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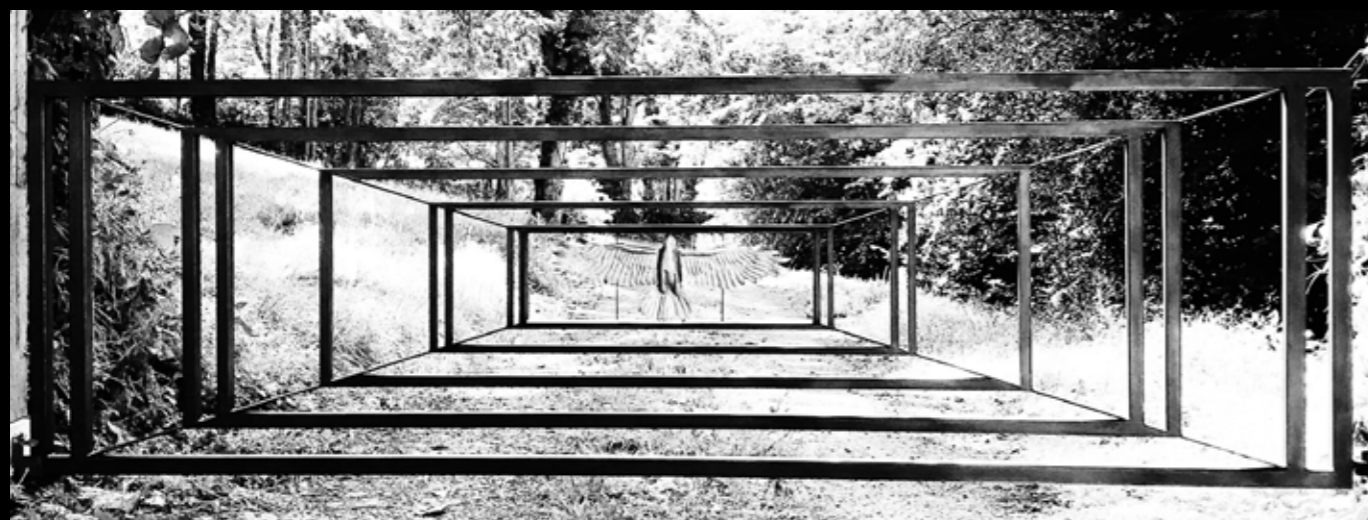
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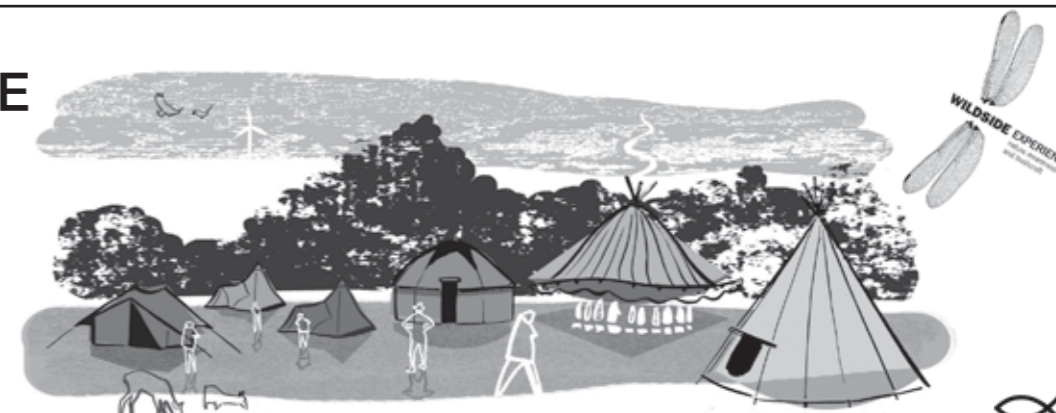
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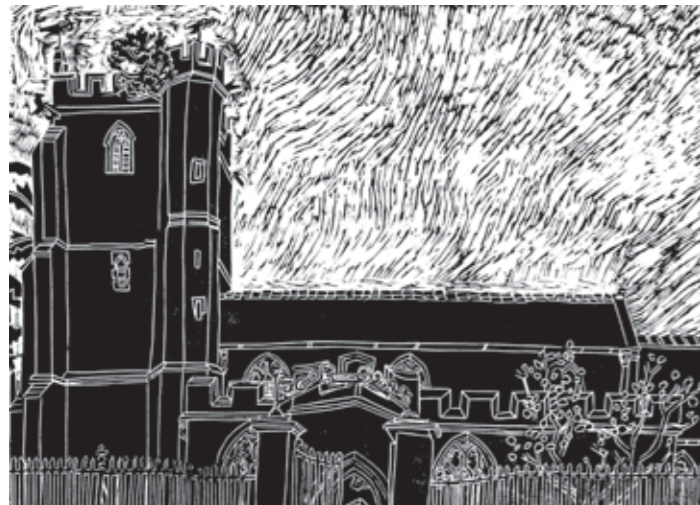
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#### SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.00am BCP Holy Communion		10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Pet service in churchyard
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	St Andrew, Clayhidon – 6.30pm Harvest service, Followed by parish supper in the village hall.			
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity		10.00am HARVEST Communion	10.30am HARVEST Morning family service followed by lunch  6.30pm BCP Evensong	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 18 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	3.30 pm BCP Evening Prayer	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Bible Sunday		10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Worship  5.00pm – 6.00pm Prayer Vigil for Ukraine	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October All Saints	All Saints, Culmstock - 10.30 am Benefice Eucharist and All Saints Patronal Festival  St Andrew, Clayhidon -4.00 pm Annual service of Remembering			

#### SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent	9.00am Communion Service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Café Church
Friday 11 November Remembrance Day		10.55am Act of Remembrance	10.55am Act of Remembrance	10.55am Act of Remembrance
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday		10.00am Communion + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	10.15 am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial  6.30pm BCP Evensong	10.15 am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King 4.00pm: Confirmation at Exeter Cathedral	3.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Communion service (Contemporary)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November Year A begins St Andrew + Advent Sunday	St Andrew, Clayhidon, 10.30am PATRONAL FESTIVAL of ST ANDREW'S Benefice Communion			

In addition: A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup> October & 22<sup>nd</sup> November) it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer. All services are contemporary in style, unless designated 'Traditional'. Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services

## Parish Pump | No. 293 October – November 2022



### A Queen like no other

Our greatly loved Queen Elizabeth was loved not just because she had been our Queen for so long – more than 70 years – nor because she had been so widely travelled and met so many people in this country and around the world but because of the person she was, because of her character.

There are no reliable recorded incidents of Queen Elizabeth losing her temper, using bad language, or refusing to carry out a duty expected of her. Most of us would probably find it impossible to match that record for a week never mind 70 years. How did she manage to be like this, to show such remarkable consistency of character for so long and to be what we call these days a remarkable 'role model'?

She answered this herself back in 2002 when she said that it was all down to the depth of her trust in God. Here is exactly what she said then:

**"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."**

Perhaps that trust also had something to do with a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins which became famous during World War 2 and which she gave to her father, King George VI. Here is the opening section of that poem, called **God knows**, which the king used in his Christmas broadcast:

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

As you give thanks for all that Queen Elizabeth has given to us, please reflect on the fact that our character depends on finding the Hand of God and clutching it tight.

Joining with you in thanks for Queen Elizabeth and welcoming King Charles

Chris Hudson

# St Mary's Hemyock

## In This Issue:

- ◆ Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II
- ◆ Arts and Crafts
- ◆ Scouts 50 year Celebration



## Harvest Festival

As tradition demands St Marys church, Hemyock saw numerous decorations as Harvest Festival was celebrated. Each window had a display of flowers and foliage with a beautiful stand alongside the altar containing gladioli, carnations, alstroemerias in yellow and orange interspersed with corn and these autumn colours were replicated in the porch decoration.

The font arrangement included orange berries and white flowers. Alongside this was a wheelbarrow full of vegetables and fruit and included in this display were four beautiful, handcrafted panels depicting harvest. These had been made a number of years ago by Elizabeth Sherwood, wife of a previous Rector and had recently been donated to St Marys, whilst the traditional harvest loaf on the altar and later shared with the congregation had been made by Friederike Reed.

An appeal for tinned and dry goods for Christian Response to Eastern Europe (Moldova and Ukraine) was held over the festival weekend and saw a good response and a retiring collection for The Farming Community Network raised £95

The Friday evening service was led by Piers Langdon who was able to talk over a farm gate with friends, and music was provided by a small group of musicians. A scrumptious bring and share supper followed with those present being surprised when Rachel and David from Crosses Ice Cream arrived with their delicious product ending the evening on a delightful note.

