

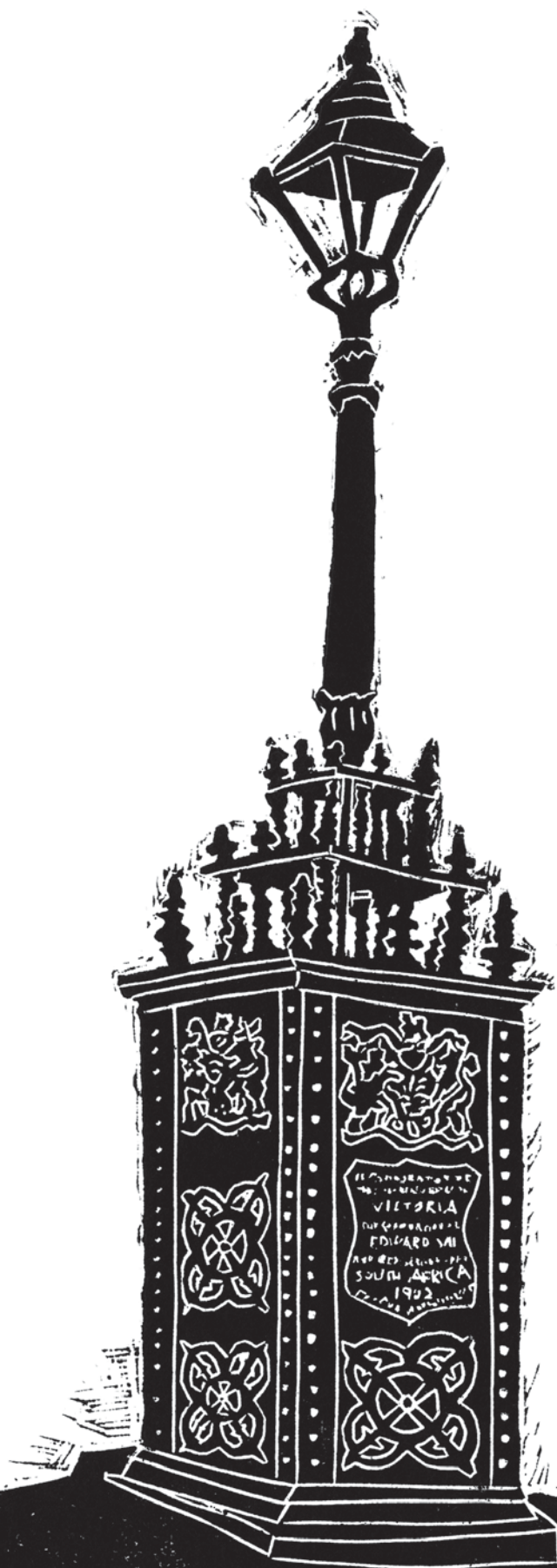
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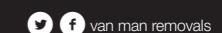
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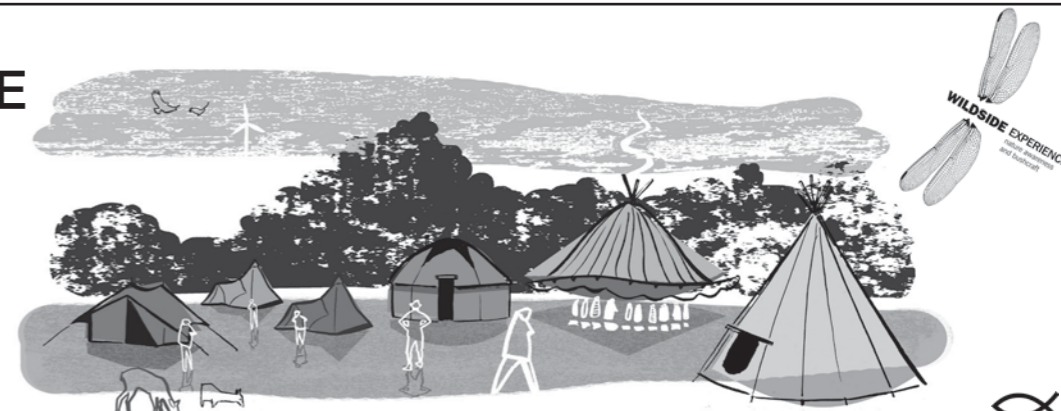
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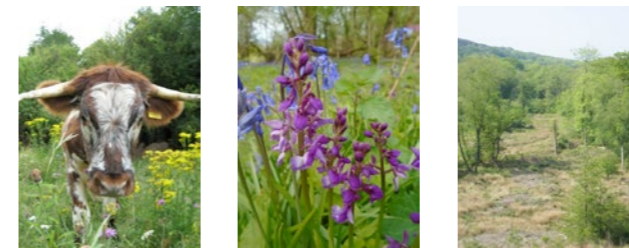
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**A Time to Celebrate**

