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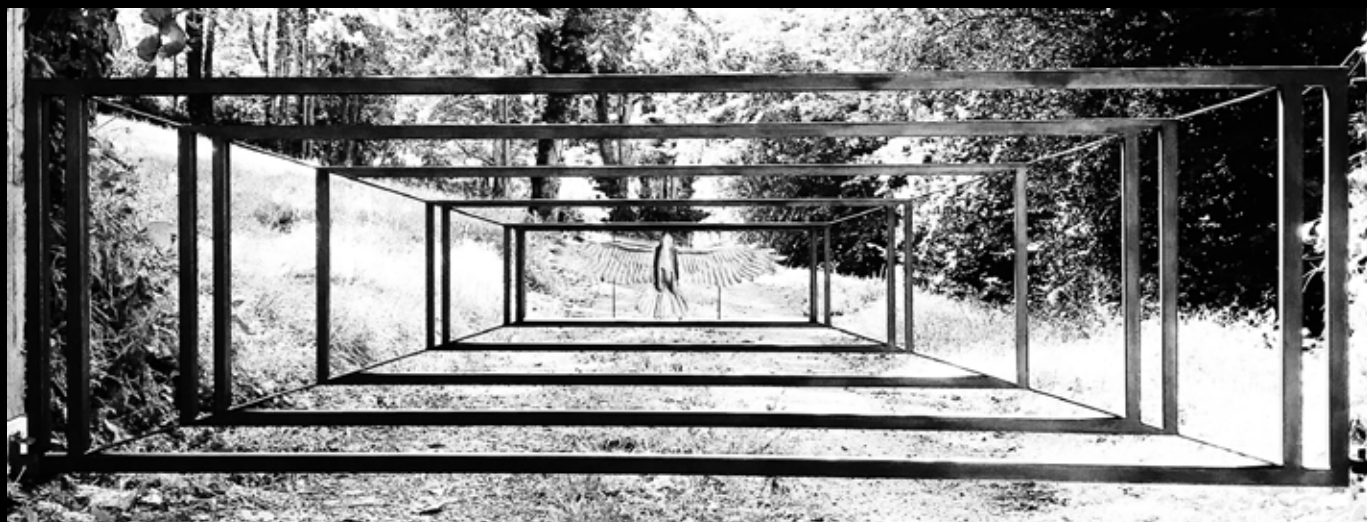
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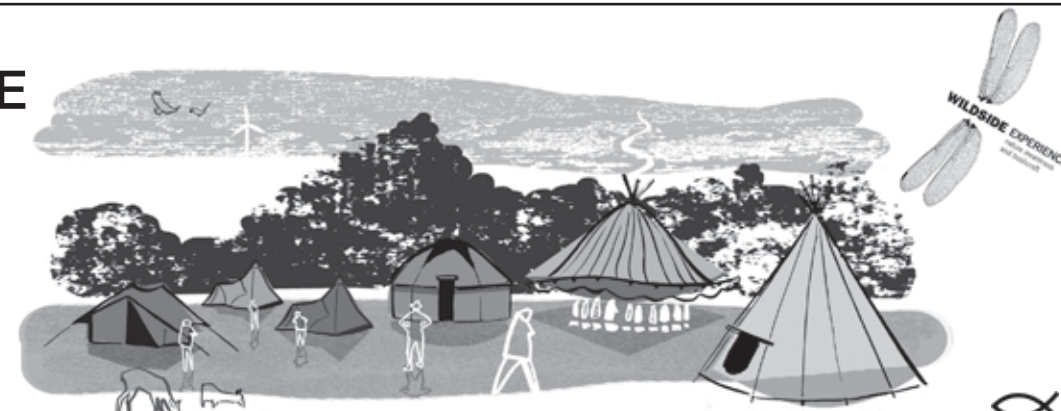
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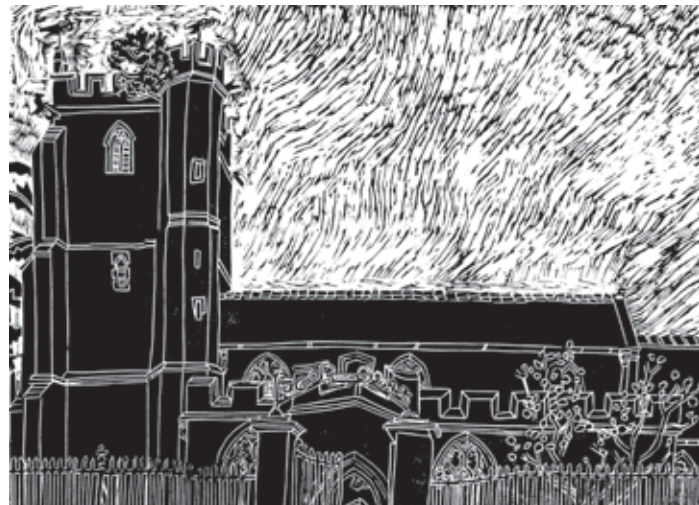
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

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**SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2022**

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew Clayhidon	All Saints Culmstock	St Mary Hemyock
<b>Sunday 4 December</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.00am Communion service (Traditional, 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship  4.00pm Christingle service
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>		4.00pm Christingle service		
<b>Sunday 11 December</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship  6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service
<b>Sunday 18 December</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	3.30pm Carol service	10.00am Communion service	10.00am Communion service  7.30pm Carol service	11.00am Morning Worship
<b>Tues 20 December</b>				7.00pm Carol service
<b>Wed 21 December</b>			4.00pm Carols in the churchyard	
<b>Thurs 22 December</b>		4.00pm Carols in the churchyard and Blessing of the crib		
<b>Friday 23 December</b>				4.00pm Carols in the churchyard and Blessing of the crib
<b>Sat 24 December</b> Christmas Eve		8.00pm Christmas Eve Communion		
<b>Sunday 25 December</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00am Christmas morning Family Communion		10.00am Christmas morning Family Communion	10.00am Christmas morning Family Communion

**SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2023**

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew Clayhidon	All Saints Culmstock	St Mary Hemyock
<b>Sunday 1 January</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY	9.00am Communion service (Traditional, 1662)			10.30am United Benefice Songs of Praise for New Year's Day
<b>Sunday 8 January</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany		10.00am Epiphany Communion service	10.00am Epiphany Morning Worship  6.30pm Epiphany Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Epiphany Communion service
<b>Sunday 15 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional, 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 22 January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion service
<b>Sunday 29 January</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany			10.30am United Benefice Communion service  5.00pm-6.00pm Prayer vigil for Ukraine	

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

On Tuesday 13th December 2022 and Tuesday 24th January 2023 there will be Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks will be 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. 294 December 2022 – January 2023



**The Spirit of Christmas**

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge suppresses both happy and distressing memories of Christmas past by pretending Christmas doesn't exist. In the Puritan Commonwealth of the 1650s, Cromwell abolished Christmas altogether, and two years ago Christmas was effectively 'cancelled' by the second lockdown of the Covid pandemic. Normal service was resumed last winter, but this year many households are finding it hard to look forward to a Christmas celebration as a combination of price rises, a hike in interest rates and soaring energy costs eat into the meagre budgets of the least well off. Add to that the fears about the situation in Eastern Europe, climate change and political instability, and many people will be wondering whether there is anything to celebrate at all.

The life of shepherds was pretty tough too. They were poorly paid, out in all weathers, marginalised and exploited by the owners of the flocks they tended. Yet, as they made their way back to work on the first Christmas night after having been summoned to an encounter with the Holy Family in the stable, those shepherds were over the moon with joy and excitement because they had seen the fulfilment of a promise that God would make his home with humans, sharing their sorrows and sufferings and offering hope for their futures. Their joy and excitement represent the true spirit of Christmas. I hope and pray that, whatever challenges any of us face this Christmas, some of that joy and hope will touch our lives.

*David Major*

For some, eating and drinking rather more than normal and spending time with family or friends might seem a welcome distraction from the unremitting gloom, but overindulgence is often followed by regret, and too close proximity for too long can strain relationships. It might be tempting to think, like Scrooge, that Christmas is mere *humbug*.

Life for Mary and Joseph wasn't a bed of roses either. While it's reasonable to assume that, as a skilled carpenter, Joseph would not be short of work and therefore fairly comfortably off, he and his wife had their lives turned upside down by a capricious official demand that they relocate to Bethlehem, along with thousands of others. The result, as any child can tell you, is that they ended up in sub-standard accommodation with limited hygiene facilities while Mary gave birth to her baby.



# St Mary's Hemyock

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- ◆ Christmas Fair
- ◆ Hugh Scudder talk
- ◆ Lights Brigade
- ◆ Warm spaces
- ◆ Art exhibition



### Remembrance Sunday

The centre of Hemyock came to a standstill as the villagers held the Remembrance Sunday 2 minutes silence in front of the War Memorial in glorious sunshine. The church choir had led the procession of youth groups and supporters through the village from the Parish Hall to the church.

The Rev Canon Becky Totterdell led the service at St Marys which was attended by over 220 meaning a number had needed to stand.

Wreaths were laid at the Memorial by representatives of the Parish Council, the primary school, Blackdown Nursery and PreSchool and all branches of 1st Hemyock Scout Group. Tim Barton gave the Exhortation. The collection raised £341 which will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

**Above** Wreath being laid on behalf of Hemyock Primary School.

### Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee)

This year has seen a huge increase in donations to the charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee). This has varied from beds to clothes, toys, medical/ first aid items and food as well as financial contributions. We have made numerous trips to the depot at Exmouth and most times our car and trailer have been filled to capacity thanks to peoples generosity.