Watching over the proceedings were calves and cows produced for the Hemyock Calf Club Centenary Year

Rev John Stone officiated at the Harvest communion service on Sunday morning with Ron White, organist. The choir sang 'All the wonder that surrounds us' by John Bell with the service ending with the well-loved harvest hymn 'We plough the Fields'

## Commemoration of the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II

The service on Sunday to commemorate the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II held at St Mary's Church Hemyock was attended by almost 100 parishioners. Led by Rev Canon Becky Totterdell the Address was given by Baptist Pastor Steve Williams. Organist was Ron White, David Bawler read the lesson and prayers were led by Brian Samuels. Those present were invited to light a candle in memory of the late Queen. On Monday a muffled peal was rung



## 51st Hemyock Holiday Club, August 16th - August 18th 2022

**W**ow! What a GREAT time we had. Thank you for all who remembered us in prayer. The Lord blessed us in so many ways. Even on set up afternoon we had more help than before, including some of the Young Leaders, all 15 were fantastic each day. Thank you to all the 17 adults Leaders who were involved.

When our joint leader, Jonathan Hillman, was taken ill after the first day we were blessed with Helen Williams stepping in to fill in his slot, and more, P.T.L.. The weather was just right and we had an average of 69 per day with 90 different children being in contact over the 3 days.

We pray that the seeds sown will bring forth a Harvest in the Lord's timing. The theme of "Finding real Treasure" was developed by the puppets, games and team challenges. Many enjoyed the craft activities and the face painting - the 5 face painters managed 50 between them. With all this activity we were all ready for drinks ably provided by Tasha Morgan.

If you need to contact Pirate Pete or P.C. Plod ring Pastor Steve Williams. He did a wonderful job of co-ordinating this programme. There were many jokes shared and we had some touching prayer requests handed in. We praise and thank the Lord for it all. We've even had some further enquiries - "When is it Holiday Club again!" - Next year, D.V.

Maureen Aylwin, H.H.C. co-ordinator.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

House to House collection

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> November



If you are over 16 yrs and would like to help collect in Hemyock,

Culmstock or Clayhidon please contact

David Bawler

07773579809

bawler1952@hotmail.com

## St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

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10.00 am to 12noon

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## Golden Wedding Thanks

David and Meg Palmer wish to say a big Thank you to everyone who sent cards and greetings on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary and the wonderful flowers from all at St Mary's.

### Scout Group 50 Year Celebration

To celebrate a 50 year friendship 1st Hemyock Scout Group welcomed their scouting friends from Tonder, Denmark for a joint camp at Watcombe, Torquay where they first met at the Devon Jamboree of 1972 along with scouts from many different countries. Since then the two groups have shared many camps together with visits to each other's countries every 2 or 3 years with this being their 21st.

Around 130 young people from all sections of the Scout movement and leaders were in camp where they enjoyed a variety of activities including archery, pioneering, silly games, pistol and air rifle shooting, hikes, challenges and of course cooking on open fires. The final night saw a camp fire with everyone sat around enjoying lots of songs and funny stunts.

The weather throughout has been extremely hot particularly during the home hospitality days when the Danes were entertained by their English counterparts which included a visit to Brownsea Island, Dorset. Many will know this was where Robert Baden Powell, the founder of scouting held the 1st scout camp in 1907. As one leader said "It has been a time of continually checking that sunhats and suncream were the order of every day"

During the young peoples time staying with local families a Service of Blessing was held at St Marys Church, Hemyock taken by the Rev Canon Becky Totterdell and John Northam. Bearing flags the groups paraded through the village from the Parish Hall to the church where the Danish flag had flown from the tower throughout the entire visit. A written welcome in Danish welcomed them along with a number of friends and supporters and 3 awards were presented to Hemyock scouts. A visit to Hemyock Castle, thanks to the Sheppard family, and a village treasure hunt took place later that day.

On another evening Prings farm was the venue for a barbeque with invited guests including a number of those who attended the camp at Watcombe where the groups met.

The final evening of the visit saw the two groups meet at the Garages where they enjoyed songs, fun and food with gifts presented – to Tonder a model of the Scout salute with Hemyock receiving handcarved wooden figures wearing scout scarf

John Northam has been a part of Hemyock scouts for over 60years and has greatly enjoyed meeting up with old friends as well as making new. He hopes the friendships made this year will carry on. He said "Little did Ron 'Skip' Lowman of Hemyock and Flemming Birkvad, Tonder know what they were starting but we are glad they did. We hope the friendship between the two groups and all involved will continue for another 50 years and beyond".



### Friends of St. Mary's PIES & PINTS



### TARTS & TIPPLES



Friday, 25th November

7.00pm

Church Room, Hemyock

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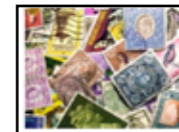
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Sunday, 6th November, 3.00pm  
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A very big thank you to the people of Hemyock who have put literally thousands of used stamps in the boxes in the Post Office and Spa. These have been a real blessing to many, many people around the world.

But that's not the end of the story! I find that Oxfam are glad to have used stamps, so that is where they will go from now on. In view of the many reports of famine around the world, I am sure the returns from sale of the stamps will be more than welcome!

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David Berkley, Bakers Cottage, High St

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

ST MARY'S CHURCH  
SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER  
10.15AM

Parade from Parish Hall at 9.55am



**ARMISTICE DAY**  
THURSDAY 11TH  
NOVEMBER  
10.55AM

SHORT ACT OF REMEMBRANCE  
AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

### ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 3RD  
DECEMBER  
2.30- 4.30PM

AT  
ST MARY'S CHURCH  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**Spread some joy this Christmas with Christian Response to Eastern Europe**

In just a few weeks we will be looking forward to celebrating Christmas and whilst many may find things a little difficult this year there will be gifts, decorations and celebrations for us to enjoy. In Moldova and Ukraine many will be seeing bitterly cold days in a tumbledown building with no special food and certainly no gifts - but perhaps we can help spread a little joy by filling a box with Christmas gifts.

Many local people have taken part in this scheme for a number of years and the need is perhaps greater now than ever with the war continuing. Many families in Moldova have supported Ukrainians fleeing their country often after losing their loved ones and homes. For those new to the idea, you are asked to fill a box - it can be any size - with age related gifts for either a child or adult. The only stipulation is that all presents MUST BE NEW. Clearly for children war related toys and books containing the English language are not suitable.

The box needs to be wrapped in festive paper and secured with an elastic band/string or similar, with a label saying the sex it is for and if a child/teenager an age.

Suggested presents include - Toys, confectionery, underwear, socks, toiletries, biscuits, coffee, tea, clothes, colouring books, crayons, brushes & combs, ribbons, wind up torches, make up, nail varnish, small hand tools, penknife, toothpaste/brushes, jewellery... the list is endless.

We know filling a box full of gifts can be expensive so perhaps you could join with family or friends to put one together thus sharing the cost. To ensure boxes arrive in time for Christmas we would welcome your donation by WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER at 4 South View, Hemyock which is at the bottom of the Recreation Field. If you have any queries, please contact us on either 07773579809 or jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

With grateful thanks, Janice and David



**Hemyock Poppy Group**

We have been meeting once a month in the Church Rooms with lots of nattering over a cuppa and cakes - third Thursday each month. Many poppies have been produced, preparing poppy displays and will be displaying the same in October ready for the Remembrance Sunday. Please do come along and join our friendly group and see what our next exciting projects are, or just come for a natter and bring your own knitting/crochet. All welcome

Our programme for the following few months is as follows:-

**Thurs 20 Oct 9-12noon** Meeting in St Mary's Church to erect displays, drinks and cakes too!

**Sat 22 Oct 10-12am** Coffee/Tea and Cake morning in St Mary's Church. All welcome to see the displays made by Hemyock Cub/Scouts, Hemyock Primary School, Brightside Club, Gardeners Group, Stay & Play Group, Toddler Group, Men in the Shed Group and Hemyock Poppy Club. There will be a small selection of memorabilia on display during the morning. Donations greatly appreciated being split between St Mary's Church and The British Legion.

**Thurs 17 Nov 9-12noon** The Church Rooms. Do come along to see our new project, natter, drinks and cake.

**Thurs 15 Dec** Club Christmas meal – details tbc.

**Thurs 19 Jan 9-12noon** The Church Rooms.

Any questions please do ring either Lynn Taylor 680104 or Tracey Hyman 680641.



**Art & Craft Exhibition**

The Friends of St. Mary's organised an Art & Craft Exhibition in the Church on Sunday afternoon, 11th September. There were 26 exhibitors, all living in Hemyock and Clayhidon. Items ranged from water colours by professional artists, to other items of clothing made from recycled jeans; from linocuts to homemade wooden wheelbarrows; from large, framed oils to a poppy cross.

There were many visitors, and the thing that most time was spent on was drinking a cup of tea with a slice of the delicious cakes provided. Few people were interested in bidding and, if you made a bid in the silent auction, you probably got the item. Someone landed up with a cow and a calf! Thanks to a few high bids and refreshment donations the total profit was almost £440.

**SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER  
3PM  
ST MARY'S  
CHURCH ROOM**

**TALK BY  
HUGH SCUDDER  
DIRECTOR  
CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO  
EASTERN EUROPE (Cr2ee)**

**COME AND SEE HOW YOUR  
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FOLLOWED BY TEA AND CAKE**

*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.

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**The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH.

All are welcome, but to vote and have a say in the running of the BHLAC it is necessary to be a Friend of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre. Becoming a Friend is very simple so please consider becoming a Friend to show your support and entitle you to vote at our AGM.

Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing [centre@bhlac.org.uk](mailto:centre@bhlac.org.uk) Business to be conducted at the AGM will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman’s report and election of trustees. Please call 01823 680687 or email [centre@bhlac.org.uk](mailto:centre@bhlac.org.uk) if you have any questions.

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022  
1PM - 4PM  
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HEMYOCK PTFA PRESENTS

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**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.

# IN CONCERT

**The Avon and Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir**

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St Marys Church Hemyock  
7.30pm Saturday 19th November 2022

Free admission with retiring collection  
Proceeds in aid of Blackdown Support Group

**The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – What’s on**

<b>Riverside Club</b>	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
<b>Community Shed</b>	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
<b>BSG Lunch Club</b>	First Wednesday of every month at 12.30pm, come and enjoy a low cost, nutritious and freshly-cooked two course meal. Contact Blackdown Support Group (01823) 681036
<b>Stay &amp; Play Hub</b>	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 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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

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You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH  
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Arts & Crafts  
Baby Weigh  
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Tea & Coffee

# Blackdown Stay & Play Hub

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Term time on Wednesdays  
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**Mondays & Thursdays**  
**9.30am – 3pm**  
**Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock**  
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### A garden themed quiz

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**MANY THANKS** to Julie Steed and Belinda Taylor who hung up their Pump distribution bags – we are very grateful for the many years you have delivered the Pump for us along the Culmstock Road and up Castle Hill.

**THE BLACKDOWN HILLS GARDENING CLUB**

**An Evening with Bob Brown**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm  
Churchinford Village Hall

Bob is proprietor of Cotswold Garden Flowers nursery and together with his son they have one of the largest collections of plants for sale in Europe in one location. Most of the plants are propagated on site.

Bob has had a life-long obsession with gardening. He is a prolific writer and has a monthly section in 'Which? Gardening'. He frequently presents on TV and radio. His talk on the 19<sup>th</sup> will follow topics from the audience, so if you have a specific question he is the man to give good advice.

We hope you can join us for an entertaining evening with this notable speaker.

Teas and refreshments. On site parking.

Tickets: £5 from Graham/Ann Salmon, 01823 601182 [gksalmon@outlook.com](mailto:gksalmon@outlook.com)  
(Garden club members free)

### WANTED!

#### TEAM LEAD - PARISH PUMP DISTRIBUTION

The Parish Pump is more than just a newsletter! It helps local traders to attract custom. It helps community groups to attract new members and support. And it helps new residents to find their feet in our wonderful communities. All that, and it carries news of what's going on in our part of the Culm Valley.

The Parish Pump is produced by St. Mary's Church, and is distributed free of charge via a fantastic network of volunteers. We're looking for someone to take over the task of co-ordinating that network, and the distribution. You'd be looking at a few hours once every two months, all in an excellent cause!

If you're interested, please call or message Clare Sibley on 680763 or 07967 051182 for a friendly chat about how it works, and what you would need to do. We look forward to hearing from you!

### WANTED –URGENTLY (IF NOT BEFORE!)

#### BELL RINGERS!

St Mary's urgently needs more Bellringers.  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY  
Training will be given.

**The Bells are part of our village life, and ring out on all occasions, such as weddings, funerals and, as recently, for the passing of our Late Queen Elizabeth II.**

We are a small team, and we urgently need more ringers to keep the village tradition going.

Contact Lin Holway tel: 01823 681522 for more details!

## Dear Residents

Dear Residents Can't let this go by without mentioning our late Queen.

What a wonderful person and a great Ambassador for our Country and the Commonwealth, perhaps the most famous lady in the World, may she rest in peace.

Having said that, there has not been much activity at County this last August and of course, any meetings in Sept has been postponed because of the mourning period, but those meetings will take place in time, so it is going to be hectic, particularly the build up to preparing for next years budget, which will be very challenging as you will see below.

At month 4 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by £17 million, excluding the dedicated schools grant deficit. This is made up of an underlying overspend of £35.6 million that is being reduced by £18.6 million of Financial Sustainability Programme (FSP) proposed savings and income. There is also a risk that inflationary pressures could result in costs, in addition to this overspend, of more than £10 million this year. The pandemic and geopolitical situation has created huge financial pressures nationally and the County Council is not immune from that. Immediate action is being taken to safeguard the financial sustainability of the authority. Work is ongoing to identify services and projects in both revenue and capital that can be transformed, modernised, remodelled, funded differently, ceased, or postponed. At month 4 £18.6 million of in year savings and additional income has been identified and work is ongoing at pace to increase this figure and further reduce the forecast overspend. I thought you might be interested in what is happening in the Devon Housing Market and what the latest data is showing.

- Housing affordability in Devon increased to 10.35 times the average salary in 2021. Around 20% higher than the rest of UK.
- Average house price is £300,000 in Devon. No area of Devon currently has an average house price that would allow a first-time buyer to access 'help to buy' provision of an 'average' dwelling.
- 3,726 new dwellings added to 385,000 stock in 2021 including 600 'affordable homes' (a net gain of 490 after accounting for a loss of 110 through Right to Buy). Against an increase in working population of around 4000.
- At the current rate of net additions to affordable stock, even if we closed housing lists tomorrow, it would still take over 32 years to clear the backlog (reducing to 26.7 years if Right to Buy was scrapped – noted to show that while it (RTB) is a significant factor for a number of reasons, it's not the whole story).
- Housing waiting lists numbers increased to 16,058 households by the end of 2021, with 4,500 requiring urgent accommodation. The number of people classified as homeless across Devon increased by 600 last year.
- Private rent stock levels across Devon fell by around 50% between 2019 and 2021.
- The number of housing benefit claimants aged over 70 rose steadily through the year, to 7,000, a

4% increase on the previous year. Only 7 additional supported housing units were however completed in quarter 1 of 2022.

- The number of individuals living in accommodation consider insanitary, overcrowded or otherwise unsuitable rose to 3,000 by the end of the 2021 across the area. 374 households were in temporary accommodation during Q4 of 21/22, including 70 with children.
- Devon had 11,100 second homes registered during 2021, an increase of around 2% since 2019. In South Hams, second homes made up 8.3% of all housing stock in year. It should be noted however that these official figures may significantly underestimate the real number of homes being used for Airbnb and other purposes.

The Council is committed to becoming an organisation that is intolerant to prejudice and discrimination and helping Devon to be a place that is inclusive, compassionate, and caring, where everyone can feel safe. Progress has been made in response to the findings of the Race Equality Audit report, with actions taken to support colleagues and develop a more inclusive culture. Work will continue to address racism in the workplace and our communities and to improve the protection of staff.

As always, I am here and if I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

## WARM SPACES FOR HEMYOCK WINTER 2022



**Worried about heating your home and keeping warm this winter?**  
**WARM SPACES will be open to EVERYONE starting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**  
Tuesdays 10.00am-3.00pm

At the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre, Riverside

Thursdays 10.00am-3.00pm  
At the Forbes Lounge, Hemyock Parish Hall

Hot soup will be provided.

Additional days/venues may be added according to need and volunteer availability.

This project is a collaboration between St Mary's Church, the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre, Hemyock Baptist Church, the Blackdown Support Group, Hemyock Parish Council, Hemyock Parish Hall and The Catherine Wheel.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE SOUP AND WELCOME GUESTS**

Please contact Blackdown Support Group on [d-ccg-bsgadmin@nhs.net](mailto:d-ccg-bsgadmin@nhs.net) or call 01823 681 036 if you are interested in supporting us this Winter



## 60's & 70's Evening with **THE BIRD DOGS**

Hemyock Parish Hall 7.00pm 19<sup>th</sup>

nov

Tickets £15 to include salad supper and  
pudding

**BAR AVAILABLE**

## Valley Arts

Valley Arts 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. We have now chosen our next pantomime and it will be ROBIN HOOD. 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](mailto:lynnpulman@btinternet.com) Caroline at [cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk) or Stuart at [stuart.summers28@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.summers28@gmail.com). Please come and join us you will be most welcome.

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

The Lights Brigade presents

# Lantern Making Workshops

12th/13th and 19th/20th November  
from 10 am, The Garages, Lower Millhayes

Theme: The Weather  
Suitable for all ages just wear old clothes  
Refreshments and fun provided

Booking essential - ring Liz on 01823 680351

Remember the date:  
**THE LIGHTS PARADE 3rd December 2022**  
[www.lightsbrigade.org.uk](http://www.lightsbrigade.org.uk) Facebook: the lights brigade hemyock

## The Lights Brigade will be hoping the weather is good for this year's Lights Parade!

Firstly, thank you to all of the people that turned up to The Lights Brigade meeting at The Catherine Wheel in June where we said thank you to those retiring and welcomed new members to help us continue and move forward. We now have a much wider team consisting of a new committee plus a wider 'taskforce' group who are keen to be engaged in all things Lights!

