & cakes St Mary's
Mon 12	Painting Group starts, FL 10 -12 (contact 680664) Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 13	Memory Club, BHLAC Tuesday Club, FL, 7.30
Wed 14	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, R Lane. Chapel 12.30, Empty Spaces, 2.30 - 4pm Gardeners Meeting, PH, 7.30
Thu 15	Taunton, Honiton Farmers' Markets History Group, C.Room, 7.30
Fri 16	
Sat 17	SOMERSET COUNTY SHOW, Taunton Race Course HEMYOCK MARKET, Well
Sun 18	SOMERSET COUNTY SHOW, Taunton Race Course
Mon 19	
Tue 20	
Wed 21	
Thu 22	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 23	Autumn begins
Sat 24	REPAIR CAFE, Hem PH 10 – 12, Uffculme FM
Sun 25	
Mon 26	Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 27	
Wed 28	
Thu 29	Taunton F.M Mobile Library, PH, 14.15
Fri 30	

Forthcoming Events

Oct	01	Scout Jumble Sale, PH
	15	Hemyock Apple Day, Hemyock School.
	24 – 28	Local Schools' half-term
	30	British Summertime ends
Nov	06	Dayus Jones Family Piano Trio, St Mary's, 3 pm
	11	Remembrance Day
	19	Avon & Somerset Police Male Voice Choir
	25	Pies & Pints, Tarts & Tipples, CR. FOSM
	26	Repair Café, Hem.PH
Dec	16	Local schools' End of Term
	18	Christmassy Concert by Bl'down Acapella Ladies Choir

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** by the “Parish Pump” deadline date. (This may stop too many clashes of dates!)

PH – Parish Hall
 FL – Forbes Lounge
 CR – Church Rooms
 LM – Longmead
 RS – Riverside
 BC – Baptist Church
 SM – St Mary's
 SA – St Andrew's
 ASC – All Saint's Church
 CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall
 BHLAC – Blackdown Healthy Living Activity Centre

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HEMYOCK TENNIS CLUB

LONGMEAD, HEMYOCK, DEVON, EX15 3SG

LTA MEMBER NO: DEV 418

The weather has certainly been good for tennis players this season. On June 4th for our open day, we luckily found the best day of the Platinum Jubilee weekend, and as many who follow Wimbledon will know, no time was lost to wet weather during the entire tournament. That may not be a first, but just the thought of Wimbledon evokes memories of ball boys rushing to cover the courts as the rain begins to pour and players run for shelter.

Our two teams, Hemyock A and Hemyock B have been getting some great results in their respective divisions of the West Somerset Mixed League. At the time of writing, Hemyock A were in 2nd place in Division 4, and Hemyock B in first place in Division 5. Some of the matches have been played in sweltering conditions, so well done to everyone involved, but special thanks to Malcolm Steer and his wife Karen for captaining the teams. Occasionally, due to holidays and work commitments the pool of players has been somewhat limited to say the least, but they have cajoled and persuaded to great effect and with fantastic results.

The tennis club threw open the courts as part of the Platinum Jubilee on Saturday June 4th, when Longmead became the focus of celebrations with a variety of other activities, including a band playing in the late afternoon and evening. The event was very well attended, and the ball machine on court 1 attracted a great deal of interest pretty much all afternoon. Very young players were able to hit softer 'sponge' tennis balls over a lowered net in the safer confines of court 3, and more serious players enjoyed some more energetic play on court 2. Paul Doble, the chair of Hemyock Parish Council fulfilled his promise to give tennis a try, and it was great to see such large numbers enjoying themselves. Many thanks to those who helped, both before and during the afternoon.

The club depends upon membership fees, and we are always keen to welcome new members. There is plenty of this summer left yet for tennis, and courts are generally available a lot of the time. It is always best to book a court, (or check bookings to ensure availability) and you can find details below.

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Hello once again to all of our past and present clients requiring items to be repaired rather than consigning them to the bin.

Our next Blackdown Hills Repair Café will be at the Parish Hall in Hemyock on the 24th of September 2022 from 10am until 1.0pm, where you may bring all of your items in need of repair, and enjoy a range of delicious refreshments which will be available from our tea room.

Many thanks,
Stephan - Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café.
Please do not hesitate to contact me on:
07715460783 or at: sfelehner@aol.com
Land line: 01823 421760.

New members will be made most welcome at social tennis sessions (see details below), but if they decide that's not for them, they'll find that other than when courts are booked for league matches, coaching, or social sessions, there is plenty of availability. We also play 'all year round' due to our fantastic LED floodlights, so if you have the opportunity of an hour or two on the court after finishing work, it will only be the rain or snow that gets in your way.

Our coach Dan Sizer has a holiday club booked for 15th & 16th of August for the juniors, and his junior coaching sessions on Thursdays continue to be very well attended. Dan also runs a coaching session for adult members on Friday mornings - contact Julie Steed for details.