Due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine the charity are now supporting the people there as well as those in Moldova and whilst harrowing it was good to hear from Hugh Scudder, charity Director, on a visit to Hemyock, about his recent trips to both countries. By the time the Parish Pump is out the collection of Christmas boxes will hopefully be on their way to both countries bringing joy to all ages and letting them know there are people who care.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the work of this Devon charity particularly during what has been a horrifying year for so many. Wishing you a peaceful, blessed and very merry Christmas. David and Janice.

### Bulb Planting

The stormy weather did nothing to deter the volunteers, including a group of children of Moon class year 2 from the local primary school, from planting 500 daffodils in the churchyard of St Marys church, Hemyock.

Overseen by gardener Charles Courtenay and assisted by Churchwarden David Bawler the youngsters enthusiasm saw the planting completed in less than 30 minutes leaving the other hour allocated to the work seeing them enjoying drinks and biscuits as they explored inside the church where there are poppy displays for Remembrance week.



### SMCCS TEN YEARS ON

2022 has been quite a year for St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop. Thanks to all the support we have had by people donating and purchasing items we have been kept busy all year. Not to mention all those coffees and teas the Friends group have made as our refreshment providers.

One of the aims of the Charity shop is to send as little as possible to land fill sites. So we may well send excess items to other charities, some go to refugee groups, some to specialised outlets, some to recycling units and some even gets sold to clothing companies.

Newer readers may not know that as well as supporting the church we also support other charities, mainly those in the village but also some, like the Air Ambulance, which support the village. This year we celebrated 10 years of giving the village a weekly social event and a recycling facility which does not involve going to Tiverton, Honiton or Wellington. During those 10 years we have passed on over £7000 to other groups, 20 of them from the village.

In the first years we had to ask if any group was in need of a small cash injection to get a project done or to buy something needed for their operation. After a while we got suggestions and requests. This year nobody has been knocking on our door so we'll do what we did at the end of our first year. If your group could benefit from a small donation let us know, and tell us what you want it for. Drop us a line addressed to St Mary's P.C.C. Secretary. Leave it on the coffee bar at the back of the church or bring it in to the Shop when we are open. The deadline will be December 20th and we normally give our grants out in February.

Finally we could not finish this report without a great big "thank you" to the Charity Shop volunteers and to the Friends group members running the Coffee Shop section.

Many of them have been doing it for a very long while. And it is not just a case of turning up on a Tuesday (or Saturday). They've been collecting things, delivering items, taking goods to other places, going to recycling centres, mending things, cleaning things and in one or two cases trying to work out just what it is we've been given.

So the shop could not operate without their input and provide the pleasure it seems to generate; but it could not exist without the support of the village, which is much appreciated. You might say both groups need it other, and both groups willingly help each other. But that's Hemyock for you!! We look forward to other 10years of helping each other!

**St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop**  
is open nearly every

**TUESDAY**

and the first Saturday of each month  
in the  
Church Rooms,  
Castle Hill  
10.00 am to 12noon

N.B. December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Open 2.30 - 4.30pm with the Fair, in  
the Church, and  
not open December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop**

All the Shop volunteers  
wish to thank everyone for the support received during the year.  
It is much appreciated.

May we wish everyone a  
Happy and Peaceful Christmas  
with a blessed and fulfilling year to follow



### Theatre Trip

**W**e went to a theatre whist on holiday. Nothing unusual in that you might say, But there was. The stage was wide, very wide, Wide enough for 100 people to stand next to each other.

There were wide open sections at the back of the stage too and one could watch the sky turn slowly dark- er as the performance went on. The interval was a bit long too, getting on for two hours, but then the performance started in the early afternoon and did not end till around 10pm. Most of the audience, (about 4,800 of them) seemed not to speak the language the play was performed in.

There were scenes with just one or two actors, and others with 3 or 4 hundred on stage. There were children doing what children do, running in and out and chasing each other. And there were animals, lots of them. Not your pantomime horses, real horses, and camels and donkeys and dogs and doves – didn't see a cat but I could not say there were none.

Some times the action was quiet, two or three having a polite conversation, other-times it was an angry crowd all trying to get their point across.

Then there was the chap who committed suicide hanging himself from a tree.

So not your average theatre production. If you have not guessed by now we were in Germany in Oberammergau for the Passion Play.

The play came about in1633 when the plague was sweeping across Europe. People in the village vowed that if the dying stopped they would stage every 10 years a play detailing the "passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ". The dying stopped and the village has kept its vow. Nearly everybody in the village is involved in some way in the current productions, nearly 2000 local people. This year's version (it does change slightly as new facts about life in Jesus' time come to be known) was postponed for 2 years due to Covid. Whether the next is to be 2030 or 2032 I cannot say at present.

Would I go again? YES In some way it offers the New testament stories we know well seen from a different angle. If your German is limited, or non existent, worry not. You are given a copy of the script in your own language. And the theatre seats are reasonably comfortable for the 6 hours or so you might be in them. We cannot say tickets are cheap but you get a lot for your money including all that rethinking when you get home. We went with a company specialising in pilgrimages and similar trips, staying just over the border in the Austrian Tyrol with a group mainly from Northern Ireland (The firm kindly recommended by Rev John Stone) and it was a wonderful holiday.

So we offer it as something you could look forward to, certainly a "once in a lifetime" event, but still with enough in it to make going again a whole new experience. Some of our party were on their third visit and came out just as excited as they had been on their first visit. Why not give it some thought?

Brian Samuels

## ST MARY'S CHURCH and CULM DAVY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS FAIR

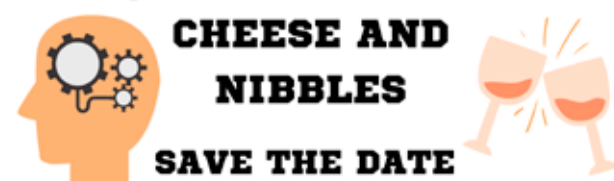
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### Roy Calcraft

Brenda and family would like to thank all who have helped in any way, during Roy's illness. Help with transport and visits to cheer him up were greatly appreciated. Thanks also for all the cards of condolence and to all who attended the funeral. This was an amazing occasion so thank you all who contributed to and helped with that! **Brenda Calcraft.**



Please come and enjoy our carol service at Dunkeswell Abbey on Thursday 15th December, at 7pm.



Refreshments to follow.

Everyone is welcome.

### cr2ee - Hugh Scudder Talk

**H**orrendously harrowing but equally highly heartwarming was the talk given by Hugh Scudder, Director of Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) at the Church Room Hemyock organised by Janice & David Bawler

Hugh, who has made numerous visits to Moldova on behalf of the charity, began his talk describing his recent trip on taking aid to Ukraine. His slides and videos reminded those present of the onslaught being made on the country including an air raid warning with planes flying overhead during Hugh's visit.

The second half of his talk took those present to Moldova, Europes poorest country, showing just how dreadful life is for an enormous number of the population. Tumbledown homes are dark and dirty with often only one or two rooms which serve as living area, kitchen and bedroom. The only heating and cooking facility is frequently a tiny wood burning stove or open fire and sometimes the only lighting a candle. Those in cities struggle to find work whilst people in the countryside have only their own manual power to pull basic equipment and transport for those who have it is a horse and cart - even Father Christmas uses this as he distributes the thousands of Christmas Shoeboxes donated by people who support the work of cr2ee.

Hugh spoke of the work that the charity has carried out in the country for over 30years including soup kitchens where far more than soup is served, to work in orphanages, schools and medical centres and summer camps.

Despite their desperately poor lives the people the charity meet are inspiring as has proved by the way they have welcomed people fleeing Ukraine into their homes.

Following the talk tea and cakes were enjoyed and donations for cr2ee amounted to £230. For further details about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal or queries about donating aid or financial support please contact David and Janice Bawler on [jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk) or 07773579809

### 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!

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



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Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm

Church Room, Hemyock Admission £7.50 each

to include first drink No need to book



## Hemyock History Group

### Taunton Cider

Our October talk was given by Alan Reeve who was the financial director of Taunton Cider back in the 90's who started his talk with an interesting DVD of the growth of Taunton Cider from its formation in 1911 until the company closed operations in 1998.

Taunton Cider started when an experienced cider brewer met a local businessman and clergyman in Norton Fitzwarren to decide to start a more professional approach to cider production. From small beginnings the company grew to become one of the major drink producers in the country, producing 40 million gallons per annum. The factory was also updated on a regular basis to ensure the latest production equipment was installed with 80 oak casks containing 50,000 gallons each. All the manufacturing equipment to enable the assembly of the casks of all sizes were held in the workshops where skilled Coopers held fort. The conveyor equipment was also of the latest design from the movement of the apples as they arrived directly from the orchards, moved automatically in channels where water washed all muck off the apples and into the presses with the juice flowing into containers ready for the fermentation process with yeast produced in the chemistry laboratory added in the appropriate amount. Although this is an art learned over many years the machinery replicated the brewer's arts and all controlled from a computerised process control desk. The entire operation was so advanced that the large drinks company Matthew Clark decided to buy the company in 1995 for £256m and amalgamate it with its other operations. This amalgamation operation, like many other businesses in the UK, sadly resulted in the closing of the factory in 1998 with the production moving to Ireland leaving the land on which the factory had been occupying becoming available for houses. Some of the local workers must have moved into these new houses, of course. However, the products such as Dry Blackthorn, Diamond White Autumn Gold and Red Rock died out.