### And so, into the future....

This years Parade theme will be **The Weather** in all its forms, we are getting excited about clouds, raindrops, sunshine, wind and snow. Here's what you need to know: The **Lantern Making Workshops** will be held on the **weekends of 12th/13th and 19th/20th November at The Garages** - all welcome, but please book (see poster), then the switching on of the lights and the **Lights Parade** itself will be on **3rd December, from 6pm**, starting as usual in front of the Blackdowns Healthy Living Centre and ending in the churchyard to light the star. Food outlets will be available.

Look out for more info around the village and on social media as these events approach – here's to a community get together to remember!

Tim Martin  
Lights Brigade chair  
07967989839  
[www.lightsbrigade.org.uk](http://www.lightsbrigade.org.uk)  
Facebook: Lights Brigade Hemyock



### Around Hemyock

The shock and sadness felt in the parish on hearing of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September was almost palpable. As has been said so many times most of us can only remember her as our Sovereign when she had reigned with great wisdom, humility and love for her people all based on her complete and utter trust in God.

There are no doubt a number of local people, including ourselves, who had the opportunity to meet or attend events when her late Majesty was present. At a Buckingham Palace garden party we saw what has been said so often that her brilliant smile lit up the area around her and you became the most important person to The Queen in the short time of meeting.

Our Parish Church of St Mary has been the village focal point for prayer and reflection and the national Commemorative Service marking the death of our late Queen. There has also been a Book of Condolence to sign and flowers have been laid.

By the time this is printed Her Majesty's funeral and days of national mourning will be over. We pray for our Monarch, King Charles III, asking that he will be granted wisdom and compassion along with dedication and the sense of duty seen throughout 70 years of The Queens reign. God save The King.

We send warmest congratulations to David and Meg Palmer who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary and to Gordon and Heather Sparks and Dennis and Pam Gubb who along with George and Margaret Pledger have rejoiced in 60 years of marriage. Alan Craig has also held a celebration - that of his 95th birthday

As we hear daily of the bitter war between Russia and Ukraine we give thanks for those who risk their life there to help others including the son of Mo Anderson, Paul, who has been on a 6 week deployment as a paramedic.

We will all be aware of people who are unwell. Here we remember and wish well Viv Trickey, Rev David Sherwood, John Andrew, Chris, Mavis Clist, John N and Dennis and Pam Gubb.

Although Stafford Samson lived at Culmstock he was very well known here and we send condolences to his family as well as to Mary Beal on the death of her sister and any others who have recently lost a loved one.

The Gardeners Autumn Show proved that despite spells of extremely hot weather many were able to help put on a wonderful display whilst the MacMillan Cancer Support Fair attracted many.

As Remembrance Sunday approaches thanks must go to the band of people who have hand crafted a huge number of poppies in different colours for the church display. We all know the traditional red we wear with pride commemorates those who have die in war and other conflicts with the purple one representing animals who died especially in WW1, the black poppy to remember African, black and Caribbean communities who contributed so much to the war effort with the white focusing on peace.

For many years Hemyock Scouts have held a jumble sale raising huge sums of money thanks to the crowds who have at times queued around the block some coming from many miles away This now seems to be a thing of the past as times change so we wish the Group well with future fundraising.

Hopefully the centre pages of the Pump will have lots of details of future events to add to our diary. One different thing this year is that St Marys Church and Culm Davy Chapel Christmas Fair will be held not in the Parish Hall but at the church on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December.

We look forward to hearing any news you would like included in this page.

Best wishes,  
Janice

Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk  
With another hat on please read the article about cr2ee and the amazing support you have given.

**H**emyock Skatepark, a little summary of our activities. The idea for a skatepark in Hemyock was born out of a public meeting in February of 2020, when our community was asked for ideas on how to use the community land given by Cavanna homes. From this initial meeting 4 local parents, who had seen the benefit of skateparks, formed a team.



A worldwide pandemic and 2 lockdowns later it has evolved into a successful campaign backed by the local and wider community with a developing network of support from industry professionals in the skateboarding community. Our initial community activity consisted of 19 young residents of Hemyock canvassing door to door to share their ideas about a community wheeled park. Over 500 signatures of support were collected. We created a proposal pack which was shared with the Parish Council collating research with benefits of wheeled parks, feedback from Councils within the South west Region, amongst other details. Anyone is more than welcome to view this pack. The Parish Council agreed to locate a wheeled park in the sports area within the Longmead complex. We created a tender pack which was sent to numerous skatepark builders. We have now appointed Maverick to build our park and the designs have been displayed at all of our events. If you would like to take a look then please contact us. We have applied and won several community grants over the last year to provide free community events, which you may have joined us for. Our first pop up skate jam took place in January, held in the Garages we were overwhelmed by the success and support from the community.

Since January we have created 3 more pop up free community events with mobile skate ramps and stalls as well as free skate coaching sessions. We have welcomed over 1,200 guests, provided over 200 free lessons, generated an income of over £8000 which is held by the Parish Council. We have built up a loyal brigade of skate jam volunteers A special thank you must go to Alannah our face painter extraordinaire, Fiona our provider of cakes and all those who have quietly supported the project from attending on the day, sweeping the MUGA the night before, manning a stall or helping load tables like Bob did for our September jam. We have been lucky enough to see the very best of individuals coming together for this exciting project and we thank anyone who has helped along the way. We have forged links with skate professionals, as well as other skate parks and their councils. We have received thousands of pounds worth of prizes for each event to support fund raising opportunities. This has allowed us to provide free first aid training to 12 local teenagers and build up assets in the form of equipment, we now have a free to loan service to anyone wanting to participate without having a financial impact. Our pop-up jams are now complete and the time and energy which was used to plan them is now going to be used to complete targeted fundraising and bid applications to reach over £230,000 which will give us a bespoke competition standard wheeled park.

We would love even more of our community to get 'on board' if you would like to find out more then please do get in touch through our social media pages @hemyock\_\_\_\_skatepark or email hemyockskatepark@gmail.com.

**bin-it 123**  
food recycling waste

Mid Devon District Council is introducing a change to its waste collection service

## bin-it 123

**From October 2022** non-recyclable waste from all Mid Devon households will be collected on a three week cycle.

This means your **food waste** will be collected **every week**, your **dry recycling** (such as plastic bottles and cardboard) and **garden waste** will be collected **every fortnight** and your **non-recyclable waste** (sometimes referred to as black sack waste) will be collected **every three weeks**.

A **new black wheelie bin** will be provided to all households. Residents that can't accommodate a bin will be issued a **seagull sack**.

**Food Waste Weekly**

**Recycling Fortnightly**

**Black Bin 3 Weekly**

It will also enable us to:

- Reduce carbon as a result of less miles travelled by our vehicles
- Increase our recycling rate
- Decrease non-recyclable material collected

From the trial carried out in July 2021, residents taking part in the trial achieved:

Household recycling rate	Household waste (black sacks/bins) % change	Household food waste % change	Household recycling % change
68%	-41%	+23%	+5%

Waste and recycling should not be put out for collection until **6pm** the evening before your collection day and must be out by **6am** on the day of your collection.

## Psychology 4 Life – A fascinating dive into human psychology and its impact on our daily lives

Two award winning Psychologists are hosting a series of exciting workshops right here in the valley... for people interested in understanding more about how to use psychology in their lives.

Dr Craig Newman and Dr Cordet Smart both live in Clayhidon, but work nationally and internationally. They want to engage more with the local community and are aiming to do so by bringing what they know, psychology, to a wider audience. Interesting, insightful and fun learning that people can take away to use in their lives.

The workshops are for anyone interested in learning and discussing different ideas. They are designed to be accessible, interesting and enjoyable - exploring practical ways that psychological theories can be relevant to and useful in different areas of your life, work, relationships, self-development etc. You don't need to have any specialist knowledge – they are experienced facilitators and will help everyone to be involved.

The first workshops are due to take place this autumn and will focus on topics that many will recognise as hugely relevant to their day to day lives – relationships and wellbeing. They aim to provide you with take away ideas and different thinking that you can use.

**The Relationships Workshop takes place on October 19th (7.30-9.30pm)** with lots of insights this might give us into our relationships and how this can be applied to your family, personal and work relationships

**The Power of Appreciation Workshop, in November 16th (7.30-9.30pm)** will explore the benefits of building appreciative enquiry into your daily life at home and work.

Sessions will be held at Clayhidon Parish Hall, for details and to book go to [www.psychology4life.com](http://www.psychology4life.com).

Spaces are limited, so sign up now to secure your place! Bookings in advance only.

### Your local Psychology experts!

Cordet is an author and expert Organisational and Research Chartered psychologist, who has worked for over 20 years in a several Universities, currently at Exeter. She is a communication specialist and has presented internationally on many topics. Her specialist publications include in areas of communication, teamwork, clinical training, leadership and work psychology.

Craig is also an author and award-winning Clinical Psychologist and Coach, who has worked in many areas within psychology including addiction, pain management, neuro-psychology, domestic abuse and with terminal patients (25+ years experience). He has developed a number of nationally and internationally recognised innovations, including an app to support dementia assessment and another to reduce deaths in epilepsy. Craig currently coaches senior leaders and specialises in bringing teams together to work better.

Between them they cover a broad spectrum of specialist areas within Psychology.