Due to other commitments, the 'Strawberry Tennis' afternoon will be a little delayed this year, but will take place on the afternoon of Monday 29th August. It's a good thing that strawberries have such a long season these days! You can expect it to be the usual 'American Tournament' format with tea and cakes, strawberries and prosecco, and a suitable prize for the winners! A more detailed notice will be circulated to club members shortly, but the afternoon is open to non members too, so look out for notices and please come along. You'll be most welcome and you'll have a great afternoon!

You can find out more about Hemyock Tennis Club at clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub You can also hire a court by visiting the Spar shop in Station Road. It's £5 to borrow the key (£5 deposit) and £2 per hour to hire the court. Tokens for the floodlights are also available at the Spar for £2 each per half hour per court. Adult members social sessions are Saturday and Sunday mornings from 10 am, and Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm (6.00 during school holidays).

Bob Hawkes
Chairman - Hemyock Tennis Club

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.

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL

(HPHMC)

By the time you read this, the AGM will have taken place and another year will have begun managing the Parish Hall, for many a focal point of the village and a centre for activities as diverse as badminton, salsa, zumba, short mat bowls, toddler group(s), the monthly market, gardeners club, cricket club, Young Farmers Club, dance groups, art club, and of course the occasional quiz, dance or, private party, not forgetting that (covid allowing) once a year, Valley Arts turn the hall into a theatre for their annual musical production or pantos.

The trustees give their time freely, but take their responsibilities seriously. Maintenance of the fabric of the building and the equipment therein is key, but so is some modernisation and improvement, and so in the last 12 months, funds have been spent on 100 new chairs, 10 round tables (much more suitable and sociable for functions), and a cupboard to store drinking glasses. We have also spent money improving security and access to the hall.

In 2007, when Robin's Court was built on the site of the old tennis courts, trustees listed on the Charity Commission report numbered 24. There are now about half that number, and of those, many are what can be politely described as 'elderly'. If the number of trustees dwindles further, and officers (treasurer, secretary, chair and vice chair) are unable to be replaced, then there will have to be change. Perhaps officers will have to be appointed and paid to carry out their work, and the cost will have to be offset through higher charges for hall users. There is also the possibility of local authority involvement, which often results in detachment from parishioners. The hall committee meets about every two months (occasionally in between as well), to do its best to ensure that the facility is well managed. If you think you could spare one evening every two months and maybe a little time in between or you would like to know more, then please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you, and promise that you'll be made more than welcome.

Footnote: John Churchill has decided that the time is right for him to step down from the hall committee. John has been an elected trustee for many years and a true asset to the committee, for which we all owe him a debt of gratitude. We are all very thankful for the valuable contribution John has made over the years.

Bob Hawkes (Sec)
(bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com)
680047

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

Thursday (once a month)

Clayhidon crossroads	13.35 – 14.05pm
Hemyock Parish Hall	14.15 – 15.20
Lower Millhayes	15.25 – 15.45

Saturdays (once a month)

Hemyock Parish Hall	9.55 – 11.35
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Also found on: www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello Everyone, here's the headline.

ANGLO/DAN 1972-2022



Yes we have made it! We are about to celebrate fifty wonderful years of being twinned with our scouting friends from Tonder in Denmark. What an achievement. There are very few scout groups in UK that have an International friendship spanning so many years. We are proud of that achievement.

Little did Flemming Birkvad and Skip Lowman know what they were starting with that camp at Watcombe Torquay from 29th July to 5th August 1972. They started it, we are proud to continue it with our twenty first camp together at, of course, Watcombe Torquay from 23rd July to 30th July 2022.

It will be quite a camp. There will be 136 at camp, with English leaders, explorers, scouts, cubs, beavers, squirrels plus Danish leaders, young scouts, scouts and venture scouts. There is lots planned for the camp. I am reading through the programme and here are some highlights. I-circus, beach combing plus clean up (excellent idea), on site games, all day hike (makes old Rikki tired thinking about it! However I have done in the past and really enjoyed it many times), archery, axe knife and saw skills, pioneering including water (I do hope they get wet, know they will!)

Then back to Hemyock for Home hospitality. They will spend Saturday afternoon and Sunday with their host families then enjoy a BBQ in the evening. Monday will see a trip to Brownsea Island in Dorset, where our Founder Robert Baden Powell held the very first Scout camp. Tuesday will be activities around Hemyock including a Blessing at St Marys with Rector Becky. The day will finish with a farewell evening at the Garages. Then Wednesday morning we bid farewell to our Danish friends for a safe journey back to Denmark. A sad but happy time, when all involved will have wonderful memories and new friends which in many cases will last a lifetime. Rikki knows. I am looking forward to seeing Danish leaders who I have known for twenty five years plus. I must now say a big thank you on behalf of everyone involved to Akela Julie and her team who have done a super job in the organising of the event. They will all wonder what they have got wrong. There is no need to worry all the things that you have got right will far outweigh any wrongs- that there probably wont be. Old Skip Lowman told me that over thirty years ago and he was right!

And so another scout year comes to an end and a much better one now that generally speaking Covid is behind us. Of course we have made the most of being outdoors for most of our meetings. We are lucky that we are a rural group. Our sections are now working on programmes for the Autumn term. Scouting never stops!