We can now announce that Taunton Cider is back in business thanks to Hemyock residents. The name has been bought back from Matthew Clark and production of Taunton Cider is growing rapidly. We were surprised to find that our local friends brought along several crates of the new, old Taunton Cider which were given out to the lucky members of the History Group who have been enjoying this premium cider drink with their meals since the meeting. We can also report that our friends at the Post Office can supply you with bottles of the new Taunton Cider at a very reasonable cost. So at a time when we are concerned about supplies of Christmas fayre to ensure our celebrations you can depend on Hemyock Post Office.

### Air Defence

We were grateful to new resident Chris Benn for his explanation of how our UK air defence operated over the years since World War 2. Chris's 31 years with the royal Air Force has given him a privileged position in the understanding of how we are defended from foreign aggression. Radar has been the protective umbrella that has enabled our defences to withstand incursions. Chain Home radar provided the defence during WWII but was wound down after the war. Following the Russian development of their own atom bomb in 1949,

a new system evolved and technological advancement with rapid development of the Air Defence system with command and control delivered from 2 sector operations centres at Raf Buchan in Scotland and RAF Neatishead in Norfolk. The control rooms were originally located underground in secure bunkers, and continue to be today. Chris reported that he had been moved between these control centres in the UK and overseas every 18 months or so and the family became very used to packing and unpacking! From Buchan in the NE of Scotland to Manston on the South Coast where the RAF station has been turned into our first stop for immigrants arriving by boat across the channel. These 2 operations centres have since been replaced and command and control is now centred on the control and reporting centre at RAF Boulmer in Northumberland and decisions to scramble air defence fighter aircraft held at either the Combined Air Operations Centre in NATO to respond to any Russian long range aviation, or the National Air and Space Operations Centre at RAF High Wycombe for National air policing. Naturally the full details of the UK's air defence cannot be explained to the public or there will be more trouble makers trying to make the news, but google UK QRA and there is a good you tube video. Hopefully this careful control of every incursion of our air space will prevent danger caused by actual intentional enemy activity. The same protection is also provided, for instance for the residents of the Falkland Islands where Chris and family were stationed for a year in 2002. We can only be extremely grateful for our national security to people like Chris and their families for providing such dedicated service over so many years.

The next meeting of the History Group is on the 15th December when the talk will be about the person who built our Church room in which we meet, the Rector John de Burgh Forbes. The January meeting will be on the 12th January when Dr Bryn Morris of SW Archaeology who will be talking about local Roman sites that he has been involved in excavating. All meetings are at 7.30pm in the Church Room. From the new year all meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month.

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Contact Lin Holway tel: 01823 681522 for more details!



### The Lights Brigade Presents

**HEMYOCK LIGHTS PARADE  
3rd DECEMBER 2022**

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This years theme: **The Weather**



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### The Violet Chapman Trust

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COULD WE HELP YOU?**





**HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)**

*It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Roy Calcraft. Roy had been a trustee for many years, and can best be summed up as a very practical and pro active member of our committee, always ready with wise advice and to lend a hand with the tasks that the committee tend to do themselves rather than engage a contractor, and always ready to help at events with setting up and putting away. Roy will be much missed, and we send sincere condolences to Brenda and his family.*

Sharon Mitchell has resigned as booking secretary. We'd like to thank Sharon for her contribution since she took over the role from Jean Dyke in what have proved to be challenging times, especially during the Covid crisis. We are very pleased to say that Rebecca Pike has taken up the reins as booking secretary with immediate effect and the only phone number on which hall bookings can be made is 01823 680517. This is the number on the Parish Hall website, and we would ask that if anyone has saved a different number to their phone for hall bookings, they please replace it with the number listed above.

Bob Hawkes (Sec)  
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**Christmas Music & Mince Pies**  
With King's Hall School Senior Choir  
Monday 12th December at 2pm  
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Free Admission  
Everyone Welcome

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d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net

**Regular Calendar of Events**

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

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

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

**WARM SPACES FOR HEMYOCK**

**WORRIED ABOUT HEATING YOUR HOME AND STAYING WARM THIS WINTER?**  
**WARM SPACES DROP IN SESSIONS WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE NOVEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023**  
TUESDAYS 10-3 @ BLACKDOWN HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE  
THURSDAYS 10-3 @ THE CHURCH ROOMS  
BRING A BOOK OR PUZZLE OR BORROW ONE OF OURS.  
PLUG IN YOUR PHONE OR DO SOME WORK.  
OR JUST COME FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT.  
COMPLIMENTARY HOT DRINKS AND SOUP AVAILABLE

**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 – 1pm. 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)
<b>Therapies</b>	Chiropractic – Sue Moore (07534 222031)	Massage – Rachel Ridler (07854 973276)	
	Osteopathy – Martha Price (07734 431624)	Massage – Ruth Bell (07892 896895)	
	Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – clinic@betonica.co.uk		

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

**Arts & Crafts**

**Baby Weigh**

**Sensory Play**

**Music & Singing**

**Messy Play**

**Snacks & Story time**

**Tea & Coffee**

**Blackdown Stay & Play Hub**

Term time on Wednesdays  
9.30am - 11am  
Blackdown Healthy Living Centre  
Hemyock  
£2 per adult

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS CARERS





**Take Part**  
Laugh, Enjoy & Live Life



**Two-course lunch**



**BLACKDOWN COMMUNITY RIVERSIDE CLUB**

**Fun-filled day for older people**



**Mondays & Thursdays**  
9.30am – 3pm

Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock  
Ring 01823 680687 for further info.






## Free tree giveaway!

Tree hub location: Longmead - by the Pavilion  
Date & time: 5th February, 2023 from 10am

Come and collect between 1-5 trees to plant in your garden and help enhance Devon's treescapes. All trees will be UK broadleaf species and will be 20-40cm in height. All trees will come with tree protection and a planting and aftercare guide.



*First come, first served - event will run until the trees are gone!*








### Hemyock Christmas Club

For the 5th year running Hemyock Christmas Club are back for another two evenings of festive fun around the village! The routes are below and we look forward to welcoming you to chat with the elves and Father Christmas at one of our designated stops.

If you can't come to one of the stops, Father Christmas and the elves will be driving around as much of the village as possible spreading Christmas cheer! We will be collecting money on the night for our two chosen charities, The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital and The Devon Air Ambulance, please support us if you are able to.



### LEAP News

OK rain, you probably need to stop now! We seem to have gone from one extreme to the other and the pond at Longmead has gone from being as dry as a bone to overflowing. Annoyingly there seems to be a lot of grass growing in it, but I am reliably informed that the newts love to lay their eggs on underwater leaves near the margin of ponds, so that's actually fine then.

We were lucky to be the recipient of large sacks of bulbs from a charity called Allies Mid Devon. It has the laudable aim of planting 130,000 narcissus and daffodil bulbs across mid Devon to further beautify the area, but also remind us of all who lost their lives during the Covid pandemic. So look out for bulbs planted around the Longmead area but also on the entry into the village from Culmstock and Culmbridge, along St Margaret's Brook by the castle and in Millhayes park. Many thanks to Allies Mid Devon and to all the volunteers who helped in the planting. We look forward to some Spring colour.



The fruiting hedge whips mostly survived the long hot Summer and have put on some impressive growth in the few months that they have been planted. They are hardy little things. If you have room in your garden for a tree, remember to put the 5th February 2023 in your diary. There will be a Tree Hub outside the Longmead Pavillion from 10am where up to five free broad-leaf trees will be given to anyone who wants to plant them at home, on a first come first served basis. The initiative is supported by Saving Britains Treescapes and the Devon Wildlife Trust.

## HEMYOCK'S BIG VISIT

5PM - 7PM

### NIGHT 1 STOPS WEDNESDAY 7th DEC

Hollingarh Way 1

Eastlands 2

Logan Way/ Parklands 3

Griffin Close 4



Healthy Living Centre 1

Longmead Sports Pavilion 2

Prowses 3

The Catherine Wheel 4

Follow us on Facebook for live updates on our route progress at the night!  
[www.facebook.com/hemyockbigvisit](https://www.facebook.com/hemyockbigvisit)

THESE ARE FATHER CHRISTMAS' PLANNED STOPS WHERE THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE BIG MAN HIMSELF!! HE WILL HOWEVER PLAN TO GET AROUND AS MANY STREETS AS POSSIBLE TO SPREAD FESTIVE CHEER AND COLLECT MONEY FOR OUR CHARITIES. SO LISTEN OUT FOR THE SLEIGH BELL!!

## ROUTE DETAILS AND APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

### Night 1 - 7th December

**5PM - Healthy Living Centre - STOP 1**  
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas and his elves will then proceed up Station Road

**5.30PM - Longmead Pavilion - STOP 2**  
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas will then make some noise back out onto Station Road, moving on his way to Stop 3

**6PM - Hollingarh Way - STOP 3**  
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children at Blackdown View, but he will also take in Hollingarh Way's cul de sacs as part of a wave/drive-by!

Father Christmas will then travel round Castle Park giving a Ho! Ho! Ho! to all he sees, heading back out onto Station Road, turning past the Post Office and Parish Hall, onto Stop 4.

**6.30PM - Eastlands - STOP 4**  
Father Christmas will get out to meet the children on his final stop of the night

These are all very rough timings as we never know how many of you will turn up on the night in which places. We will be going live on our facebook page and you can keep up to date with where we are by checking in with us there. Give us a like to be in the know!




Please give as generously as you can to support our chosen charities.