In 2020 Craig and Cordet founded Project5, a non-profit organisation created in response to the Covid19 pandemic which offers fast, effective, free wellbeing support for all NHS staff. You can find out more or access support if you are an NHS employee at [www.project5.org](http://www.project5.org).

Book your place now at [www.psychology4life.com](http://www.psychology4life.com). Craig and Cordet look forward to seeing you, and starting a brand-new learning journey together!



## Important Announcement From Hemyock Christmas Club.

Father Christmas is coming back to **HEMYOCK** for some more festive fun and fundraising for our two chosen charities, Devon Air Ambulance Trust and The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital.

Father Christmas and his merry band of Elves will be travelling around the village on the evenings of **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Further details, including the route and timings, will be released later in the year.

Please keep your eyes peeled on Facebook @hemyockChristmasClub, in the Parish Pump and on lampposts around the village for details about the route and timings.



## CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

Luppitt Village Hall  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

### A Fabulous Evening of Folk, Folk Rock, Ceilidh and Classical Music

First on stage will be mezzo-soprano **Iryna Ilnytska**. Iryna studied opera at the Conservatory of Classical Music and Jazz in Zurich before moving on to the Academy of Music in Milan. Also performing in the first half will be Luppitt musicians **Robin Nancarrow** and **Sue Wilson**, busking duo 'Blue Sky', plus songs from **Becky Cottrell-Jury** from Cornwall.

The tempo will rise dramatically in the second half when 'The Walnuts' take over the stage. Everyone in the audience is guaranteed to be foot-tapping and entertained by this five-strong Ceilidh rock band. Founded by Scotsman **Davie McGirr**, band members include TV presenter, **Matt Allwright** (from Rogue Traders), and broadcaster **Fergus Muirhead**.

### All proceeds to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal

Tickets will go on sale mid-September at £10  
(as this is a fund raiser, over 18's only please)

To reserve tickets please call  
**Christine Kalisch – Phone 07592 122884**  
or email [christinejarman25@gmail.com](mailto:christinejarman25@gmail.com)

Doors, licensed bar and coffee bar will open at 6.00pm  
Performance starts at 7.00pm

If you would like to support but cannot attend the concert, visit:  
<https://www.kindlink.com/fundraising/british-red-cross/5417>

## Hemyock History Group

We started our new financial year with a talk from Mr **Amyas Crump** on the **Culm Valley Light Railway**. Amyas's father was manager of the **Hemyock Milk Factory** which was the reason the Railway was built down the **Culm Valley** between **Hemyock** and **Tiverton** to take fresh pasteurised milk from the **Blackdown Hills** to **London**.

One of the steam trains was called Amyas and when the Milk Factory closed, the future of the branch line from Hemyock was also sealed. The railway was built by Victorian industrialists and started operations in 1876, closing in 1975, so just missed celebrating its centenary. No doubt the railway line from Hemyock connecting with the GWR lines around the south west, must have attracted many people to live in Hemyock. One resident, Rector John de Burgh Forbes came from the royal court in St Petersburg, where he was chaplain to the British Ambassador, since he could journey from Hemyock by train to Plymouth and onwards to the Mediterranean where he could spend his winters on Sicily where he also served at church.

Amyas displayed many unique photographs of the trains steaming through the pleasant green hills of the valley from Hemyock with station stops at Whitehall, Culmstock, Uffculme, Coldharbour Mill and Tiverton. A smaller branch line ran from Whitehall to Culm Davy where there was brick manufacturing from the available clay. In Hemyock the railway milk tanks were towed over the main road at Millhayes to be filled with milk in the factory before being towed back onto the line behind the engine.

In its heyday the railway would take children from the valley to study at Tiverton Grammar School and back home again. This was certainly an incentive to study and pass the 11+. Children at the current Hemyock Primary School could be forgiven for not being able to answer the question as to why there is a station road in Hemyock, since there is very little evidence of the line today. The last passenger service on the line ended on September 9th 1963 and the line continued for goods traffic until October 1975 when the Milk Factory was producing St Ivel Gold spread using technology brought in from Denmark and Sweden. The vegetable oil required for the process was transported down from Liverpool by lorry until it was decided that the Gold Spread could be manufactured in Liverpool without this delivery cost and due to the grants being offered for companies investing in the Liverpool area. Our thanks to Amyas for the remarkable photos he displayed.

Our next talk will be on Thursday 13th October when Alan Reeve, at one time Financial Director of Taunton Cider, will be talking about the History of Taunton Cider and why it collapsed, while Thatchers have gone from strength to strength. The November talk will be given by new Hemyock resident Chris Benn on his career in the RAF as a Air Defence Strategist.

**Join our 100 Club**

- For only £2 a month.
- Cash Prizes.
- Email to join.

[hemyock100club@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk)

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to all that came to our Summer Fair. We were overwhelmed by the support, many donations for the raffle and Andrew Hiller sponsorship. We raised an amazing £1,268.68 in just two hours.

Due to the sad death of our Queen MacMillan cancelled The Mighty Hike. However, we think our queen, being a carry on in time of adversity type of lady would have very much approved of our decision to carry on with our hike. On Sunday 11 September we completed our half marathon hike from Weymouth, along the coast to Lulworth Cove meeting lots of other MacMillan hikers in wonderful weather, up and down many hills !!

Kath Robinson, Sue Reed and Tracey Hyman

# What's On October 2022

Sat 1	Tiv, C'ford + Well FMs	Scout Event__(no JumbleSale)
Sun 2		
Mon 3		Badminton, 1pm?
Tue 4		
Wed 5	BSG Hemyock Lunch Club, 12.45 – 2.30, BHLAC,	
Thu 6	Taunton F M	
Fri 7		
Sat 8	Cullompton, Yarcombe. F.M	
Sun 9		
Mon 10		
Tue 11		Tues Club, FL 7.30
Wed 12	BSG Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12.45 – 2.30, Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC	Gardeners' Club, PH, 7.30
Thu 13	Taunton FM,	
Fri 14	Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00, BHLAC	
Sat 15	HEMY'K MT, 10 – 12, P. H + FL, Mob. Lib. 9.55-11.35. "Musical Spectacular", Wyndham Singers, Tiverton Golf Club, 7.30pm	
Sun 16		
Mon 17		
Tue 18		
Wed 19		
Thu 20	T'nton+ Hon'ton F.Ms. Poppy Group meet CR, 9-12	Gardeners' Pottinger Cup, PH,7.30, History Group, CR, 7.30
Fri 21		
Sat 22	Cull.+Uff. FM, POPPY DISPLAY, 10-12 noon, St Mary's, Tea & cake	
Sun 23		
Mon 24	Local Schools Half – Term (to Oct 28)	
Tue 25		
Wed 26		
Thu 27	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library, PH,14.15 – 15.20, L.Millhayes,15.25 – 15.45
Fri 28		
Sat 29	Uffculme + Cullompton FMs.	
Sun 30	British Summertime ends	
Mon 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	6.30 – 7.30 pm	PH
	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45 pm	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
	Moira 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 November 2022

Tue 1		
Wed 2	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30	Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 3	Taunton F.M	
Fri 4		
Sat 5	Tiv'ton, Ch'ford,Well.F.M,_ Mobile Library PH, 9.55	
Sun 6	Dayus – Jones Piano Trio, St Mary's, 3pm	
Mon 7		Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 8		Tues Club, PH, 7.30
Wed 9	"Empty Spaces" 2.30 – 4.00, BHLAC	Gardeners' Meeting, PH, 7.30
Thu 10	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 11	Remembrance Day Empty Spaces, 10.30 -12.00, BHLAC	
Sat 12	Cullompton., Yarcombe FMs, Mobile Library,PH 9.55-11.35	
Sun 13	Remembrance Sunday	
Mon 14	KING CHARLES III'S BIRTHDAY	PUMP DEADLINE
Tue 15		
Wed 16		
Thu 17	T'ton & H'ton FM, Plans for Poppy Project, 9-12, CR, Mobile Library, PH 2.15	History Group, CR, 7.30
Fri 18		
Sat 19	HEMYOCK MARKET Well.. F.M. Avon & Somerset Police M.V. Choir	
Sun 20		
Mon 21		Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 22		
Wed 23		
Thu 24	Taunton FM Mobile Library PH 14.15, L.Millhayes, 15.25 -15.45	
Fri 25	"Pies & Pints, Tarts & Tipples", CR FOSM	Scouts Christmas Bingo
Sat 26	Uffculme FM REPAIR CAFÉ, 10 – 12 noon, PH	
Sun 27	First Sunday in Advent	
Mon 28		
Tue 29		
Wed 30		

## Forthcoming Events

Dec 03	St Mary's Christmas Fair
Dec 07-08	Father Christmas Visiting
Dec 10	HEMYOCK MARKET (NB. week early)
Dec 16	Local schools' End of Term
Dec 18	Christmassy Concert, Blackdown Ladies A Capella
Dec 21	Winter Solstice
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 26	BOXING DAY
Dec 27	Holiday (as Christmas Day was on a Sunday)

2023	
Jan. 03	Local Schools' Term starts
Jan 19	Poppy Club, 9-12 noon, Church Rooms
March 31	End of Term

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 'Strawberry Tennis' social event on the afternoon of Sunday 28th August was played out in perfect weather. Thank you to all 16 entrants who played, and to those who came along to offer support, but especially to Rob Wright and Sue Cooper who won a bottle of wine each as worthy winners of the final! Thank you too to Julie Steed for organizing the event and to everyone who made cakes or biscuits and provided refreshment.