And finally. This has to be Camp fire Yarn No;28. Our World Wide Brotherhood. I will paraphrase Our Founder BP. He basically says that scouting is not just us here in the UK, but reaches to all four corners of the World. Including, of course, Denmark. So I finish as I started. Fifty years of friendship with the scouts and guides of Tonder. What a great achievement and legacy for Flemming Birkvad and Skip Lowman who began it all in 1972.

Enjoy the summer

Old Rikki



NEW HOMES | OAK MOUNT, HEMYOCK



A range of 40 beautifully built 3 and 4 bedroom homes on the outskirts of the village. Visit our marketing suite to speak to a sales advisor for more information.

Blackdown Hills Business Centre,
Hemyock, EX15 3QU

01823 210837
oakmount@cavannahomes.co.uk
cavannahomes.co.uk



Come and play cricket !!!

Hemyock Cricket Club would like to welcome new and old players of all standards and ages for the upcoming season. We are a friendly social club that plays Saturday afternoons in Division 3 of the West Somerset League, and some friendly matches.

For more information please contact :
John Hurley (Captain) 07972 744279 jchurley66@googlemail.com
Malcolm Steer (Secretary) 07456 690503 malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk



Poets Corner

ENOUGH?

We must view the Earth,
as God's holy ground,
With all His creatures here:
Is it enough,
That we thank Him for
our share?
Then take our turn to care?
But need to learn to love,
And Love,
As our Creator Cares.

SUNRISE

Low behind those trees,
Hidden by the morning mist,
Lit by ancient fire fresh with morning,
The new day gently lights the World,
Like the day yesterday,
And every day before;
A day of promise,
Risk and pain and joy,
A day to pray for strength
To turn the fears away,
A glimpse of promise,
We did not dream,
As daylight spreads
For all to share.

SHYNESS

Old friendship
Dimmed by time,
Say, 'How are you'
And hear a voice reply,
Like old songs from the past,
Old sparks kindle to new flame,
Fire of memories of years
Unsaid words,
They're hardly heard;
Then silence and a shyness comes,
That silence,
That speaks so clear,
Then, waking,
It was all a dream,
'Maybe we'll meet again.'

David Palmer

Going Home

When I was only a tiny pup everyone clamoured to pick me up
Cuddle me close; cover me with kisses, especially the dearest
of all-my missus.
But week by week I'm growing bigger, & being told must watch
my figure.
Are they getting tired of me?
Human love must be very small, compared with a dog who
gives his all.

But wait! They're fetching my collar and lead-
A breath of fresh air is just what I need.
We get in the car, go out to the moor, out I jump and away!
I race along, and then turn to see, how far behind the others
would be.

To my surprise they are not in sight.
I'll go to the car just to see they are alright
But now I find the car has gone... Maybe they have moved it
further along?
A feeling of fear creeps over me- there is nothing else to see...

An awful thought comes to my mind – did they really mean to
leave me behind?
I'd stay with them till my very last breath. I'd walk them
through the gates of Death.
With a heart that was breaking I turned towards home..
I knew the direction from which we had come...

Had I fallen asleep when I heard a voice say,
"Come to me little one". I'll show you the way"
Oh Father in Heaven, you have bought me home
Never again in the cruel world shall I roam.
The world is cruel – except for a few.
So I am glad I am loved and wanted by You

Su Graham

WILD ABOUT DEVON

COMMUNITY GRANTS OF UP TO £500 AVAILABLE!

Are you a community group, parish or town council, or collaborative local community partnership in Devon (including Torbay)?

- Do you have a wildlife project idea that you want to kickstart?
- Are you looking for funding to advance an existing wildlife initiative?
- Would you like to start a new group with a wildlife focus?

This grant scheme recognises the vital role community action can play in creating long term benefits for wildlife. This could range from gardens and parks, to churchyards, orchards, window boxes, ponds and ditches, buildings and more!

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
tinyurl.com/yc85faw7

Logos for Devon Communities Together, Devon Nature Partnership, Devon Environment Foundation, and Devon County Council.

Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update, August 2022

The parish council held meetings in June & July. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Co-option

Welcome to Corinne Matthews, who has been co-opted onto the council following the resignation of Sean Ritchie.

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 22/00838/HOUSE. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/00006/HOUSE (Erection of two-storey rear extension) to allow substitute plans. Churchills Barn, High Street, Hemyock.
- 22/00687/HOUSE. Retention of building for use as additional living accommodation. Old
- Parsonage Cottage, High Street, Hemyock. (revised scheme).
- 22/01203/TPO. Application to fell 1 Ash protected by Tree Preservation Order 91/00001/TPO. 2 Castle Barton, Culmstock Road, Hemyock.