I find it very depressing and disappointing that the newspapers and news broadcasts concentrate so much on bad news. I know that there are all kinds of terrible things happening in the world, from the war in Ukraine, the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, how much worse everything might get right across the world due to climate change, right down to travel disruption caused by snow in this country. But it would be much more uplifting, if just occasionally, the headlines were to focus on a good news story.

Even in the midst of all the bad things that are happening in the world, there are still plenty of things for us to celebrate. Just look around at this beautiful area of countryside we are fortunate enough to be able to live in. The spring flowers are in bloom, the clocks have gone forward so the evenings are getting lighter. There is a sense that Summer is just around the corner.

On Sunday 9th April we celebrate Easter, arguably the greatest celebration of the Church year. Easter Day is when we celebrate the fact that God raised Jesus from death to prove that our life here on earth is only the prelude to eternal life in heaven in the closer presence of God. What better news could there possibly be than that?

Then on Saturday 6th May we shall be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. In fact there will be a whole weekend of celebrations including an open air Church Service at Longmead followed by the Big Coronation Lunch in Hemyock. It is, of course, the first time we have had a Coronation in this country for 70 years. I can remember seeing the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on television, the first time a Coronation had ever been televised. We all went round to my cousin's house, because they were the only ones with a television set. It had a 9 inch black and white screen and to see the picture properly the curtains had to be closed! Maybe that first weekend in May will also be a time for us oldies to reminisce about how much has changed since the last Coronation and to be thankful for some of the ways in which life is easier now than it was then. How, I wonder, did we ever manage without our mobile phones, without emails, without being able to look up everything you could possibly want to know (and even things you really don't want to know!) on Google?

And the celebrations continue, on Sunday 28th May is the Feast of Pentecost, or Whit Sunday. That is when the Church celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' first disciples with what sounded like a rushing wind and what looked like tongues of flame. It is a festival which seems to have been forgotten about except in church circles, partly I suspect because it used to have a Bank Holiday associated with it, but no longer does. Except this year, thanks to Easter falling when it does, Pentecost is the day before the Spring Bank Holiday, so for this year at least Whit Sunday has got its Bank Holiday back. Yet another reason to celebrate.

I know that I am a 'glass half full', rather than a 'glass half empty' person, but I cannot help thinking that if we all put more emphasis on the good things in life and didn't allow ourselves to get bogged down in the doom, gloom and despondency we are bombarded with by the media, then the world would be a much better place. Yes, there are terrible things which happen and there will continue to be terrible things which happen, but there are lots of good things as well. So why not try looking for all the good things which happen around us? God makes sure that Springtime and Harvest come around each year. If we trust in him and make the most of our opportunities I am sure we will find lots more things we can celebrate about.

Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

### Services in the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

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[www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk)

#### SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023

<b>Sunday 2 April</b> Palm Sunday	<b>10.30am</b> <b>St Mary's Hemyock</b> Benefice Family Communion for Palm Sunday			
<b>Mon 3 April</b> <b>Tues 4 April</b> <b>Wed 5 April</b>	<b>Monday 3 April</b> New Zealand Night Prayer 7.00pm, <b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Tuesday 4 April</b> Common Worship Night Prayer 7.00pm, <b>All Saints</b>	<b>Wednesday 5 April</b> Iona Night Prayer 7.00pm, <b>Culm Davy Chapel</b>	
<b>Thursday 6 April</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>St. Mary's Church Room, Hemyock</b> Maundy Thursday Passover Supper followed by Vigil in St. Mary's			
<b>Friday 7 April</b> Good Friday	<b>2.00pm</b> <b>All Saints, Culmstock</b> The Last Hour Meditation			
	<b>Culm Davy Chapel</b>	<b>St Andrew, Clayhidon</b>	<b>All Saints, Culmstock</b>	<b>St Mary, Hemyock</b>
<b>Sunday 9 April</b> Easter Day  <b>7.00am Sunrise service</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion
<b>Sunday 16 April</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	<b>6.30pm</b> BCP Evening Prayer	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 23 April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>11.00am</b> Scouts parade Service
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter Vocations Sunday	<b>10.30am</b> <b>St Andrew, Clayhidon</b> United benefice communion service: Hearing God's call			