The club has great news to report on the efforts of our two league teams, Hemyock A and Hemyock B. Both teams have now finished their fixtures in the West Somerset Mixed League, A in Division 4, and B in Division 5. The B team spent most of the season in either first or second place, but were just pipped at the post by Elms (Taunton) and finished in a credible 3rd place. Well done to all those who played during the season, and particularly to Karen Steer for captaining the side. (Which in the case of Hemyock B involves a lot of persuading and cajoling to get teams together!).

Following some great results, Hemyock A finished in second place, and so to determine who stays and who plays in Division 3 next season, had to play off against Bridgwater C who finished 2nd bottom in Division 3. Following a fantastic effort on the evening of 17th August, Hemyock A triumphed 6-3. During the match, games and sets were very close with a total of three tie breaks being played, so it's great credit to the players for their determination and stamina. Congratulations to all involved with Hemyock A, and especially Malcolm Steer for his captaincy, (and for standing in on Wednesday 17th at short notice).

On a practical level, the club depends upon membership fees, and we are always keen to welcome new members. There is plenty of good weather left yet for tennis, and courts are generally available for quite a lot of the time, but it's always best to book a court, (or at least check bookings to ensure availability) and you can find details below. We try to make new members most welcome at social tennis sessions, but if

they decide that's not for them, they'll find that now league matches are finished, other than for coaching, or social sessions, there is plenty of availability. Don't forget that we are also able to play tennis 'all year round' due to our fantastic LED floodlights, so with an eye on the weather app, there should be plenty of opportunity for an hour or two on the court.

Our coach Dan Sizer ran the usual holiday club on 15th & 16th of August for the juniors, and his junior coaching sessions on Thursdays (School term time) continue to be very well attended. Dan also runs a coaching session for adult members on Friday mornings, and is always approachable for one to one coaching - contact Julie Steed for details.

We soon hope to have details of winter friendly matches, our 'Mince Pie & Mulled Wine' event and maybe early in 2023 a post Christmas social evening.

Finally, the club is happy to buy tennis balls in bulk quantities and pass on the savings to members. I currently have some Head Team at £4.49 for a tube of 4.

PS. It is probable that the courts will be closed at short notice soon for a short while for repainting.

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

Adult members social sessions continue to be 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

## 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 1.00pm, 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](mailto:sfelehner@aol.com). Land line: 01823 421760.

## 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.

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### Hire charges

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

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

## Longmead Environmental Area

### What a long hot Summer!

There have been two community events organised at the environmental area. The first was at the very beginning of the school holidays. It was well attended and we set to weeding around the saplings, removed the bull mace from a very dry pond and laid corrugated iron sheets on the ground to encourage slow worms. During the second event at the end of the Summer holidays, a good gathering made bug boxes, weeded the saplings, and looked for evidence of wildlife. We found numerous bugs, butterflies, damselflies, beetles AND slow worms under the corrugated iron.

Despite the hot dry Summer all of the new hedging trees have survived, probably due to the clay soil. The raised beds were not as bountiful this year due to the dry weather but people were able to forage rhubarb, blackcurrants, onions, courgettes, strawberries and herbs

### Future work:

Weed and replenish the raised beds with compost  
Continue the care if the hedging saplings  
Planting of 200+ narcissus and daffodil bulbs donated by Allies Devon

Do look out for regular planting sessions for the bulbs. All you will need is a garden spade, fork or trowel. It will be great to see them poking through in the Spring!

Trish Slater  
September 2022



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

As we mourn the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth 11, as she would want us to, we look forward to a new Carolean Age under our King Charles III.

We have received a letter from our Chief Scout Bear Grylls which says we are united in sorrow for the loss of our Patron, HM The Queen. She leaves a bright legacy of hope and promise for the future. We will always remember her and give thanks for her kindness, her service and the unwavering support she showed our movement over many decades. She was truly a friend to scouts everywhere. He ended with - On behalf of every scout, we thank HM The Queen for her service. We will never forget her. We have also heard from our County Commissioner Steve Donohue with the words - Rest in Peace HRH Queen Elizabeth II. His letter heading was very apt, with our Scout Symbol on a black background. We at 1st Hemyock echo their sentiments as we all mourn the passing of our beloved Queen. We have been told that we should continue with our scout meetings during this sad time, in order that we may support our young people, but obviously with meetings that are respectful and meaningful. A final word or two on our recent fifty year camp with our friends from Tonder in Denmark. Suffice to say it was a wonderful gathering enjoyed by all, including several scouts that attended the first camp together in 1972. you may well have seen them in the Tiverton Gazette and Devon Live. We had excellent press coverage with thanks to Janice Bawler for ensuring that this happened. We now look forward to our next fifty years with Tonder.

As our Chief Scout said scouting moves forward. We are well into Autumn term programmes with all sections meeting. I must mention our newest section - Squirrels for four to six year olds. Only recently started by HQ we at Hemyock have twelve section members, with more waiting to join. Also cubs, scouts, explorers and network are all flourishing. I am proud to say that in total our numbers are over one hundred. I think flourishing is a good word to describe us! However having chatted with Akela Julie, you can guess what she told me. With these numbers we need more leaders. Anyone out there? This need not be a full commitment, a few hours each month would really help. Or if you a specialized skill that you could demonstrate to our young people. I am reminded of Tony Lane who was Chef at the Culm Valley Inn, Culmstock. He came to several meetings both indoors and out. What a difference he made to our scout cuisine! That was several years ago, so any chefs out there who could help? Or any subject. Please. Akela also told me that cubs will be helping with the poppy display for this years Remembrance. They are also camping at Bampton at the end of September. Also having a craft camp in Hemyock in December. She did mention Father Christmas might be there! Is it that time already?

Next I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have a new Group Scout Leader. Josh Archer. A name that many will know, he is "home grown" having been a scout with Hemyock since his cub days. He is also known as Kaa, cub scout leader. We all wish him well in his new role and I know he will be an asset to the Group.

Well. That is about all for this report, but as you can see we are doing well and looking forward to scouting in the new Carolean era under our King. And so finally. As I said at the beginning, we mourn the passing of Our Beloved Queen Elizabeth and may she rest in peace. And our best wishes to our new King Charles as he starts his reign.

Old Rikki

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Malcolm Steer (Secretary) 07456 690503 [malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk)



## Poets Corner

### HEAVEN

Glimpsed through the Christ wiped window of the Soul,  
Sight to see Heaven's Christ light shine,  
Back lighting even darkest days,  
So dark then all seems lost;  
To Heaven's children,  
Light shines through,  
To light more windows of the Soul

### LATE FOR SCHOOL.

Dawdling on the way to school,  
By way of woods and field  
and river side,  
So much in God's wide World to see,  
Summer Winter each new day,  
Learning as Nature's book unfolds,  
Each day a new fresh page,  
Is turning showing pictures of,  
Each season fresh,  
With all it's wonder, growth of Sping,  
Hay's scent in Summer's heat,  
Then taste of Autumn in our satchels,  
As we scrumped our way to school,  
Then plunging to the mud of Winter,  
Seemed to get stuck in Winter longer!  
But once again the Spring would come,  
One day, swallows would be flying over,  
Back home again so Winter's over,  
And there'd be tad-pols swarming,  
In the shallow river margins  
Buds be bursting and birds are nesting,  
With the rise of morning sunshine,  
Fish fry dimple in the river,  
All of life is busy Living:  
So we learned how Earth is turning,  
And that us late for school.

*David Palmer*

**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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**Sat 1 Oct 6pm BSO On Your Doorstep: Homelands** A relaxed, friendly concert with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Principal Brass & Wind players. Journey to New York with Bernstein, Amelie's Paris with Yann Tiersen, and rural England with Vaughan Williams and The Wellerman.

**Thu 6 Oct 7pm National Theatre Live: Jack Absolute Flies Again (15)** A rollicking new comedy from Richard Bean (One Man, Two Guvnors) and Oliver Chris (Twelfth Night), with Caroline Quentin, Laurie Davidson, and Kelvin Fletcher.

**Fri 7 Oct 7.30pm Howerd's End** A new play about one of the greatest comics, Frankie Howerd, and his forbidden love for long-standing partner Dennis Heymer.

**Sat 8 Oct 7.30pm Fisherman's Friends: One and All (12A)** Fame is never plain sailing! The next instalment of the Fisherman's Friends amazing and uplifting true story.

**Thu 13 Oct 6.45pm Royal Opera House Live Cinema: Aida (12A)** Love and duty collide and nations clash in Verdi's political drama, starring Elena Stikhina and conducted by Antonio Pappano.

**Sat 15 Oct 7.30pm Moonage Daydream (15)** A glorious cinematic odyssey exploring David Bowie's creative, spiritual and musical journey.