Prior approval noted for-

- 22/00553/PNSOL. Prior Notification for the installation of 26 Solar Photovoltaics (PV) panels with a capacity of 9500 kW (solar). Burrow Hill Farm, Hemyock

Permission granted noted for:-

- 22/00438/HOUSE. Retention of a replacement outbuilding for use as a garage and garden store with studio space above. Northcote, Hemyock.
- 22/00386/HOUSE. Raising of roof height to provide additional living accommodation at first floor level to include installation of 4 dormer windows and erection of replacement garage with storage area. Broadfield, Hemyock.
- 22/00838/HOUSE. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/00006/HOUSE (Erection of two-storey rear extension) to allow substitute plans. Churchills Barn, High Street, Hemyock.

Refusal noted for:-

- 22/00444/FULL. Conversion of redundant workshop building to dwelling. Land and Buildings at NGR 314595 115085 (Studleys) Hemyock. Noted that the refusal referred to DM9: permitting conversion of redundant buildings of substantial and permanent construction which positively contribute to an area's rural character.

Finance

Income – included grant money, donations, interest, vat reclaim, and cemetery. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and

expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, asset maintenance, subscriptions, audit fee, legal fees, room hire, bank charges.

The following grants were awarded:-

- £305.00 – Hemyock Football Club, towards pitch aerator equipment (additional money required)

Longmead

CCTV has been installed at Longmead. Following parishioners' requests, new benches will be installed in the play area shortly. Maverick is pulling together its final design for the skatepark. Full planning application will be submitted to MDDC.

Community Speed Watch – More Volunteers Are Needed!

Have you seen or heard vehicles speeding on Station Road? Are you concerned? Could you spare an hour to monitor the traffic? The village has its own speed watch team and it is looking for new members. During the first 6 months of this year our small group of speed watchers have held 20 sessions, logged 82 cars speeding, 69 of these were sent a letter from Devon & Cornwall Police and 5 were logged onto the police system. The maximum speeds recorded were 40 mph in a 20mph zone and 46mph in a 30mph zone. If you would like to take part in Hemyock Speed Watch and play a part in helping keep our village roads as safe as possible, please contact our coordinator, Martin Dear, for more information: 07805 254115 or email martindear7@icloud.com.

Community Land

Next year, as part of a 106 legal agreement, 7 acres of land will be offered to the parish council.

The parish council hopes the land will:-

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

The pc intends to create a path from Longmead through the two fields of green open space to link up with the new development, Oak Mount.

With regard to the 7 acres, the parish council invites interested groups/individuals who wish to create a community area within the open space to contact the council. The council is hoping that groups of like-minded individuals will get together and drive their project forward. The pc will facilitate and support each group.

If you've always wanted an allotment, or wish to create a community orchard, or wildflower meadow, talk to the council about your idea and together we can create a great space for everyone to enjoy.

Notices

Will people please ensure that they remove notices/posters for events after they have taken place.

Parking

Will people ensure they park considerately, ensuring they do not block access and footpaths.

Hedges

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

Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, potholes, blocked drains/gullies and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday. Or report the problem online at www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem.

Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police. Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Riverside (the next meeting is Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.30pm). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel 01823 680968. Email hemyockpc@gmail.com. www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.



UFFCULME SHOW & COUNTRY FAYRE

Bridwell Park, Uffculme, EX15 3BU
Sunday 4th September 2022 – gates open at 10 am

Plans for the 2022 Uffculme Show & Country Fayre include a packed programme of live music, entertainment and displays. Many popular attractions are returning by popular demand!

In the Ring

S.W. Formation Riders, Honiton Gym Club,
 North Devon Falconry, Tano Taiko Japanese Drummers.

On Stage

Wasp in the Apple, Stay Lucky, Men Behaving Tradly, 11th Hour Band, Willow Tree, Mid Devon Singers, Voiceworx, Duotonic, Singsational and The Bar None Band.

Around the Showground

100 plus Classic Cars, Higher Beings with Dreckly Dragon, Rainbow Gecko Bubble Show, Climbing Wall, Punch and Judy, Sicro Magic, Exmouth Miniature Railway and Kirton Archers.

Plus An extensive Craft Area and an array of stalls and Food outlets, Dog Show and much more!

Exe Valley Rotary are very excited to be able to have the Uffculme Show & Country Fayre this year and will, as always, be working hard to give the local community a fantastic family day out.

We are grateful to Bridwell Park team for allowing the use of their grounds for this year's event and look forward to welcoming all our regulars, plus many more, on Sunday 4th September.

Mark your diaries now and come and join us for fun and a celebration of country life!

Tickets on the gate – Prices held from 2021

All Adults (16 & Over) £10 each
 All accompanied Children (under 16) go free
 Unaccompanied Children (under 16) £5 each

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 Churchinford Dunkeswell

Our Thatching Life, featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, Daisy his apprentice, a lot of reed and animals various...

If my barn had a belt, I would need to let it out a couple of notches. In times before, (before the war, before covid, before... everything) I'd buy in reed for the next job as I was finishing the one I was on. Because of the ongoing uncertainty of availability and price, I'm buying in what I can, when I can for the whole year ahead. The barn has been stuffed to the gunnels, and obviously the thing you want is always behind everything else... as were the bees.