## Dear Residents

I can't believe another year has nearly gone, I think the year is getting shorter, I hope the year has been good to everyone. It has been a difficult year for me, with my family issues, but we are getting by.

Of course we lost our Queen, what a wonderful lady she was, must have been the world's most famous person. We have been given a statement of the financial position of County, I thought it would be useful for you know the situation, it is not good, we have a lot of work to do to produce a balanced budget. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has set out the Government's economic plan which includes further squeeze on public sector spending from April 2023.

Even before this announcement, Devon County Council is projecting that savings of £75 million will be needed next financial year (April 2023 to March 2024) unless the Government intervenes. Councils are required by law to balance their books, but with few available reserves left in the bank, this leaves Devon, like many other councils, at a very real risk of bankruptcy unless action is taken by the Government. Of course, all this comes on top of the huge savings we are already having to make in this financial year, and we would like to thank everyone for their tremendous efforts so far in helping to find and make these savings. But today we have taken the decision to issue a stark public warning that if the situation does not change, then radical cuts that have a significant impact on the quality of life for everyone in Devon will be unavoidable. I know this message is hard to hear and will raise many questions and concerns. The important services that we help to provide are the lifeblood of our county and directly impact on tens of thousands of local people. Many of you will also be Devon residents who, alongside family and friends, use the County Council's wide range of services day in, day out. We would like to stress that absolutely no decisions have been made about where any cuts might happen, and some very difficult conversations will be taking place over the coming weeks with our Strategic Leadership Team and elected Members to find savings whilst limiting the impact on everyone as best we can. We have never witnessed a financial crisis in local government of this magnitude. We have always been rightly proud of the authority's sound fiscal management, our ability to manage the resources we have, and adapt how we work together with our partners in order to protect vital local services and support the most vulnerable. But these are unprecedented times. Rising demand for services after the pandemic, rising costs and the impact of inflation are all taking their toll. The interim Chief Executive is determined to do all she can alongside our elected Members and leaders to fight for Devon's corner, for our vital services, for you and for the people of Devon. Our Leader, Councillor John Hart, is lobbying Devon MPs to make very clear the dire financial situation we find ourselves in and he has also written personally to the new Prime Minister laying out the risk to public services. As a reminder, through our Financial Sustainability work we are already making £36 million of savings this financial year (April 2022 to March 2023). This has been achieved across all services and includes holding vacancies in non-frontline areas and stopping some routine road maintenance. We are squeezing all our contracts with external service providers and reviewing things like school transport for children with disabilities, as well as delaying planned investments in IT and infrastructure

projects, and cutting office heating and lighting bills. We are reviewing all high-cost activity in both Children's and Adult Services with the focus on transforming and improving the support we give while saving resources. We are also reviewing our properties and will be looking to dispose of assets where they are no longer needed. Even then we must find a further £37 million this financial year, largely because of rising demand in adult and children's social care, higher prices for care packages and a higher national pay award to reflect the cost of living increases we all face. I will, of course, keep you updated on our financial position and response. In the meantime, Maria Chakraborty was appointed to the role of Head of HR on an interim basis on 1 May 2022 following a competitive internal selection process. Following consultation with the Trade Unions and in line with our Secondment Policy, we can now confirm that Maria is now our permanent Head of HR. From Tuesday 1 October 2022, the Energy Price Guarantee will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas so that a typical household in Great Britain pays, on average, around £2,500 a year on their energy bill, for the next two years. Beware of scams – there is no need to apply and you will never be asked for bank details.

With the rising costs of food and energy starting to bite, councils are focusing on what they can do to help support individuals and families.

Recently, we made a few announcements about help or advice available. There are national schemes available to help households with the current cost of living, and information about all of them are available on the one central government Cost of Living Support website. Discounts and offers are available for businesses to help with the cost of living. The Local Government Association (LGA) cost of living hub continues to share best practice designed to help councils to support their residents with the rising cost of living. Mobile Boost Scheme

CDS operates the Mobile Boost Scheme, funded through the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership's Growth Deal, which is upgrading indoor 4G mobile phone coverage in rural areas. The initiative has helped over 1,105 small businesses and homes which have inadequate coverage, or only have access to one provider and are struggling with connectivity. Businesses and households in Somerset, Devon, Torbay and Plymouth can apply for a voucher of up to £1,200 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a registered supplier. The value of the voucher is dependent on the type of technology most suitable for the premises. For further information please contact, Connecting Devon and Somerset.

We will soon be at the end of the year, despite all the gloom, I just would like to wish everyone a happy Xmas and a happy and healthy new year. As always, please contact me if there is anything I can help with.

Regards, and happy Xmas.  
Ray

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

## Valley Arts

We had a most enjoyable launch/taster social evening in September with five new members coming along. Now rehearsals are well under way for our 2023 Pantomime **ROBIN HOOD** it will be on the 8th, 9th and 10th February in Hemyock Parish Hall. It will be a good local evening out, where you can enjoy all round family entertainment.



Tickets will be on sale at Hemyock Post Office from 12th Jan 2023 Adults £10 Children £5.

There will be a bar available before the show starts and in the interval, drinks and light refreshments will be on sale.

Stuart Summers is our producer, Zelda Gray our musical director and Adele Bolt our choreographer. Wardrobe ladies are: Alice Martin, Lynn Pulman and Julie Bailey.

Robin Hood will be played by Ben King, Maid Marian- Miki Hussey, Dame Dora- Emily Caldicott, Sheriff- Geoff Taylor, Little June- Caroline Pinder, Friar Tuck- Chris Poole, Will Scarlett- Kevin Stone, Denchman the Henchman- Mark Dyer, Juliet- Helen Williams, Jolly- Elsie flowers, Alan a Dale- Andy Pulman, Mystic Meg - Sonia Mogford-Abbot, Leafworm- Simon Hawkes, King Richard- Gillian Hawkes, Long Face the horse- Sam Lyon

Chorus members: Sally Cartledge, Heidi Lyon, Vikki Daley, Elsie Flowers, Hilary Moles, Sue Bennett, Alison Robson, Julie Bailey and Lynn Pulman. There is a skilled behind the scenes team including Dave Killams –lighting, Jessica Simmons make up, Graham Reekes-sound, Mandy Richards-scenery painting. Len Summers & Bob Hawks stage building.

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 lynnulman@btinternet.com Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com.

Our Christmas meal will be at the Catherine Wheel on 17th December, please give your names to Gillian to book your meal.

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

Presents

# The adventures of Robin Hood

By Brian Luff

In Hemyock Parish Hall 8 9 10 Feb 2023  
Tickets on sale at Hemyock Post Office 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023  
Adults £10 Children £5



## Commercial Advertising

To advertise in the Parish Pump, contact [pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk](mailto:pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk).

Advertisements are renewed on an annual basis commencing with the April edition. However, we do accept advertisements with each edition, if there is space. The charge will be on a pro-rata basis for the remaining editions before the next annual renewal. If you would like to place a commercial advertisement, please contact: [pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk](mailto:pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk).

Next deadline for enquiries: **1 March 2023** for the April 2023 edition.



## Around Hemyock

**I**t is always pleasant to start this article with good news so it begins with sending warmest although belated congratulations to David and Lucy Ball who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations and thanks must go to the Poppy Club. The group have continued to handcraft numerous poppies in 4 different colours which are used to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. The traditional red represents remembrance and hope, black remembers African, black and Caribbean communities and service personnel; animals lost, particularly during WW1, are thought of with the purple poppy with the white known as the peace poppy. The group held a very successful coffee morning and display at St Marys including the falls in the churchyard which have been admired by many.

Our next thanks go to the staff and children of Moon class at the school who very speedily helped plant 500 daffodil bulbs in the churchyard under the guidance of gardener Charles Courtney on a rather wet afternoon in November. They were rewarded with a drink and biscuits as they then explored the church. Longmead and the Recreation Field will also benefit in the Spring following volunteers planting bulbs this autumn.

Remembrance Sunday saw the parish church full with some people standing, whilst on Armistice Day around 50 met at the War Memorial to remember the loss of lives through two world wars and many other conflicts.

Living at South View alongside the Recreation Field there is always the possibility of a cricket ball hitting a car or coming through a window (both have happened in the past!) so it was good to see new fencing erected and we look forward to netting being added to it next year.

We send condolences to those who have lost a family member or friend in recent weeks remembering especially Roy Calcraft.

Roy was born at Ivy House Farm in Leicestershire. This was a tenanted farm on the Duke of Rutland's estate where the family have farmed for generations. However, when Roy was nine years old his father bought a farm in Devon. Imagine the excitement of seeing tractors, machinery, the horse etc being loaded into lorries, ready for a new adventure! Roy went to Honiton school but just as he was about to leave, his father sold the farm, so Roy had to work for the farmer next door! He married Brenda in 1960, had three daughters and became a farm manager. After his last redundancy, he took a job in Hertfordshire as manager of Rectory Farm, Shenley. They enjoyed life in Hertfordshire but when Roy retired in 2005, he could not wait to get back to Devon. He loved Hemyock and being 'involved' so he became a Parish Councillor, resigning in September due to health reasons.

We send best wishes and prayers to those who are unwell including John Andrew, Kay Lane and Mavis Clist and to others who are known to us. We send good wishes to past residents now in care homes wishing them a very happy Christmas.

Many will remember Maud Johnson who lived at St Margaret's Close. Her daughter, Janet, writes that whilst fairly frail and deaf Maud was able to celebrate in good spirits with family her 100th birthday in April. With Christmas approaching should anyone wish to contact Maud her address is Dunkirk Memorial House, Minehead Road, Bishops Lydeard, Somerset TA4 3BT.