**In addition:** A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am.  
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#### SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

	<b>Culm Davy Chapel</b>	<b>St Andrew, Clayhidon</b>	<b>All Saints, Culmstock</b>	<b>St Mary, Hemyock</b>
<b>Sunday 7 May</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>9.00am</b> Communion service	<b>2.30pm</b> Coronation Celebration Service, jointly with Rosemary Lane Chapel at St Andrews	<b>11.00am</b> Coronation Celebration Service	<b>11.00am</b> Coronation celebration service, jointly with Hemyock Baptist Church at Longmead sportsfield
<b>Sunday 14 May</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogationtide		<b>10.00am</b> Rogation walk and prayers	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship (Contemporary)  <b>6.30pm</b> Evensong (Traditional 1662)	<b>11.00am</b> Communion service
<b>Thursday 18 May</b> Ascension Day	<b>7.30pm</b> <b>All Saints, Culmstock</b> United Benefice Communion Service			
<b>Sunday 21 May</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter	<b>6.30pm</b> Evening prayer (Traditional 1662)	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 28 May</b> Pentecost		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service (contemporary)	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship (contemporary)  <b>5.00pm-6.00pm</b> Prayer for Ukraine	<b>11.00am</b> Communion service

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**UPCOMING ANNUAL PCC MEETINGS:**  
 All Saints, Culmstock – Sunday 23 April at 11.00am  
 St. Mary's, Hemyock with Culm Davy Chapel – Tuesday 25 April at 7.30pm in Hemyock Church Room  
 St. Andrew's, Clayhidon – Sunday 14 May at 11.00am

# St Mary's Hemyock

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## Ring for the King

You may have heard or seen of a campaign run by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to trt and get all ringable bells sounding out at the time of the upcoming Coronation. "Ring for the King" has been the cry. The last time we had something similar was just before the new Millennium in 1999.

Hemyock is like many towers – looking for more ringers. But the Coronation is only 4 weeks away I hear you cry (if you are one of those who grab for the "Pump" the moment it is published), how long does it take to learn? How long is a piece of string? I reply.

That is an interesting question. The answer from my experience is anywhere between 11 months and One and a half hours. (No that is not a typing error). Some people have a natural ability for ringing, others have to concentrate more.

We can say that:-

- You do not have to be Superman or Superwoman.
- The ability to count (to 6 in Hemyock or 16 in Birmingham) helps.
- So is being over 1.5 m in height.
- You do not have to read music.

We are always happy to talk about ringing so if you are interested contact Tower Captain Lin Holway on 681522. What do you get from learning? You get a skill which stretches back to the 1500s. You join about 40000 ringers in England, and more overseas, you getting involved in lots of locall history, open the doors to nearly 6000 places in the world where bells are rung "full circle", have gentle beneficial exercise, and become a messenger as the bells pass on messages from "A service starting soon", "there's a wedding" or "someone has died", or as in this case "There's a new King".

Ring for the King anyone?

## A very big thank you!

For the last 20+ years, John Northam ('Old Rikki') has been examining the annual Church Accounts for St Mary's Hemyock and Culm Davy Chapel and is now to retire and file away his calculator. John has worked with several different Treasurers and seen 5 changes in Rectors. During this time accounting processes, rules and regulations have become more stringent – financial reporting to the Exeter Diocese and onward to national auditors is certainly more complicated than it was, so John's advice and affirmation has been gratefully received!

**John** – we have greatly appreciated your support, advice, and timely examining of our records, and all in a voluntary capacity. We hope you will still visit us in Hemyock Church on special occasions. This comes with our best wishes and sincere thanks.