Daisy was throwing down bundles of reed for me to load, when she revealed a little hive of now very angry bees. I put on my very own bee suit, given to me by Martin and Karen of Chaffcombe, and moved the hive into a shoe box and put them high out of my way and theirs. So we are off and running on a large water reed re-thatch in Honiton. There is a Georgian front added to a much earlier farmhouse at the back, and as we took off the thatch in the valley we could see all the old hip of the roof still in place inside. What we could not see were any timbers holding up the sheets of tin lining the valley (where one roof meets another at an internal right angle). How in the world it had held itself all in place was a mystery and lucky that neither of us fell in! A couple of days later and all the old tin was gone, new timbers in and a lead lined valley glaring at us in the rising temperatures. Pressure on a little bit as we were booked to go on holiday with Daisy's girls and their friends, but with a day to spare we finished the first section. Just as well as the skies opened and threw several tons of water at it. We were soaked through. A change of clothes and we were off to retrieve one of Daisy's cows from the Dartmoor Dating Agency. The cow decided she was quite happy on Dartmoor thank-you-very-much and went off with the rest of the herd to the farthest corner of the field. A hike through gorse and more rain had us soaked through again, but at last she loaded and we were off back home.

Daisy fetched her friend John to look after Jelly and Widget went to a friend of mine, under strict instructions not to let either of them onto the furniture, and then after what seems like years, of course it has been years, we were packed and on our way to Crete. This was Lulah's choice for her 16th Birthday, and what an excellent choice it was. We started off in the Old Town of Rethymno, solidly built by the Venetians in the 16th Century, with narrow alleyways several degrees cooler than the beach, and great limestone arches bracing meter thick walls. It felt like up to half the houses were now guest houses, much like our own coastal villages I suppose, with the remainder split between local people hanging in there and derelict houses waiting for something to happen to them. These to us are the most fascinating as we peer through gaps in doors or missing stones to see which of them would be our hearts desire to restore. Very few are for sale though as most are firmly held by families waiting for either the time or the funds to reinstate them.

The girls either window shopped or made for the beach, while we tried and I think failed to walk every one of the alleyways. I'll be honest we managed a fair bit of snoozing too. We needed it. Daisy's not been so well of late, and I think the Cretan heat made us slow down and just rest a bit. Saying that we also hiked two gorges, one small and full of natural pools to swim in in the shade and cool off, one claiming to be the deepest

and longest in Europe at 16km long. A bus takes you to the top of the gorge and you hike to the sea past more beautiful natural pools and a lot of stern looking wardens reminding you that it's drinking water and not to put your stinky feet in it! After 6 hours of fairly hard hiking you pretty much throw yourself into the sea to cool off and ease your aching feet. It was stunning though, definitely worth the effort and the day after we did about the most touristy thing we could find and went to a water park. Daisy and I only discovered the pure, simple, childlike joy of water slides fairly recently. I think it balances out all the cultural things we visit and the hikes we do. It's just great fun. For our last few days we moved up into the mountains to Milia Mountain retreat. Built out of the ruins of a village uninhabited since the 50's, it's completely off grid with banks of solar panels, spring water and much of their own produce for the restaurant. Two local families whose parents had lived there decided in the eighties to get the right to enclose the land, I would guess between 5 and 10 hectares... hard to say when half of it is a near vertical mountain ... and reduce overgrazing and manage the land in a more sustainable way. The difference between their parcel of land and their neighbours was stark, theirs being more lush and green, the neighbours while not barren at all was definitely the poorer.

It took us a while to get Daisy out of the restaurant each day as the list of delicious things to eat was as long as Daisy's desire to try them all, but when we did, we headed to a secluded beach edged with 1000 year old Cedar trees, each lazily dripping sap into the shady sand. Instead of parasols each family had a tree to shelter under. The sea was as clear and blue as you could possibly imagine. We had a snorkel to share and there was shoal after shoal of fish of all sorts and sizes. Lulah and Emma each saw octopus too...and as it turns out, probably a bit more than any of us had bargained for as two young Greek gods took to the water with not a stitch on. Daisy and I laughed out loud as we watched the girls stuck on a rock looking in all of the other 300 or so degrees around, anywhere except there!

The only thing that really riled me was as we drove to the beach through acres and acres of greenhouses, growing mostly tomatoes I think. There were goats on what at first I took for piles of old plants, which it partly was, but it was mostly old baler twine used to hold up the tomato vines. And then when we parked it was in a sea of litter, mostly from the greenhouses but of course a lot from the likes of us. There was just so much of it, I felt quite angry. Daisy just quietly got out and fetching a bag from the boot filled it with rubbish from next to the car, tied the top and walked it over to the huge waste bins left for the purpose. Baffled, I did say to her, "What good will that ever do, look how much there is?" Cool as a cucumber and already getting ready for the beach she just said, "Yes, but at least that bit is clean". I admire her for it but struggle with that myself. I'd have to go back with industrial sized skips and a contract with a polypropylene recycling company in my hand. It says a lot about both of I s'pose, and it's no different at work; I'm all about the big Italian gesture the grand sweeps of jobs done and jobs to do, while Daisy focusses on the small stuff, all the small things I just can't be bothered to do. I'd spend all day walking awkwardly over something just to get on with the work, but Daisy'll move it straight away, tidying it into the right place. She just smiles, and then I don't walk awkwardly anymore.