**Wed 19 Oct 7.30pm The Beehive Acoustic Night.** Perform or listen in the Beehive bar. Free entry.

**Thu 20 Oct 7.15pm Royal Opera House Live Cinema: La Boheme (12A)** Puccini's opera of passion, friendship & heartbreak.

**Fri 21 Oct 7.30pm Fairport Convention** British Folk Rock legends celebrate their 55th anniversary.

**Thu 27 Oct 2pm Nostalgic Cinema: Pal Joey (PG)** 1957 film. Dementia-friendly with subtitles.

**Fri 28 Oct 8pm Cable Street Collective** Festival favourites "Spicy indie pop with a tropical feel."

**3-5 Nov 7.15pm Agatha Christie's The Hollow** presented by Honiton Community Theatre Company

**Thu 10 Nov 7pm National Theatre Live: The Seagull (12A)** Emilia Clarke (*Game of Thrones*) makes her West End debut in this 21<sup>st</sup> century retelling of Chekhov's tale of love and loneliness.

**Fri 11 Nov 7.30pm Mrs. Harris goes to Paris (12A)** The enchanting tale of a widowed cleaning lady in the 1950s, who falls in love with a couture Dior dress.

**Wed 16 Nov 7.30pm The Beehive Folk Café.** Perform or listen in the Beehive bar. Free entry.

**Sat 19 Nov 7.30pm Simon & Garfunkel Through The Years** – live tribute

**Thu 24 Nov 2pm Nostalgic Cinema: Chariots of Fire (PG)** Dementia-friendly with subtitles.

**Thu 24 Nov 7.15pm Royal Ballet Cinema: A Diamond Celebration (12A)** A dazzling showcase marking 60 years of the Friends of the Royal Opera House.

**Fri 25 Nov 7.30pm The History of Rock** Exceptional live band celebrating Rock through the ages.



## Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

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## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

**Well! What a Summer!** A challenging couple of months for gardeners but how lovely to feel the warmth of the sun! At the time of writing, there has been some welcome rain which has revived thirsty plants rewarding us with a second flush of blooms.

Hemyock Gardeners have had a good summer with a few garden visits. The Autumn Show is a highlight of the Association's gardening calendar. Members entered enthusiastically into exhibiting produce and flowers. The success of the Culinary Competition could be seen by the groaning tables – especially the Lemon Drizzle Cake class. Never have there been so many entries for a cake class! Well done to everyone who entered or won a trophy or visited to view the Show and sample the marvellous selection of delicious cakes baked and donated by our members. Congratulations go to first-time entrant Rod Taylor who swept the board with his many Firsts – and on his birthday! Here's the complete list of trophy winners. Well done everyone!

**William Pike Cup** Awarded for the most points in classes 1-58 inclusive: **Rod Taylor**

**St Ivel 'Gold Cup'** Awarded for the most points in Vegetable classes: **Rod Taylor**

**HGA Shield** Awarded for the best exhibit of Perennials Classes 43/44: **Pat Jenkins**

**G & P Pring Rosebowl** Awarded for the best exhibit in Rose Classes: **Annette Hart**

**Carnival Salver** Awarded for the best exhibit in Dahlia Classes: **Rod Taylor**

**William Griffiths Cup** Awarded for the best Pot Plant: **Val Hyland**

**W.I. Trophy** Awarded for the most points in the Culinary Classes: **Lynn Taylor**


**Eden Cup** Awarded for the most points gained in the Floral Arts classes: **Caroline Anderson**

**Gwen Lowman Cup** Awarded for the best exhibit in the Floral Arts Classes: **Monica Smith**

**Tony Spiller Trophy** Awarded for the Best Vegetable in Show: **Rod Taylor**

There is a change to the scheduled October meeting. There will be no meeting on Wednesday 12 October but the Pottinger Cup gardening quiz will be held on **Wednesday 19 October**. This Cup is held by Hemyock Gardeners' Association at the moment but Sampford Peverell, Sampford Arundel and Willand gardening clubs compete fiercely in this fun horticultural quiz run by the lovely Quiz Ladies. Starting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, there is a half-time buffet and refreshments. Do come along and join the audience. Audience participation is encouraged but only the teams can score the points! Prize raffle. £1 on the door. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to join us, do drop in on one of our meeting nights or call me on 01823 681393 for any details about our events.

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




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Weekends Closed

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

### Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

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Note from the Editor: If you have an event you want listed in the "What's On" calendar section of the magazine, please also notify Sue using the details above. Don't assume it will be done automatically if you submit an advert, copy or poster to me.



# St Andrew's Clayhidon

## In This Issue:

- ◆ Village hall news
- ◆ Film nights
- ◆ Milk bar
- ◆ Big Brunch



## St. Andrew's Church News

There have been two memorable events which we have particularly enjoyed during August. After a family service, followed by coffee and biscuits outside church, we made our way down to the field behind the car park where we could sit in a marquee or in the sunshine to have the particular delight of a barbeque and vegetables which were so delicious and a really lovely choice of desserts. This was a very happy occasion for socialising with so many.

For three afternoons including bank holiday Monday, there was a History Group's exhibition to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The church was decorated with Union flag bunting and banners from earlier jubilee celebrations that had taken place during her reign. Newspapers from as early as 1952 lined the south wall of the church.

There was a long line of photographs of the clergy who had served at St Andrew's from 1949 until the present day. This included Revd. Way who was the last rector to serve solely at Clayhidon but also included visiting bishops from Exeter, Plymouth and Crediton. Numerous events that have taken place at St Andrew's were shown and changes to the building inside, such as the oak screen at the vestry and another above the balcony. The bell ringers were also in photographs from very early years.

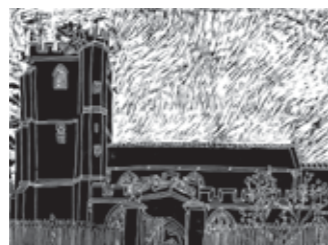
There were photographs of new and changed buildings of Clayhidon and so much change in farming from the time of horse and cart to the latest machines and methods of milking by robot. MPs were on display; flooding in Clayhidon; the visit by Prince Philip to Fenix Carriages – our only Royal visitor. We even had photographs of birds which have visited the parish that had not been seen in our country in 1952.

We were delighted to welcome new people into the church who live in remote areas of the parish and who have not entered St Andrew's previously.

The annual service which we hold for horse riders was due on September 11th. Of course by that date we had heard of the tragic news about Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Rather than cancel the event, we decided because of the Queen's great love of horses, to hold the service with reverence and to sing the National Anthem to King Charles III. More than thirty riders and horses attended and everyone appreciated the occasion.

We will hold all the members of the Royal Family in our thoughts and prayers and we pray for any in our community who may have experienced a grief in their own family.

*P.Reynolds. PCC*



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## CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL

**T**hank you to everyone who has been supporting our events – the (mostly) monthly café, the cream tea and walk and most recently the BigBrunch, which has raised a magnificent £658 towards hall funds.

Our next events are the café on Saturday, 8th October, where we shall have our stall open from 10-12 selling delicious cakes, biscuits and sausage rolls. There is a choice for everyone; dairy-free, gluten-free and vegan included. Then on Saturday, 22nd October, we welcome back music to the hall with Nick Girone-Maddocks returning with his new Trio playing old favourites from the Thunderbridge Bluegrass Band and new songs too. Tickets, £9, available from Caroline Bendle 01823 681047 or email [cjbendle@outlook.com](mailto:cjbendle@outlook.com).

## CLAYHIDON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**D**uring the bank holiday weekend in August, there was the annual exhibition by the Local History Group, which was held on three afternoons in St Andrew's Church.

This year our subject was Clayhidon during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, recording events and changes which have taken place in those seventy years. The church was ornately decorated and we had many banners from previous celebrations to show. There was also an incredible amount of newspaper photographs of our Monarch enjoying the festivities. The newspapers which younger people had never seen hung all along the south wall and were a wonderful reminder to older people of so many glorious occasions.

There was a vast photographic display of incredible changes which have happened in our parish. From the time of farmers using a horse and cart we could see the astonishing use of such powerful machines that are seen in the fields today. Farming has developed to such an extent that cows are milked whenever they feel like it and by a robot! The photographs proved it. On another farm, milk is available whenever you want to help yourself from a machine or you can pour yourself a milk shake.

So many new houses have been built or barns have been converted. The Half Moon has been extended as well as changing its walls from white to blue and back to white. Covid brought about changes with special people delivering goods. There were photographs of all our MPs. Many changes have taken place in the church building, and the series of new rectors was displayed. Perhaps one of our most unexpected changes is in some new birds which now visit us. A photograph of one of the heron family, an egret, shows it in a stream that leads into the River Culm. Seventy years ago, it had never been seen in this country.

The visitors who came thoroughly enjoyed staying for a long observation and perusal of our parish where so much has happened in this dreamy atmosphere.

## Village Hall Committee

**A** recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee decided that we are going to apply to Planning for detailed permission for the Village Hall extension that we had agreed on.