St Mary's Church and Culm Davy Chapel Parochial Church Council



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

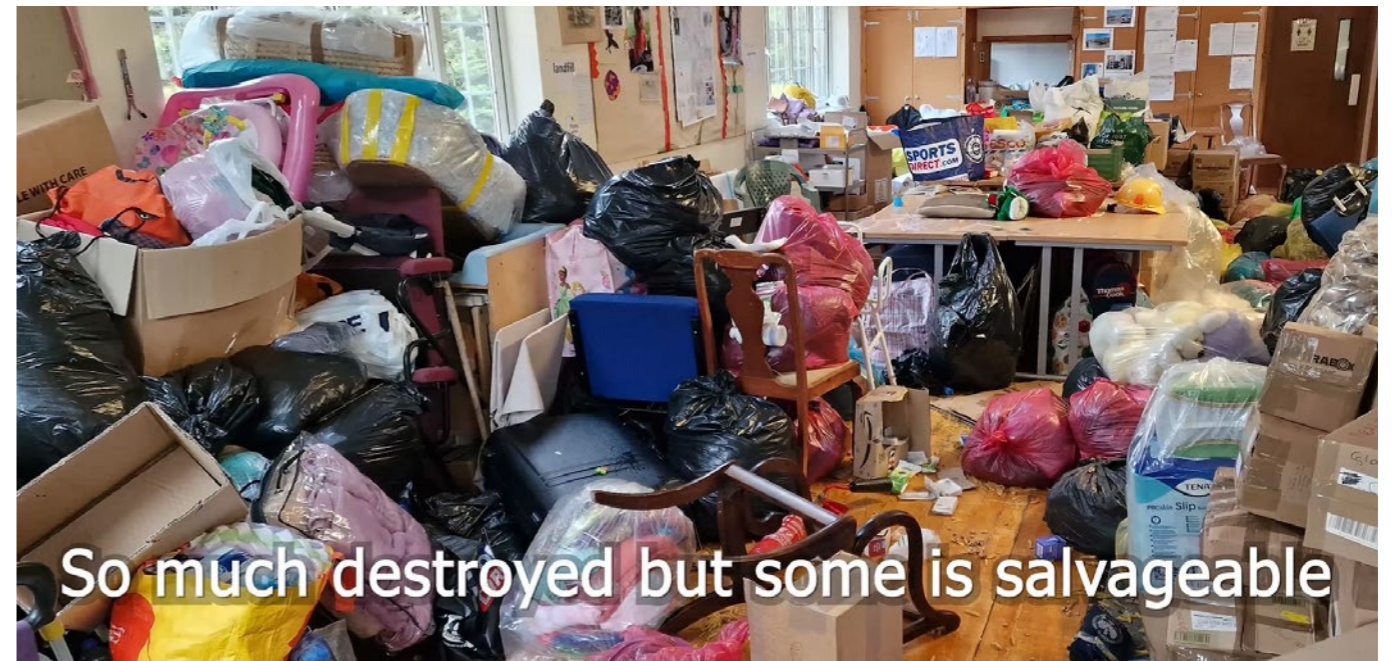
As we looked around the shop recently we found:-  
**Atlases, Books, Candles, Dog leads, Egg cups, Flower vases, Golf balls, Handbags, I Spy books, Jewellery, Kitchen utensils, Lamp shades, Maps, Needles, Orange peelers, Paintings, Queen Elizabeth mugs, Railway kits, Suitcases, Teddy Bears, Umbrellas, Vinyl Records, and a Wet suit.**

But we did not have the X-ray glasses so did not find the Yacht or the Zebra.

What will you find?  
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Tuesdays and first Saturdays  
 10am till Noon  
 Church Rooms, Castle Hill

Castle Hill



So much destroyed but some is salvageable

## cr2ee vandalism

Many may have seen the recent local TV news bulletin reporting that the Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) depot at Exmouth was broken into a number of times recently. This has been heartbreaking for all the supporters and volunteers particularly as it was just a matter of days before a lorry of much needed aid was due to go to Ukraine.