So here we are, home again, back thatching in Honiton and living with Widget's wistful eyes begging to be let up on the sofa as she had been with my friend....I guess she had a great holiday too.

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

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, Waterleaf 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	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	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
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St Andrew's Clayhidon

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St. Andrew's Church News

The June celebrations of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee were a source of great delight here in Clayhidon as in most places. One of the spectacular events was organised by the Parish Council on the Thursday when there was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet and socialise together.

People from other parishes came including at least one rector who used to be here and now lives some distance away. It was a jubilant moment at 9.45 pm when a beacon was lit high on the hill and we could see similar fires burning further away across the valleys. There seemed such a sense of unity and cooperation as we played our part in the commitment across the country.

On Saturday the emphasis was on the children who had gathered at the Parish Hall. A sparkling landau pulled by two magnificent black horses attended by the drivers in splendid attire, brought "The Queen" to the village centre for her to judge the fancy dress. She also cut the beautiful cake which had been baked and decorated by Erica. The children were then given the opportunity to ride in the landau and enjoy the experience.

On Sunday afternoon the congregation from the Chapel joined those in St Andrew's Church for a combined service taken by Rector Becky and Pastor Jonathan Hillman. This service was very much enjoyed and donations were given to the needs of

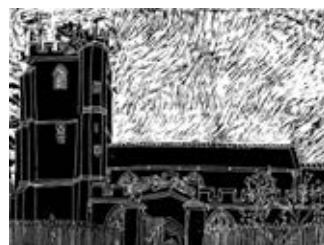
Ukraine and its people. Afterwards everyone went down to the Village/Parish Hall to further enjoy such delicious cakes and a cream tea together. The whole weekend was one of happiness and friendship to be long remembered.

For the future we are anticipating the bell ringers showing their expertise as they always used to do before covid became prevalent. Do contact one of the past ringers at the church and a rehearsal will be organised.

On the Bank holiday weekend in August, 27th, 28th, 29th, the History Group will be holding a display each afternoon in the Church, as they used to do. This year it will be photographic and spectacular in showing remarkable changes that have taken place in Clayhidon during the reign of Her Majesty. It is astonishing how many new buildings there are or how many have changed. 'Oakleigh' were the first four houses to be built in 1952 and in 1958 they demanded a street light – the only one which exists in our parish. There will be no charge, though donations will be welcome. Refreshments will be available in the Church Room or outside.

We send our very best wishes to everyone to enjoy the glorious summer and for the children to participate in holiday activities with families and friends.

P.Reynolds. PCC



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St. Andrews Church, Clayhidon

On Sunday September 11th at 2.30

With a short service in the field, followed with a ride out and tea.

Knowing the Queen's love of horses, in this her platinum jubilee year we are planning to make this a special time of celebration and thanksgiving for the pleasure our horses give us.

We do hope you can join us



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Here in Clayhidon, the History Group are organising a display of photographs of the parish taken during Her Majesty's seventy year reign. They will be shown in the church during the last weekend of August. Originally the plan had been to emphasize 'change' but it is now evident that there are many occasions and events which people will enjoy looking at that ought to be included.

Our topics at present are the Church, properties, MPs, the school, the Parish Hall, events, covid, Half Moon, hobbies, employment, bell ringing. We have very little on farming. Many of our present farmers would not have been born in 1952 but their living ancestors would know how farming took place in the fifties and sixties. What crops were grown then? What tools and machines did they use? Were the cows a different breed? Were there any black lambs or have they only just started to appear here?

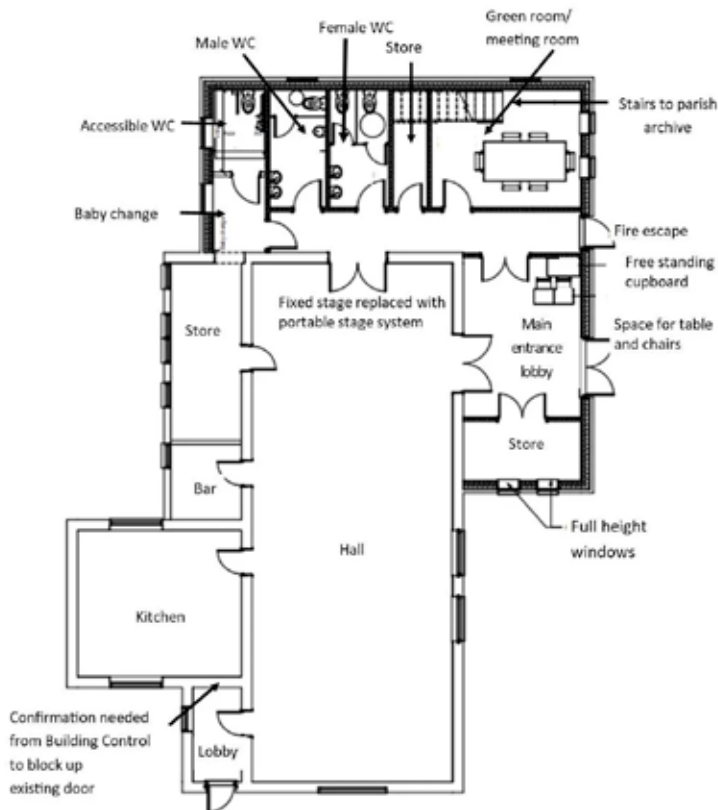
If anyone can supply photographs of those earlier years of farming or any Clayhidon activity eg. The Post Office, clubs, employment, we will be delighted to receive them. We would also welcome information that we can research. Clayhidon Local History Group.