St Marys Christmas Fair and the Lights Brigade procession starts off the month of December which of course leads on to all our other festive events and services.

It is a busy time for those who lead our church services, and we thank them all for the work they do for us.

Finally, a very warm welcome to our new residents. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you will be able to join us in some of the various events mentioned within the Parish Pump. Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a peaceful, happy New Year.

Janice

## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

**H**emyock Gardeners' Association has a thriving and growing membership. With meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month in the evening at Hemyock Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm, we always have lively, entertaining speakers who are passionate about their subject. Refreshments are served and admission to the meeting is just £1. If you would like to become a member, do get in touch or pop into one of our monthly meetings.

On Wednesday 9 November we held our AGM. Acting Chair, Barbara Heaton, ran through the highlights of the past twelve months and the existing Committee was re-elected, with Monica Smith volunteering to join the Committee. However, Brenda Calcraft wished to step down as Chair so Barbara was elected Chair by those present with Sue Scantlebury becoming Vice Chair. There was a unanimous show of hands when it was proposed Brenda should become "Life President" of Hemyock Gardeners' Association. Brenda has steered the Committee for many years making the Association go from strength to strength. Barbara announced the dates for the Spring Show on Saturday 1 April 2023 and the Autumn Show on Saturday 26 August 2023. Details were given for the annual Weekend Away - Friday, 23 June to Sunday 25 June 2023 – visiting gardens in South Wales. Those present were given the opportunity of signing up for a place.

Barbara reported that Roy Calcraft – a member for many years and Brenda's husband – had passed away in October. Many of the Association's members had attended the memorial service for Roy at St Mary's but at this Annual General meeting, Roy was given a rousing round of applause. Something he would have loved.

Our speaker in December will be Michael Gee talking about Devon's Orchards. Admission is £1 with seasonal refreshments. 7.30pm in Hemyock Parish Hall on Wednesday 14 December. Do come along. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Susan Scantlebury, Tel: 01823 681393

## AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION ZONE

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POULTRY AND CAPTIVE BIRD KEEPERS

- ✓ Keep free-ranging birds in fenced areas to minimise contact with wild birds, neighbouring poultry or captive birds.
- ✓ Inspect outdoor areas, removing wild bird contaminants like faeces, feathers and wild bird carcasses.
- ✓ Fence off or put netting over areas of standing water or ponds.
- ✓ Provide feed and water undercover, so wild birds can't access it.
- ✓ Make your premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.
- ✓ Keep ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- ✓ Store bedding under cover to reduce the risk of contamination.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, place foot dips containing Government approved disinfectant at all entry and exit points.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- ✓ Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- ✓ Keep records of poultry, captive bird and egg movements.
- ✓ Maintain buildings that house birds to prevent water ingress
- ✓ Ensure pest control is effective.

Animal & Plant Health Agency

Non-compliance with these biosecurity measures may be an offence.



### No surprise that this is such a hot topic at the moment.

*"The cost of things just keeps going up. The food shop doesn't stretch as far and my bills just keep getting higher and higher. I've made cutbacks and, at the moment, I am just about managing but I am really worried about how I'll cope as it starts getting colder. What should I do?"*

A great many people are struggling and worried about rising costs – you are not on your own but there are some steps you can take and support that is available to you.

Check out the online budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

Also on that website you will be able to find out if you are eligible for any benefits or additional support with your energy costs. There is advice on how to reduce living costs, a benefits calculator and information on other ways to increase your income.

From October 1st. the Energy Price Guarantee limits the cost of gas and electric prices for most households for a period of two years. From October the Energy Bills Support Scheme

also takes £400 off your electricity bill. You don't have to do anything to get the money and you don't have to pay it back. You'll get £66 in October and November and £67 in December, January, February and March. You should automatically get it if you pay by direct debit, standard credit or payment card.

If you have a prepayment meter that isn't a smart meter, you'll get the discount via vouchers or as an automatic credit when you top up at your usual top-up point. Your supplier will let you know how they will issue it. If you have a smart prepayment meter the credit should automatically be added to your meter. **If you still can't pay your bills speak to your energy supplier as they have a responsibility to help you come up with a solution.**

At CA TNMWD we can also advise on budgeting, managing debt and getting a smart meter installed if that would help you to control costs. Simply visit our website [www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk) and click on 'Get Advice' or call our free local AdviceLine on 0808 27 82 999. If you would be interested in volunteering with us and helping people work through their problems follow this link: <https://ruraldevoncab.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/20>



## What's On December 2022

Thu 1	Taunton F M, Mobile Library, 14.15, Hem PH
Fri 2	
Sat 3	ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR, PH Lights Parade
Sun 4	
Mon 5	Young Farmers, PH
Tue 6	
Wed 7	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30 Parish Council, BHLAC 7.30 FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT – Y.Farmers BINGO, PH
Thu 8	Taunton F Market FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT
Fri 9	
Sat 10	HEMYOCK MARKET, PH (Cull., Y'combe FM), M'bile Library, 9.55 11.35, Hem PH Art Exhibition, Peter Barrett, Garages
Sun 11	Art Exhibition, Garages
Mon 12	Art Exhibition, Garages
Tue 13	Art Exhibition - (Last day) Tuesday Club, FL,7.30
Wed 14	R. Lane Lunch Club, R Lane Chapel 12.30, Empty Spaces, 2.30 Gardeners' Meeting, "Devon's Orchards, PH, 7.30
Thu 15	T'nton, H'ton F.M., POPPY CLUB 10-12 with Xmas meal at Cath. Wheel, History, CR, 7.30
Fri 16	Empty Spaces 10 - 11.30 BHLAC Local Schools End of term
Sat 17	Well. FM
Sun 18	"Christmassy" Concert, Blackdown Acapella Ladies Choir, St.M., 3pm
Mon 19	
Tue 20	
Wed 21	Winter Solstice
Thu 22	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 23	
Sat 24	Uffculme FMs.
Sun 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Mon 26	BOXING DAY
Tue 27	BANK HOLIDAY (as Christmas was on a Sunday)
Wed 28	
Thu 29	Taunton F.Market Mobile Library, PH, 14.15
Fri 30	
Sat 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE

### 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	"Warm Spaces",	10 – 3pm	BHLAC
	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
	"Warm Spaces",	10 – 3pm	CR
	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 January 2023

Sun 1	
Mon 2	BANK HOLIDAY (as 1st was Sunday)
Tue 3	Local Schools Term starts
Wed 4	Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 5	Taunton F M
Fri 6	Epiphany
Sat 7	Tiverton, Cullompton, Yarcombe. F.M
Sun 8	
Mon 9	?Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 10	
Wed 11	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30 Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC Gardeners' Social Evening, FL 7.30
Thu 12	Taunton F Market Mobile Library, PH, 2.15 L.Millhayes, 3.25pm History Group, CR 7.30
Fri 13	Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 10-11.30
Sat 14	PUMP DEADLINE
Sun 15	
Mon 16	
Tue 17	
Wed 18	
Thu 19	Poppy Club, 9-12 noon CR Taunton + Honiton FMs
Fri 20	
Sat 21	HEMYOCK MARKET, PH,10-12, Well. F,M
Sun 22	First Sunday in Advent
Mon 23	?Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 24	
Wed 25	Burn's Night
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 27	
Sat 28	REPAIR CAFÉ, 10-12 noon, PH. Mobile Library, PH, 9.55 – 11.35
Sun 29	
Mon 30	
Tue 31	

### Forthcoming Events

Feb 08 - 10	"Valley Arts" Show
Feb. 13 - 17	Local Schools' Half Term
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 18	Hemyock Market
Feb 21	Shrove Tuesday
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday
Mar 18	Hemyock Market
Mar 19	Mothering Sunday
Mar 27	British Summertime begins
Mar 25	Repair Café
Mar 31	Local Schools' End of Term
Apr 01	Gardeners' Spring Show
Apr 07	Good Friday
Apr 09	Easter Sunday
Apr 10	Easter Monday
Apr 15	Hemyock Market
Apr 17	Local Schools start of Summer term
Jul 22	Mid Devon Show
Aug 26	Gardeners' Autumn Show

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 Parish Council

## Business Update, December 2022

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

## Vacancy

Following the sad death of councillor Roy Calcraft, the parish council has a vacancy. It hopes to fill it by co-opting someone onto the council shortly.

## Election 2023

Do you want to make a difference to your community and be a voice for the residents of Hemyock?

Are you passionate about improving the lives of those living in the village? Why not become a Councillor and join Hemyock Parish Council?

Councillors give their time to serve others and get involved with issues concerning the village. As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a difference. Councillors attend to the needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and county councils, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

Parish Council elections will be held on 4th May 2023 – your chance to become a parish councillor!

Do you know someone who cares about their local community? Why not encourage them to stand for election on 4th May 2023?

To be a Parish Councillor you must:

- Be a British citizen or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union
- Be 18 years or older on the day you are nominated for election.
- For the whole 12 months prior to nomination for election, have been either an elector of the parish and either occupy or rent/own premises in the parish or reside within 3 miles of the boundary of the parish or have your principal or only place of work in the area.

Nearer the time you will be able to obtain a nomination paper from Mid Devon District Council. If you have any questions about what's involved in being a Councillor, what the Parish Council does or the nomination process, please contact the Clerk via email [hemyockpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com) or speak to any of the existing councillors – their details can be found on the village website: [hemyock.org/parishcouncil](http://hemyock.org/parishcouncil).