Hugh Scudder, a trustee of the charity said "On a very drizzly evening and under very difficult conditions and despite the efforts of those who broke into our store our volunteers sorted and packed enough aid to fill to the roof a 40tonne artic lorry. This was only possible thanks to the generosity of our supporters and those who help fund our work. So much was destroyed but some is salvageable, but it means so much more work for our team of volunteers." Hugh continued "We will continue to help those in Ukraine and Moldova"

Janice Bawler of Hemyock said "There are so many people in the Culm Valley and from Tiverton to Bridgwater who support the work of cr2ee who were shocked to hear of this mindless vandalism. The determination of the folk who turned up to load the lorry for Ukraine under such dreadful circumstances is to be admired. Please contact us if you would like further details of how you can support this charity".

Email: jbwaler1947@hotmail.co.uk. Mob 07773579809.

### Advanced notice

### HOLIDAY CLUB 2023

This years club will take place from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August -Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**  
**(PRE) CORONATION SUPPER**  
**CHURCH ROOMS**  
**FRIDAY 5th May 2023**

Friends of St Mary's will hold a Coronation Supper on Friday 5th May 2023, as a preliminary event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III

**MENU** - Yet to be finalised, but a two course supper will have a 'Royal' flavour, either by name or by taste! The supper will be served with a drink, which will be a choice of a glass of prosecco, white or red wine, or beer or lager, or a non alcoholic alternative.

**Tickets** will be £8 each. Notices will be placed around the village soon with contact details, but if you want to guarantee your reservation (and why wouldn't you), contact Gillian Hawkes on 680047 or [gillian.hawkes@btinternet.com](mailto:gillian.hawkes@btinternet.com)

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

This certificate confirms that  
**THE LONGMEAD ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**  
 has been given a donation  
 to the value of  
**One Hundred and forty pounds (£140)**  
 in their Spring 2022 distribution.

.....pp SMCCS

### Cream Tea Afternoon

This year's Cream Tea afternoon at Prings Farm, Madford will be held on **Sunday 2nd July from 2-5pm.**

As usual, there'll be delicious scones and cakes along with a plant stall, cake stall, raffle and auction. This year there will also be a baking competition - more details to follow!

*Everyone is welcome!*

If you are able to donate a prize for either the raffle or auction or if you can help for an hour or two on the day then please get in touch with **Judy Barton (680975).**

*Thank you.*

### The Lights Brigade's Spring Bash is back on 22nd April

**I**t's Spring and it's time for a great Hemyock night out of high energy **LIVE MUSIC** and dancing in the Parish Hall! Yes, The Lights Brigade are back with this year's fundraiser for the Lights Parade 2023.

This year we welcome **Pattern Pusher** to headline the stage, an energetic funk-soul indie three piece from the South West who create uplifting, inspiring and optimistic music that is hitting all the right notes for a world crying out for positivity! This three-piece have earned a loyal fan base, accolades from BBC Radio 6, support from BBC Introducing, and a string of festival shows; now lining up on the same bills as their idols. **"One of the most energetic live shows in the business"**

Support comes from South London's **Sonic Eyes and Alice Carman**. Genius Sonic Eyes is the electro beats eye sockets of Gavin Mysterion in tow with renowned and brilliant artist Alice Carman (born & raised in Hemyock) who play a unique blend of LoFi psychedelic beat driven music.

There will be the usual fully stocked bar, **Special Gin Bar** and the return of the popular **Cider/Lager Stand**, and of course NO raffle. We are always looking for new sponsors to help us light up the village for Christmas, please get in touch.

Ticket price of £12.50 held since 2016 – no cost of living rise here! **Available NOW** from Spar, and online, where there is a 50p handling charge. Hope to see you on the dance floor.

Tim Martin  
chair  
07967989839  
www.lightsbrigade.org.uk  
Facebook: Lights Brigade Hemyock



### HEMYOCK PARISH HALL Saturday 22 April 2023

Tickets: £12.50 from Spar, Hemyock and online via QR or web

Further info: 01823 680351 - Doors open 7.30pm

www.lightsbrigade.org.uk Lights Brigade Hemyock

Fully Stocked Bars · Card/Cash · Raising money for the Lights Parade 2023

Storming uplifting music for a world crying out for positivity



### Hemyock's Weekend of Coronation Celebrations 6-8 May



### Celebrations begin on Saturday 6 May at 3pm

**\*Culmbridge Road Closure\***

### Traditional Street Party

- Bring and Share tea
- Tables down the road
- Bring a chair
- Tea, coffee and squash
- Cakes for sale
- Children's entertainments