Most of all we look forward to seeing you in August. You will be delighted by the display.

This is our parish, our community and we are proud to be able to celebrate Her Majesty in her glorious years of achievement.



**The Members of
Clayhidon Village Hall Committee
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Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, August 2022
 The council met in June & July. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

- Planning**
 Planning applications considered for:-
- ♦ 22/00987/LBC. Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of the existing dwelling, including conversion of attached barn, and provision of extensions and bat roost within the adjacent barn (amendments to works approved under 21/00592/LBC). Troakes Farm, Clayhidon
 - ♦ 22/01124/FULL. Retention for the temporary siting of an agricultural worker's caravan. Poachers Rest, Clayhidon.
 - ♦ 22/01176/HOUSE. Old Ridgewood Farm, Clayhidon. Erection of a two-storey extension (Revised Scheme)
- Prior approval not required noted for:-**
- ♦ 22/00757/PNAG. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building. Keitch Harbour, Clayhidon.

Finance
 Income – collection QPJ, interest. Expenditure – parish maintenance, bank charges, wages, QPJ celebration costs and insurance.

Highways
 Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, potholes, blocked drains/gullies and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004 (Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday). Or report the problem online at www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem.

Police
 101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police. Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency.

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

Village Hall Plans

Please take a look at our revised plan for a village hall extension and tell us what you think (writes Neil Carter, chairman, Clayhidon Village Hall Committee).

Before the pandemic stopped everything the hall committee was able to make big improvements, thanks to the generosity of local people and donations from Viridor and our parish, district and county councils.

We replaced the leaky roof, bought equipment for the kitchen, and invested in sound and film projection equipment. We also gained planning consent for an extension behind the stage, but this has expired and we have to reapply.

The committee took the opportunity to look again at the extension plan and we now think we could do better.

So, here's the new plan—pretty similar to the old one but a little bigger and, we think, much better.

We have added a new entrance lobby on the side of the building towards the back of the car park. When necessary, we can turn this into a one-way system, using the existing front entrance as the exit.

There's a lot more storage, in addition to the original plan for converting the old toilets to stores for tables, chairs, portable staging and other equipment.

We are separating the bar from the kitchen hatchway, to improve hygiene and reduce queuing. There's much more room allocated to the new toilets.

We'll have a smart, well insulated small meeting room, which on performance nights will double-up as a green room. And there's an upstairs area for the parish archive, where the wonderful records kept by the history group can be stored safely.

What do you think? Have we missed anything? Do you have any questions or suggestions? I'd love to hear from you. Talk to anyone on the committee. Stop me in the lane or drop me an email at clayhidonhall@gmail.com.

We would especially like to hear from people with fundraising ideas. We already have £40,000 and we are likely to need another £125,000 to finish the job

Neil Carter, chairman, Clayhidon Village Hall Committee.



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 the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 8th August at 7.30pm Parish Hall. Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at 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. www.clayhidon.org.uk

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Charity Update

Rose Cottage

Following pre-application advice from Mid Devon District Council the plans to demolish Rose Cottage have been revised. The scheme now includes the redevelopment of the developer's Brethren Chapel, next door to Rose Cottage, and a pair of semi-detached 3-bedroomed homes with garages. At this stage no decision has been made with regard to how the charity might proceed with Rose Cottage and it will obtain legal advice to ensure it complies with any Charity Commission regulations/guidance.

Hartsmoor Lakes

Unexpectedly, in July, Mike Leigh-Mallory resigned from managing the lakes. The charity thanks Mike for all the time, effort and help he has given to the charity during the last year or so.

As a temporary measure the lakes have been closed, the gateways have been blocked and members of the fishing syndicate have been refunded their fees.

The charity will be considering its position. It is inviting business plans from those individuals that have expressed an interest in running the lakes on behalf of the charity and hopes to appoint a new manager.

In the meantime, the charity was hoping that the community would come out and help finish the otter fence that has been erected around the syndicate lake. The charity suggests the weekend of **20th/21st August**. A collar and skirt need to be fitted and there are areas that need strimming, trees cutting back, as well as a general tidy-up of the area. If you are able to help, please let us know by emailing the clerk at the email address provided at the bottom of this report.