## Planning

### Applications received for:-

- 22/01682/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for an existing rear extension. 4 Lower Greenfield, Hemyock.
- 22/01601/FULL. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Goodalls Farm, Hemyock.
- 22/01754/FULL. Erection of agricultural general purpose storage building. Culmbridge Farm,

Culmbridge Road, Hemyock.

- 22/01889/FULL. Erection of general-purpose agricultural building. Land at NGR 312978 112025 Castle Hill, Hemyock.
- 22/01888/FULL. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/02068/FULL (Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing garage) to allow substitute plans relating to the internal and external layout. 29 Station Road, Hemyock
- 22/01877/FULL. Alterations to car park to include demolition of brick wall; repairs to retaining wall; replacement fence; formation of footpath and alterations to gully positions. The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre.

### Permission granted noted for:-

- 22/01447/HOUSE. Erection of outbuilding to be used as home office and gym. Ploversfield, Culmstock Road, Hemyock.
- 22/01208/FULL. Erection of a domestic 3kW vertical axis wind turbine with a 9.8m hub height and a blade diameter of 1.3m. Rodleigh Farm, Hemyock.
- 22/01473/FULL. Retention of existing shepherd's hut and proposed siting of timber cabin for holiday accommodation. Seviles Croft, Hemyock.
- 22/01682/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for an existing rear extension. 4 Lower Greenfield, Hemyock.

## Finance

Income – included South West Water claim money, donations, interest, cemetery and precept. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, insurance, planning permission, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, asset maintenance, legal fees, room hire, bank charges.

### The following grants were awarded:-

- £80 Hemyock Bowls Club
- £600 Community Shed
- £600 Valley Arts
- £600 Hemyock Lights Brigade

## Longmead

Maverick is still pulling together its final design for the skatepark, including a flood risk assessment and the relocation of the oil tank. Once the pc is happy with it, the application will be submitted to MDDC.

The youth football club is considering the installation of floodlights at the pavilion so that the grass pitch may be used all year around.

The drains around the road to the containers are blocked and need attention. The situation is made worse by cars driving on the grass and making the area muddy. As a temporary measure, the pc intends to install some sleepers to protect the grass areas and then next year consider a larger project to look at the best surface for these areas.

## Vandalism

Unfortunately, the village has recently suffered some vandalism in the public toilets. The baby change station has been destroyed and toilet paper has regularly been thrown on the ceiling, blocked the toilets, and been thrown down the road. The toilet roll dispenser has been destroyed and the cistern was pulled apart, resulting in water flowing out of the cistern and flooding the toilets. These acts of vandalism results in additional costs to repair, replace and clean – costs that are met from the precept levied on parishioners and paid to the parish council. This is a waste of public money and disappointing as the money might have been used in a more positive way for the benefit of all.

### Community Speed Watch – More Volunteers Are Needed!

Have you seen or heard vehicles speeding on Station Road? Are you concerned? Could you spare an hour to monitor the traffic? The village has its own speed watch team and it is looking for new members.

If you would like to take part in Hemyock Speed Watch and play a part in helping keep our village roads as safe as possible, please contact our coordinator, Martin Dear, for more information: 07805 254115 or email [hemyockspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockspeedwatch@gmail.com)

## Community Land

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

The parish council hopes the land will:-

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

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

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

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

## Christmas Decorations Competition

The council is holding its annual 'Hemyock Christmas Decorations Competition'. There will be a total of four prizes for the best decorated houses/business premises. Please enter into the spirit of Christmas and help make the village look festive. Judging will take place week commencing 12th December. Winners will be notified shortly afterwards. If you live outside of the 30MPH limit and wish to be judged, please let the clerk know.

## Hedges

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges in and around the parish encroaching on to roads. Residents are

politely asked to ensure their hedges are kept trimmed. Whilst there are some restrictions on when hedges may be cut, if there are road safety concerns then under these circumstances those restrictions do not apply.

## Highways

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

## Police

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

## Finally

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

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



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Continuing your Education?

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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)



## HEMYOCK TENNIS CLUB

LONGMEAD, HEMYOCK, DEVON, EX15 3SG

LTA MEMBER NO: DEV 418

HTC committee met recently to review club matters, look at how things have gone in the past season, particularly league tennis, but also to look at ways in which we might improve the club for the benefit of the membership as a whole.

The tennis club is affiliated to the LTA, and the club has recently renewed the annual LTA registration. This process should give the membership peace of mind that the club has been able to provide evidence of (for example) safeguarding and welfare policies and complete a comprehensive risk assessment. The policies can be easily found on the club website - there is a drop down box under 'More' where they can be viewed. A date for your diary! The club is planning a winter social evening on the evening of January 13th 2023, with skittles, a buffet, hopefully a short quiz, and the 40 club draw! We owe a debt of gratitude to our team captains, Malcolm and Karen Steer. Their enthusiasm and encouragement had a positive effect, with both league teams having very good seasons. Hemyock A will play in Division 3 of the WSL next year, and Hemyock B can look forward to consolidating their position in Division 5, and with consistency, can have realistic hopes of promotion. Malcolm and Karen will both be presented with a bottle of wine as a token of appreciation for their efforts. Those visiting the courts can't have failed to notice how the paint is fading rather badly. Chiltern, our resurfacing contractors, hoped to clean and respray the courts before the Autumn, but this has not proved possible. However, they have now given an undertaking to clean the courts in early Spring 2023, and aim to respray a short time afterwards. This should mean that the next court repaint following that (probably around 2027-28) will coincide with resurfacing. The club is fully aware that inflation will mean this will prove a much more costly exercise than last time, so the sinking fund will be kept under review to ensure adequate money in the coffers.

## Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Next Event Saturday 28th January 2023 at Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW Between 10am and 1.00pm. Please come along and have all of your broken items repaired and fixed by our volunteer Repairers and while they are carrying out your repairs enjoy some refreshments in our tea room café

This brings us on to the topic of membership numbers, and it's clear to the committee that the club must do everything possible in an effort to grow the adult membership. A number of different ideas have been tried over the years, for example, a discounted membership rate on first joining, or free 'rusty racket' sessions, but with limited success in recruiting adult members in the long term. One idea that has some merit and the committee wish to explore is to offer a number of free coaching sessions (say 6 - 8 sessions) to new members who may feel that their present skills need improvement. Exactly how we'll make this work needs a little refinement, but watch this space for more details.

Another date for the diary is 30th March, when we hope to at last hold our AGM. We need more committee members to help the existing committee, also someone to help oil the wheels of managing Clubspark, ideally a 'membership secretary' and it would be great to have someone keen on the publicity angle of the club who could for example get articles and photos to media, local newspapers, and keep the website fresh and relevant. All help and volunteers gratefully received.

Finally, a big thank you to Dan Sizer, our coach for his wonderful work with the juniors, who are still queuing to take part in his after school sessions, and to everyone on the committee for their ongoing commitment and support.

\*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) \*clubspark.lta.org.uk/Hemyocktennisclub.

**Bob Hawkes**

Chairman - Hemyock Tennis Club

## Longmead

**The Pavilion** is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings. The building has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use. **The MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

### Hire charges

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

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



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Devon Communities Together, Devon Wildlife Trust, Devon Environment Foundation, Devon County Council

## Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

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

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

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



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

**H**ello again. I must start with Remembrance Day Parade and Service. A very mild and dry day for a change with a superb turnout of scouting and congregation. The Church was full to standing room for an excellent service of Remembrance for all who have given their lives for us. I was able to chat with our leaders after the Service and two minutes silence and I will now let you know what they have been up to.

The overall feeling that I got from all leaders was and I quote "all is going well". With the splendid group attendance on the day I can see why. Just recently we have had our bonfire night gathering with lots attending. Our GSL has asked me to say a big thankyou to all members family and friends who brought fire works to make an excellent display. Our scouts have had a survival camp up at Churchstanton Quarry, with all camping without tents just tarpaulins. I must add that they all survived and were smartly turned out for the Service. They have also been practising and perfecting their firelighting skills in the wet down at Gaddon Woods (Uffculme). I was told that Akela Julie attended and was helping them get lit up. They all say thankyou Akela! Our older members, the Explorers now have some twenty members (which is really good for a section of this age). They have been camping at Forest Glade which is up on the hills and a lovely area. They have also been on a "bear trail" between Cullompton and Exeter which involved an assault course. No further details but I was told "we had a great time." They have also been involved with running activities for the scout section. Moving on to our younger members, there was a joint beavers/cubs visit to the Church to learn more about it and its history. These two sections have also been involved with lantern making for the Light Brigade. Also cubs have been climbing in Tiverton. I think I may have mentioned this last time (my excuse is the "old" in Rikki!) In December beavers are camping in Halberton and the cubs will camp in Bampton.

So, having enjoyed a superb camp and visit with our Danish friends from Tonder back in the summer, we are not standing still, scouting in Hemyock moves on apace and as you can see it is still mostly outdoors. I must not forget to give a mention to our newest section, the squirrels for the four to six year olds. They were at the Service and looking very smart. Thanks to leader Amy for looking after them. I must add that in my chats after the Service I spoke with an old scout, Michael who was in the group when I was still an active leader. He had his young son with him in his beaver uniform. Michael's comment was- he really loves it. Makes one proud to be part of 1st Hemyock. And that is about it for this time. I hope that I been able to relay to you that the group is going well and one of main reasons is the dedication of our band of leaders. I have said it before and will say it again-- lots of thanks to all of them. You are appreciated.