### Sunday 7 May Longmead Field & Pavilion 11am: Open Air Service of Thanksgiving

- From noon:  
**THE BIG CORONATION LUNCH**
- Bring a picnic
  - Live Music
  - Bar & Food Stalls



### Monday 8 May Longmead Field & Pavilion Community Day with Hemyock Scouts

Noon:

- Tug o'war
- Fancy Dress parade
- Generational Football match
- Ice Cream & Fish & Chips vans
- Tea & Coffee & Soft drinks

### Community Groups Exhibitions and Promotions

All You Need to Know:

Tables will be placed down the middle of the road. Please bring along a chair. Bring and share your tea with your friends and neighbours. Tea, coffee and squash will be available at no charge from the Parish Hall which will be open for the duration of the Street Party. Cakes and savouries will be available to buy. Music and children's entertainment. Replay of the Coronation ceremony on TV.

### SUNDAY 7 MAY

#### SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING at Longmead Field

Rev. Becky and Pastor Steve will lead an open-air service of thanksgiving for the new monarch at 11am. Everyone is invited to the service.

#### THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH at Longmead Field and Pavilion

The Coronation Big Lunch begins after the service at noon. Bring a picnic, chairs, gazebo. There will be food stalls, a Bar and Live Entertainment on stage with several bands, ranging from Country Rock to Folk. We're looking for local talent to entertain everyone so let us know if you want to sing, dance, read a poem or do stand-up. Our very own Hemyock Festival. There will be entertainment for children. The evening will end at 10pm.

#### MONDAY 8 MAY – THE BIG HELP OUT at Longmead Field

In conjunction with 1<sup>st</sup> Hemyock Scouts there will be a community day held at Longmead. Local organisations and villagers looking for public support will have the chance to promote themselves and inform our community of their activities.

We're looking to have a mini-carnival with fancy-dressed adults and children parading round the Longmead path. There will be a tug o'war. Get your teams ready. Dress to impress – the more outrageous the better! A football match between generations is planned and 1<sup>st</sup> Hemyock Scouts will be lending a hand on the day as well as demonstrating some of their expertise in Scouting.

Vans selling Ice Cream and Fish & Chips will be offering their wares and tea, coffee and cakes will be available. The afternoon will end at 7pm.

Free entry to all of the events, thanks to generous funding from Hemyock Parish Council

**IF YOU WANT TO JOIN IN AND HELP WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE, DO GET IN TOUCH**  
Sue Scantlebury 01823 681393 07976 611238 susanscantlebury@yahoo.com

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hemyock100club@gmail.com

### SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN AT HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Longmead Report: Spring is on its way!**

**H**ave you heard the frogs croaking in the Longmead pond, or seen any frogspawn? After such a dry February, we desperately need the showers to replenish the water in the pond. That frogspawn needs plenty of water to mature into tadpoles and then froglets. On show, are the cheery daffodils which were donated as bulbs by Allies Devon and planted by volunteers in the autumn. We have seen a flock of fieldfares in the area and the lone little egret is very often seen in the trees by the pond.



January was a busy time when the Hemyock Scouts spent a morning in the area honing their knife skills and taking part in lots of different environmental activities to enhance the area. They reattached the bird boxes, cut back willow and brambles, weeded around the saplings and litter picked. Scout leader Joss even had some wielding shovels to clear part of a ditch, and it was very heartening to see the Scout Explorers- the 14 to 18 year olds- teaching the youngsters how to correctly prune the hazel. They were a happy, busy group who so wanted to be active and learn. We hope to see them again soon!



Early in February the Tree Hub attracted a long line of people from Hemyock and the Culm Valley who were happy to queue in the winter sunshine to collect up to five native trees to plant in their gardens. The silver birch and wild cherry were particularly popular. Thank goodness for the loyal volunteers who had a hard job of keeping up with the demands of helping the locals to select species of trees, wrap them in newspaper and provide information as to how to best look after them. There was tea and cake on offer in the pavilion, but everyone seemed to want to get home and get planting!