The detailed planning will give us the necessary basis to prepare building plans that can be sent to local builders for quotations. Donor organisations such as Biffa and Viridor are insisting on having these in place before they will consider a grant to us. Having given us a grant we need to complete the work in under a year. We still need to raise a large amount of money locally to complete the project. There are a lot of events scheduled for the rest of the year.

Neil Carter, Chair

### Clayhidon's Big Brunch

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Big Brunch at Clayhidon on 10th September.

With your help we raised £658 towards the Hall funds.

A special thanks must go to the following, in no particular order:

Anthea Coate, Judy Barton, Nicola Bendle and Helen Williams for so ably assisting with everything,

And to Alison Weekes for stepping into the breach when needed; The James's at Culm Davy for providing delicious eggs; Tim Potter, Butchers in Wellington for the sausages; Anthea & Michael Coate at Rockwell Green for the bacon; Maurice Bendle for food donation, Half Moon Inn, Clayhidon Culm Valley Inn, Culmstock Sidmouth Arm, Upottery.

Many apologies if I've left anyone out; your help was invaluable.

*Caroline Bendle*



**Family business:** Jamie Blackmore, wife Casey and mother Thelma

## MILK BAR GOES BANANAS!

**A** brave new business venture on a Blackdown Hills farm has "gone bananas" in its first two weeks. Palmers Farm, Clayhidon, where the same family has lived for 300 years, has become an unlikely tourist destination since Jamie Blackmore and his wife Casey and mother Thelma opened a fresh milk vending machine and milkshake bar.

"We're thrilled by the number of walkers, cyclists and motorists who have managed to find us and are stopping to buy milk and shakes. It's just gone bananas," said Casey. "We're a tenth-generation, family-run farm in the Blackdown Hills and take huge pride in looking after our herd of gorgeous girls. We believe a happy life spent grazing the fields makes for the most delicious, nutritious milk around." Customers can buy fresh pasteurised, non-homogenised whole milk or create their own milkshakes with a variety of syrup flavours. Reusable 1-litre glass bottles are for sale, or people can bring their own.

The Milk Stand is on a lane just over a mile outside Hemyock (postcode EX15 3PS). "We think it makes the perfect stop if you are on your bike or enjoying a family walk," said Casey. "There are a couple of picnic tables so you can stay a while and enjoy the beautiful surroundings while you sip. You might even hear the tinkle of Fiona's cowbell as she grazes the fields nearby with her friends. The Blackmores' herd of British Friesian cows are milked twice a day, and their milk is then pasteurised on Palmers Farm in a newly converted shipping container.

### News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

**M**y dad always said that as you get older, time seems to go by faster. I didn't really understand what he meant by that as a child, especially a child who sometimes struggled with being patient. However, now I'm getting older, and with children of my own, I am beginning to understand what he means. It feels as though two minutes ago we welcomed in 2022 and now it's Autumn. The events, important dates and seasons that punctuate our year seem to flow relentlessly one into the next, and before we know it, we are wondering where the time has gone.

It is for this reason that, though no less busy, Harvest is such a blessing. It is a season, a time in which we stop and, as we give thanks for another year's harvest, set our minds to consider more broadly, the thankfulness we hold. Both in my personal life and in the life of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel, there is much that we are thankful for. In the context of recent years, we are grateful for the opportunities to regularly meet together, to welcome others into the life of the church and extend hospitality to various groups within our community. We are grateful to those with whom we have forged relationships this year, both at home and overseas. We are grateful for the many people who give of themselves with a servant heart to enrich the life of the church and the community around us. We are grateful for the love and support of others, friends, family and neighbours, especially when, for many, life has been difficult. And, above all, we are grateful to God, the One who is the great provider, Lord of the Harvest, for his enduring faithfulness and love through each and every day.

King David, who knew many highs and lows in his life, knew what it was to be strengthened by the practice of thanksgiving. On one occasion, when the Ark, a symbol of God's presence, was restored to his people, David knew to whom he must turn, and did so with this song of thankfulness (1 Chronicles 16:8-11):

*Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!*

David's thankfulness was an invitation for others to consider the goodness of God. This is true also for us, our thankfulness, nurtured in this season of harvest, is an opportunity for others to consider the faithfulness of God. Of course, nowhere is His faithfulness seen more abundantly than in the sending of His Son, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to be the very presence of God with us. The Apostle Paul knew this, and through very difficult days in his life, never lost touch with the power and poignancy of a disposition of thankfulness. Indeed, Paul wrote these words whilst imprisoned in Rome:

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*  
— Ephesians 5:19-20

This encouragement toward a spirit of thankfulness, the kind nurtured in the season of harvest, seems so fitting at this time of writing when, as a nation, though we mourn the loss of our Queen, we are collectively filled with a sense of thankfulness for

her sense of duty, the grace in all her conduct, and the servant heart by which she undertook all her duties in serving the people of this nation and the Commonwealth. Perhaps most poignantly for me, is a sense of thankfulness for the way in which she shared her faith in Jesus and the hope and joy it brought our Sovereign. In the foreword to a book written as part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Queen said this:

*I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love.  
I have indeed seen his faithfulness.*

I pray that we would each see the faithfulness of God in Christ Jesus and find cause for thankfulness in the varying seasons of our life.

With our love and on behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel

**Jonathan**

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### Mid Devon singers

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We now have two new Musical Directors, Yvonne Buttifant and Leyla Buttifant Magassa who will be introducing us to a new and varied repertoire in addition to revising some of our previous favourites. Some of our new songs for this term include: Rocket Man (Elton John), Lean on Me (Bill Withers), Bring Him Home (Les Misérables) and All I Ask of You (Phantom of the Opera). New members are very welcome; there are no auditions to join our friendly and sociable community choir. There's no charge for trying us out and it's free for under 18s. We'll continue to meet at Halberton Village Hall, on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more information, contact us now at info@mids.co.uk or call our Membership Secretary, Lisa Pinney on 07446 877714.

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**NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL**



**OPENING TIMES:** the Museum, Shop and Grist Mill Café Bar are all open to the public Monday to Friday 10.30am-4.30pm (last Museum entry 3pm) until the end of October. From 1st November until the 15th December, we are open Wed-Fri 11.00am-3.30pm.

Tickets for visits and steam day events are available on the Coldharbour Mill website: [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/visit/](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/visit/) - or phone 01884 840960 to book. Become a Member and get Free Access to the Mill and Event Days for a whole year!

**STEAM & SCREAM!**

**Sunday 30th October 10.30am-4:30pm (last entry 3pm)**  
Join us for a day of steam, spooks and scares... if you dare, take on our Ghost trail of Coldharbour Mill – you will even meet some ghosts and hear their spooky stories first-hand. If ghosts aren't for you, then maybe you will be able to help us find all of the pumpkins we seem to have misplaced at the Mill. If you find them all there might just be a treat (or trick) at the end. In the Fox Gallery join our resident ghouls as they help us design some pretty crazy monsters,

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Enjoy the Mill by candlelight and enjoy a glass of mulled wine as we welcome in the Christmas spirit!  
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**VOLUNTEERING**

Do you have a spare few hours to help volunteer at our heritage site? See <https://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/volunteer/> for the opportunities available. For an informal chat, please contact us by phone or email (see contact details below).

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*Ways of seeking – Quaker Faith & Practice 26.23*

It is difficult for us to reconcile the two ideas of God as a loving Father and as the Creator of all things, because of the existence of cruelty and undeserved suffering in Nature itself. Jesus apparently did take for granted the idea that God controlled the rising of the sun and falling of the rain and had made us male and female. It makes me long to have him here now so that I could ask him some of the questions that his disciples didn't ask him. In fact I find that I am talking to him in my mind and that it is a great deal more profitable than talking to myself; even though it is, in one sense, talking to myself; and even though I don't get the answers to the questions that puzzle me. But that doesn't worry me now, because I have learned, as a scientist, how much I don't understand. I have learned too that when a scientist encounters two apparently irreconcilable ideas, these are the stepping stones to new knowledge.

Kathleen Lonsdale, 1962

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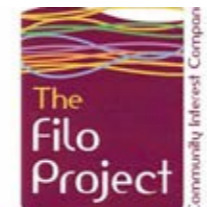
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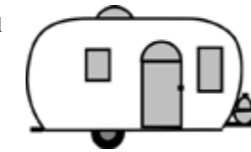
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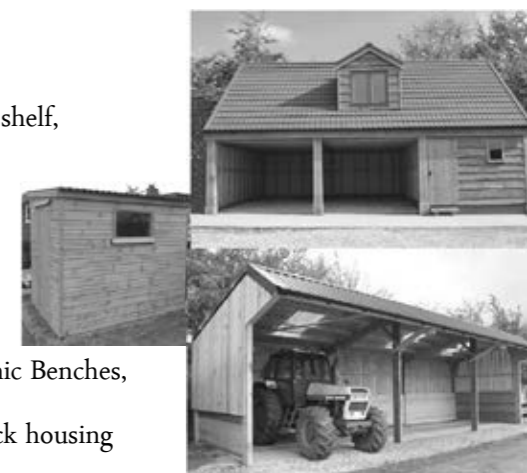
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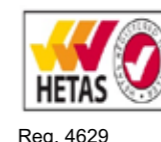


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