The land

The existing lease on the land expires at the end of the year. The charity will be offering it to any young farmer(s) from the parish who would like the opportunity to graze sheep. The land will be advertised in the next Pump.

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Closing date 31st August 2022.

General

Richard Brown resigned as a member of the charity. The charity thanks those members of the parish that have volunteered to assist the charity with certain tasks, should they arise. No doubt we will be back in touch!

The charity helped finance the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations by funding the bands on the Thursday evening event.

The charity has approximately £3,800 in its bank account.

The charity intends to meet bi-monthly to progress matters.

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News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Recently, after a rather busy evening at chapel, I had the opportunity to look out across the chapel field and the valley beyond. Though the sun had begun to set, the warmth of the day could still be felt. It was quiet, still, peaceful... it was a moment of calm. This very familiar scene, often walked past without a second glance, seemed to stir within me a fresh sense of wonder at creation and the God whose glory it revealed.

Earlier that evening the field had been filled with the equally delightful sound of children playing and having fun. With the end of the academic year, much of our attention at Rosemary Lane Chapel had turned to the events that would wrap-up our season of work with the children and families of our local community. Though interrupted by Covid, both Venturers (kids club for primary age children) and our Toddler group have enjoyed a good season of activities. Both have been well attended when it has been possible to meet, and this was true of our final sessions. Venturers enjoyed a 'Big Summer Special' on the chapel field with a bouncy castle, ice cream stand, sandcastle competition and many more summer games. The weather was perfect, and the kids had a wonderful time. A week later and the Toddler group concluded their season with a trip to Vivary Park for fun, games and a picnic.

These aren't the only activities to pause over the summer. The BSG Lunch Club hosted by Rosemary Lane Chapel also has a break in the month of August as the pattern of midweek meetings eases for the school holidays. Of course, even now, planning begins for the new season of activities which will get underway in September (see adjoining ad for further details).

That said, not everything comes to an end during the summer season. Our regular services held on a Sunday at 11am continue as we meet together to worship the Lord, enjoy fellowship and share in His Word. Presently, we are approaching the conclusion of a series in the book of Genesis in which we have tracked the very familiar story of Joseph. During this series, we have had moments not dissimilar to the kind I experienced at the chapel field, moments in which, despite being a familiar scene, we are struck afresh with a wonder at the mighty works of God and the unfolding story of his grace in the life of Joseph. Wonderfully, this is a story that causes a forward glance to the grace and glory of God's Son, Jesus. Most of these messages are available on our YouTube channel (just search 'Rosemary Lane Chapel' on Youtube). It is a great opportunity to find out a little bit more about us and, more importantly, the God we worship. Of course, nothing beats meeting in person, and to that end, we would extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us at Rosemary Lane. You may even find one or two of us stood in the chapel carpark enjoying the view.

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Ever since that evening of being filled with a sense of wonder at God's creation I have been thinking about some of the words written by King David. David spent many nights with the stars for a blanket and the ground for his bed. This was true from a young age when, as a shepherd boy, he watched his father's flock. Later in life he similarly slept under the stars when on the run from his enemies or heading to battle. It is unsurprising then, that someone who so often looked up into the starry night sky should write this (Psalm 19:1-4):

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

For David, the sun, moon and stars revealed the glory of the Creator. They also had the impact of making David aware of how small he was in the context of creation. Small, but not insignificant! For God, who names all the stars, knows you by name also. He knows you and He loves you. This thought, stirred by the skies proclaiming the glory of God, caused David to fall in wonder and worship (Psalm 8:9):

*Lord, our Lord,
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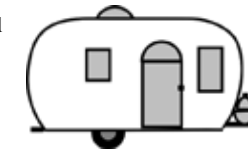
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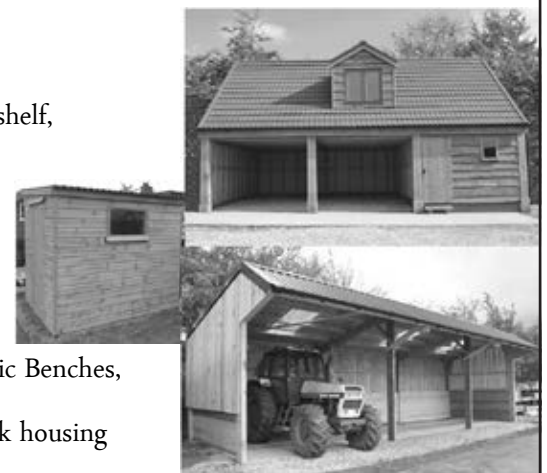
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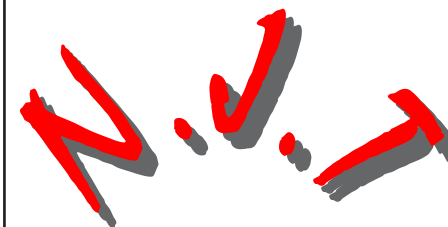
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