First finally. I have still got a few old adages left, here are a couple. A difficult journey will make you daring and harden your will. The length of the rope determines the movement of the goat (I am not sure what that means, perhaps some of you do! Answers on a postcard.) The rain does not recognise anyone as a friend, it drenches all equally

And finally, finally. Yes another year has nearly passed and so from all members of our Group may we wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a very happy new year.

Old Rikki





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**Poets Corner**

**CLEAR WATER**

Bright stream  
 Music of tuneful chatter,  
 Talk of long ago, half-forgotten voices  
 wash down the stream of time,  
 Let the water wash the memories clean  
 Stay and listen to the song of  
 Hilltop heights and ocean depths,  
 The ever-playing tune of Creation.

**MIST UPON THE MEADOW**

Each day I take the meadow way,  
 I never tired of what I saw  
 For I am young and have  
 not lived that day before,  
 White mist across the field wide lay white,  
 beside the river and the wood,  
 I'd take you there if I could;  
 Mists of memory so clear  
 and mists of fear,  
 Times with friends and times alone,  
 Times passed through mist so thick  
 could not see the way,  
 Treetops show above cold cloud  
 and first rays of sunrise will melt the  
 Mist to glorious day and,  
 light the world of the meadow way.

*David Palmer*

**Mid Devon singers**

A new era for the Mid Devon Singers is being marked with this new, fresh branding which you will start to see on posters and banners throughout Mid Devon and on our Facebook page. Our approach to choir leadership has also changed and following on from the good work started by our founding director, our two new musical directors have been introducing us to a variety of new pieces and harmonies.

Maggie Shiret has been a choir member since its start and says: "The choir is loving the sound we are making, a number of the pieces are giving us goosebumps when we sing them, others are almost moving some of us to tears".

We are currently preparing for Christmas and have a couple of social events coming up for choir members and their families. We also have Christmas concerts we are looking forward to. Bookings for further performances next year are also starting to be made.

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 meet at Halberton Village Hall, on Friday evenings at 7.15pm. If you would like to find out more information, contact us now at [info@mids.org.uk](mailto:info@mids.org.uk) or call our Membership Secretary, Lisa Pinney on 07446 877714. Alternatively contact our Chairperson, Bernard Johns at [Chair@mids.org.uk](mailto:Chair@mids.org.uk) or on 07855 583356.



**Come and play cricket !!!**

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

For more information please contact :

John Hurley (Captain) 07972 744279 [jchurley66@googlemail.com](mailto:jchurley66@googlemail.com)  
 Malcolm Steer (Secretary) 07456 690503 [malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk)



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DECEMBER 2022		EVENTS	
<b>EMILY (15)</b> Thu 1 Dec 7.30pm Adult £7.50, U16 £6.50 Emily tells the sensuous and loosely biographical life story of one of the world's - most famous authors, Emily Brontë.		<b>BEEJIVE</b> Fri 16 Dec 7pm in advance £6.50, on the door £7.50 Hosted by Richard Huish college students, featuring solo acts & bands Ash, Lucille, Loren, Syncopation, Placeholder & Mismatch!	
<b>THE HISTORY OF SOUL</b> Fri 2 Dec 7.30pm £24 (seated) A celebration of Soul through the decades with an exceptional live band. Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Marvin Gaye and more.		<b>MAD DOG MCREA (SUPPORT THE DILLY BOYS)</b> Sat 17 Dec 8pm £21 Mad Dog Mcrea blend a unique mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz, bluegrass and 'shake your ass' music.	
<b>THE UNRAVELLING WILBURYS</b> Sat 3 Dec 8pm £18 (seated) Celebrating The Traveling Wilburys - Roy Orbison, George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne.		<b>HANSEL AND GRETEL - PADDLEBOAT THEATRE</b> Wed 21 Dec 11am & 2pm £12/£8, Family of four £30 An interactive Christmas treat for families and anyone who would enjoy a relaxed, inclusive theatre experience.	
<b>LIVING (12A)</b> Fri 9 Dec 2pm with subtitles, 7.30pm £7.50/£6.50 Bill Nighy stars as a bureaucrat in 1950s London who attempts to break out of the monotony of his life, before it is too late.		<b>BEEHIVE ACOUSTIC NIGHT</b> Wed 21 Dec 7.30pm <b>NOSTALGIC CINEMA: MIRACLE ON 34th STREET</b> Thu 22 Dec 2pm £4.50 includes hot drink & biscuits The 1947 comedy. A subtitled & dementia-friendly screening.	
<b>ROYAL BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER (12A)</b> Sat 10 Dec 4pm Adult £17, Student £11 Live on screen, discover the enchantment of ballet with this sparkling festive treat for the whole family.		6 & 7 Jan <b>MATILDA (PG)</b> Sat 7 Jan <b>ANDRÉ RIEU IN DUBLIN (U)</b> Fri 13 Jan <b>SHE SAID (15)</b> Sat 14 Jan <b>AN EVENING WITH REG MEUROSS</b> Wed 18 Jan <b>THE BEEHIVE FOLK CAFÉ</b> Thu 19 Jan <b>ROYAL BALLET: LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (12A)</b> Sat 21 Jan <b>ARMAGEDDON TIME (15)</b> Thu 26 Jan <b>NOSTALGIC CINEMA: VIVA LAS VEGAS (U)</b> Thu 26 Jan <b>NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: THE CRUCIBLE (12A)</b> Fri 27 Jan <b>STEVE KNIGHTLEY</b> Sat 28 Jan <b>I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY tbc</b>	
<b>ST. AGNES FOUNTAIN</b> Thu 15 Dec 7.30pm £20 (seated) Carols with a curve from Chris Leslie (Fairport Convention) and BBC Folk Award winners Chris White and Julie Matthews. <small>*All details correct at time of print. Please check website for updates. Ticket prices include a £1 admin fee.</small>		<b>The Beehive • Dowell Street • Honiton • EX14 1LZ</b> Box Office: 01404 384050 <a href="http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk">www.beehivehoniton.co.uk</a> Charity 1162412	





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Simply contact Helen McIntosh on 07834 688838 or email: [enquiries@middevonmessenger.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@middevonmessenger.org.uk)

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## Hemyock Bus Timetables

### Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

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

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

### Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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	Mondays to Fridays					Saturdays				
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0900	1200	1500	1700	—	0900	1200	1500	1700	
Seaton, opp Health Centre	0904	1204	1504	1704	—	0904	1204	1504	1704	
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	0908	1208	1508	1708	—	0908	1208	1508	1708	
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	0913	1213	1513	1712	—	0913	1213	1513	1712	
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	0920	1220	1520	1718	—	0920	1220	1520	1718	
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Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	0935	1235	1535	1732	—	0935	1235	1535	1732	
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Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820	0748	1027	1327	1627	
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Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	1036	1336	1636	—	0757	1036	1336	1636	
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	1045	1345	1645	—	0806	1045	1345	1645	
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# St Andrew's Clayhidon

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- ◆ Art group meeting
- ◆ Film night
- ◆ Cleaner needed



## St. Andrew's Church News

**I**t was time for the Harvest Thanksgiving at the beginning of October. It is an occasion greatly remembered in our rural community. After the special service in church, so many from the parish gathered in the Parish Hall for the big Supper which was greatly enjoyed. The entertainment which followed was given by a different group of people this year but gave much amusement.

On November 11 a small group of people stood at the War Memorial for two minutes silence at eleven-o'clock. On Sunday a large number gathered for the service followed by the tributes to the Fallen in two World Wars as their names were read from the Memorial.

Our patronal festival of St Andrew's Day will be held on 27th November when we will be joined by many from Hemyock and Culmstock with special celebrations after the 10.30 service.

In December there are several opportunities to celebrate the joy of Christmas. The first occasion is on 3rd December, Saturday morning, when the Church Room will be open at 10am to welcome everyone for a coffee/tea and mince pie and an opportunity to buy something from a stall selling either cakes, books, children's items, or miscellaneous pieces.

The following **Saturday, 10th, at 4pm**, will be the **Christingle** service in church. This is always a favourite of children and adults seeing the lighted candles. The next two Sundays at 10am there will be Holy Communion.

On **Thursday, 22nd at 4pm**, do come with the family to enjoy a special **Carols and Crib service**. There will be many children to enjoy this special service.

Holy Communion services will be held on Christmas Eve at 8pm and on Christmas Day at 10am.

In January if our Plough Sunday service takes place with Rosemary Lane Chapel we will leave a notice on the Church notice board.

We remember in our prayers any who are unwell at this time and pray for their recovery in time to join with all of us to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the wonderful festival of Christmas Time. Our very best wishes for peace and happiness to everyone at this time of year.

*P.Reynolds. PCC*

## CLAYHIDON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**S**ince our well attended Local History Group exhibition we have put together many of the photographs to collect them into a display book which we can look through and remind ourselves of so many things which have happened in Clayhidon during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

We had a most interesting evening when Amyas Crump came to talk to us about Clayhidon and the Blackdown Hills and show us such a collection of most interesting photographs. In November we are having another interesting speaker when Alison Weekes/Hulls will come and talk to us about the work of Brian Hulls who was a reporter who spent so much time in dangerous situations covering the news of events that needed to be recorded. Tragically, he died of cancer here in Clayhidon. Alison has many, many photographs to show us and it will be a very interesting evening. In December, we are having our usual Christmas party and a quiz to follow. There are several speakers organised for the following months which contribute to our social gatherings which you are welcome to join on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 in the St Andrew's Church Room. (01823-680481) We look forward to seeing you.

*P.Reynolds. Chair.*

## Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who sent good wishes and to Gilly and Philippa for keeping in touch. Unfortunately I won't be sending any Christmas cards this year but I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. **Marian Hutchings**

## CLAYHIDON ART GROUP

The Clayhidon Art Group has begun meeting again following closure during the pandemic.

We meet at Clayhidon Village Hall every Tuesday from 10am to midday.

We are an informal group and membership is open to all, regardless of ability. Everyone works on their own projects at their own pace with their own materials. We support one another with encouragement and advice.

We would love to welcome new members. Our membership is £8 per month to cover Hall rental fees and refreshments.

If you are interested, then come along on a Tuesday morning and join in. If you need further information, please contact Bill Smith on 01823 421200, or Anne Langford on 01823 680086.



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# Clayhidon Parish Council

## Clayhidon Parish Council Update, December 2022

The council met in October. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meeting is as follows:-

### Planning

Planning permission granted noted for:-  
22/01176/HOUSE. Erection of a two-storey extension (Revised Scheme). Old Ridgewood Farm, Clayhidon.  
22/01519/FULL. Erection of a roof over existing silage clamp. Callers Farm, Clayhidon.

### Finance

Income – mug sales and interest. Expenditure – bank charges and wages.

### The following grants were awarded:-

£100 Community Shed  
£500 Harvest supper

### Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, potholes, blocked drains/gullies and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004 (Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday).

Or report the problem online at [www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem](http://www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem)

### Police

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

### Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a modest budget to employ a trained lengthsman to maintain those ditches/drains which are no longer maintained by Devon County Council. Please report any problems to the clerk or a councillor so that the lengthsman may be deployed where he is most needed.

The pc has been successful in its bid to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund for materials to mend those potholes that do not qualify for repair by Highways. The pc will review this project to see how long it takes to use the pothole repair kit and how successful the repair is.

### Hedges

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

### Local Tradespeople

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges, clearing ditches, and other general maintenance works. The parish council is keen to use local tradespeople and to that end if you would be interested in quoting for any such works then please contact the

clerk giving your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and your details will be held on file.

### And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm Parish Hall. Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at [www.clayhidon.org.uk](http://www.clayhidon.org.uk) and a schedule of meetings may be found on the noticeboard at the Parish Hall.

### Clerk:

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

### The John Griss Charity

Registered Number 1193024  
Charity Update  
October 2022

### Rose Cottage

The scheme to demolish Rose Cottage and build a pair of semi-detached 3-bedroomed homes with garages has been submitted by a developer to MDDC. No planning decision has been made on this application. The charity awaits a decision before it considers what it wishes to do with regard to Rose Cottage. The charity is keen for there to be smaller, more affordable, homes in the parish, rather than Rose Cottage being redeveloped to create another large house. At this stage no decision has been made on how the charity might proceed with Rose Cottage and it will obtain legal advice to ensure it complies with any Charity Commission regulations/guidance.

### Hartsmoor Lakes

The charity has chosen a new team to manage the lakes on behalf of the charity. A lease agreement is being drawn up and the charity hopes that, with some investment, over time, the lakes will provide an income for the charity to use for the benefit of the parish. The charity is taking a long-term view with the lakes (5 years plus). Once the terms have been agreed between the parties and an agreement has been signed, etc., the charity will share its future plans for the lakes and how the parish may benefit from them.

Thank you to all those who attended the volunteering day back in August. The otter fence is almost complete and the area around the lakes is looking a lot neater and tidier.

### The land

The charity has agreed a new 5-year lease with Rob Burridge to graze the land.

### General

The charity has approximately £4,400 in its bank account. The charity intends to meet bi-monthly to progress matters. Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN  
Tel 01823 680968. email [thejohngrisscharity@gmail.com](mailto:thejohngrisscharity@gmail.com).

## News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

**W**ell, here we are: December. It is the single most distinctive month of the year with its own characteristic sights, sounds, smells, and tastes, each of which in an instant beckon us into a realisation that the festive season is upon us.

Both anticipation and excitement will no doubt be building in the Hillman household as our children begin to open the windows in their advent calendars. They love the idea of counting down the days to Christmas! Each window yields a small surprise that is a taste of what they hope for come Christmas day itself. Of course, for others of us, the countdown can cause a feeling of mild panic when we realise how much there is still to do...

That being said, with the busy-ness of Christmas approaching, we feel like we've been limbering up for it ever since Harvest, from which point there have been numerous events in our church calendar that form our own countdown to this festive season.

As we headed into November attention turned to our annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night that we host on the chapel field. It was a delight to welcome so many members of our community and join them in the excitement and spectacle of the fireworks lighting up the night sky. Over 150 people came together as we kept warm with hot chocolate and hot dogs on what was a perfectly clear and still evening. A few days later, Rosemary Lane Chapel hosted a 'Mission Sunday' in which we received updates from some of the organisations that we support including Mission Aviation Fellowship, London City Mission and Counties. Each report reminded us of the Church's call to be a people who reach out with the love of Jesus, who extend hospitality and engage within community. All this furthered the joy we had just experienced on bonfire night and were soon to experience at a special evening later in the month.

On the 19th November we welcomed Oddments Theatre Company to Clayhidon Village hall where they delivered their latest production – *Amazing Grace: The Story behind the Famous Hymn*. It touched upon the remarkable story of how John Newton's life was utterly transformed by the grace of the God. Again, it was a wonderful blessing to share in the evening with so many people.

As we move into December, preparations are well underway for the Toddler's Christmas Party, Venturers' Christmas Party and the Lunch Club Christmas Dinner. Alongside these events we look forward to welcoming people to our All-Age Christmas Service, Carol's By Candlelight and our Christmas Morning Worship service. Details of these Christmas events and services can be found in the adjoining flyer.

We are, of course, grateful for this calendar of events that the Christmas season affords. But what if the season of advent meant more than just a countdown to the big day, or the ticking off of events along the way? What if we slowed down and gave more time to prepare our hearts? What if the daily window on the advent calendar didn't induce a sense of panic at what must be done, but rather served as an opportunity to enter into the true meaning of advent – waiting for that which was long promised – the coming King who longs to satisfy more than just our senses this Christmas, but the deep longing of our souls.

This sense of waiting and anticipation for that which God promised is captured so well in in one of my favourite carols:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

What would it mean for you this Christmas to enter into a longing for the One announced to be Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace? What would it mean to discover this longing satisfied in the coming of the Lord Jesus? As we wait during this season of advent, we enter into the centuries of longing and yearning that preceded the coming of Christ, and in doing so, our joy and our gratitude for what we discover in Jesus is enriched. He is the centrepiece of Christmas and all history, He is the One who would be to you a Prince of Peace and the foundation of enduring joy.

*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
ISAIAH 9:6*

With our love and prayers for you this Christmas

*Jonathan and Emma Hillman*

On behalf of Rosemary Lane Chapel

 <b>ROSEMARY LANE</b> <b>CHAPEL</b> Warmly invites you to our Christmas services  <b>Christmas Family Service</b> <i>Sunday 18th December</i> <i>at 11:00am</i>  <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> <i>Wednesday 21st December</i> <i>at 6:30pm</i>  <b>Christmas Day Worship</b> <i>10:30am</i>  Call 01823 681164 <i>or visit our facebook page for more details</i> Rosemary Lane, EX15 3PQ
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Meeting ID: 865 5570 2735 Passcode: 498173  
For more information phone Ali Dominy 07810768557 or use the "contact us" form on our website: <http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/> or email [spicelandnotices@btinternet.com](mailto:spicelandnotices@btinternet.com)

**Amazing Peace ~ A Christmas Poem**  
(The last few lines of a poem by Maya Angelou)  
We, Angels and Mortal's, Believers and Non-Believers,  
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves  
And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.  
Peace, My Brother.  
Peace, My Sister.  
Peace, My Soul. — Maya Angelou (2005)

**A Christmas Poem by Howard Thurman, cited in "Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights"**  
When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
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To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
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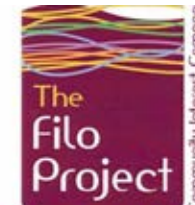
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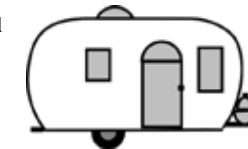
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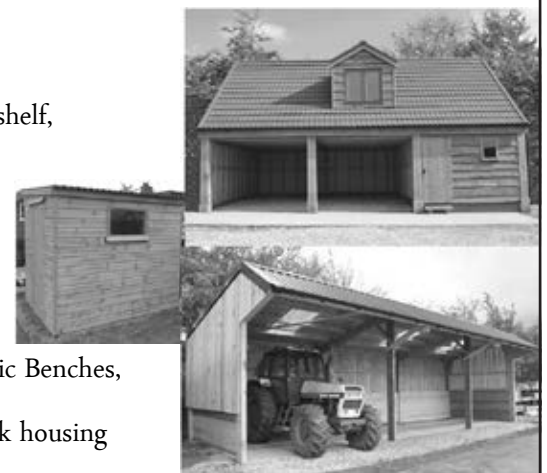
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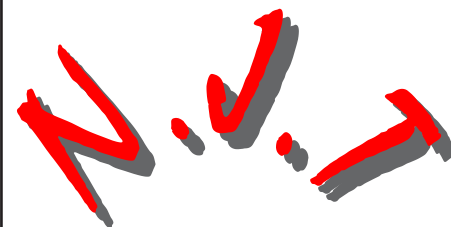
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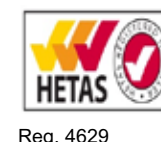


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