This was an initiative promoted by Devon Wildlife Trust to improve the treescape in the county, and the people of Hemyock and the surrounding countryside are going to do their bit!

Many thanks to Abby Wilkinson, our AONB Community Involvement Ranger who helped to make it happen.

From late March we will see the welcome return to Longmead of Greendays, the group that supports disabled adults, after a long break because of covid. There will be plenty to do on their monthly visits once the weather warms and the grass (and the weeds ) start growing.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association  
**Spring Show 2023**



Hemyock Parish Hall  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
**Viewing and Ploughmans**  
**from 1.00pm**



Once the nights begin to draw out more, there will be many opportunities to get involved in managing the area, so do get in touch if you would like to participate in enhancing this little oasis in the middle of Hemyock.

Trish Slater - March 2023.

**Mid Devon Housing Spring Neighbourhood Walkabouts 2023**

We will be in your area on the afternoon of 28th April 2023 conducting our Spring Neighbourhood Walkabouts!

We visit each area at least every six months to meet our tenants and check for repair needs. If there are issues which you would like to raise, we would ask you to contact us before the planned walkabout for your estate explaining what it is you would like us to inspect and why via [tenantinvolvement@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:tenantinvolvement@middevon.gov.uk) or 01884 255255.

The aim of a walkabout is to identify any health and safety or other issues on your estate. We also use the opportunity to discuss local issues with other agencies and/or local Councillors.

WARD	STREET NAMES	DATE
Upper Culm Hemyock, Culmstock, Ashill.	Churchills, Eastlands, Great Meadow, Hackpen View, Harts Row, Hunters Way, Oakleigh, Prowses, South View, Valley View.	28/04/2023 Afternoon

**HEMYOCK TENNIS CLUB**

**L**ighter evenings are on their way and with luck, a little nice weather too for plenty of opportunity to play tennis. Dan Sizer will run a junior camp on Tuesday 11th April, 9am until 3pm. Dan's junior sessions on Thursday evenings are very well attended and it's great to see the enthusiastic youngsters having fun.

The committee have considered fees for the coming membership year, and have set a modest increase. We have to maintain our sinking fund at an appropriate level to be able to afford periodic resurfacing of the courts, and recent price inflationary pressures will certainly mean a significant increase from when this was last carried out in 2019.

Thus, 2023/24 fees will be as follows;  
Junior - no change - £20 (£10 junior sibling)  
Single Adult - £105 (Adult Couple £160)  
Renewal notices will be sent out soon.

We plan to enter two mixed teams in the West Somerset League this year. Team A will be playing Div 3 following their success last year, and B in Div 5. Malcolm & Karen Steer are organising things again, so if you wish to be included then please get in contact. Matches start in May, so there's plenty of time to get your name down if you haven't already done so, and get a bit of practice in.

Finally, look out for notices and reminders on this year's events, including the open day, Strawberry Tennis, and junior tennis summer camps.

Bob Hawkes  
(Chairman) 680047 & [hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com](mailto:hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com)

*The Violet Chapman Trust*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COULD WE HELP YOU?**



**BLACKDOWN**  
HEALTHY LIVING &  
ACTIVITY CENTRE

Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock

**Blackdown Stay & Play Hub**

**Sensory Sessions**

Term time  
Wednesdays 9.30am – 11am  
Healthy Living Centre  
£2 per family

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS

*Squish* *Scoop*  
*Squelch* *Spray*  
*Spin* *Shake*  
*Squeeze* *Splash*



**MONTHLY EVENTS**

The 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 [d-icb.bsgadmin@nhs.net](mailto:d-icb.bsgadmin@nhs.net)  
Transport can be arranged for you if required.

**CHURCHINFORD LUNCH CLUB**  
Last Tuesday of the month  
12:30pm  
The York Inn, Churchinford

**DUNKESWELL LUNCH CLUB**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
12:30pm  
Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell

**CULMSTOCK LUNCH CLUB**  
Last Wednesday of the month  
12:30pm  
The Strand Stores, Culmstock

**HEMYOCK LUNCH CLUB**  
1st Wednesday of the month  
12:30pm  
Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock

**DUNKESWELL COFFEE MORNING**  
3rd Wednesday of the month  
10:30am to 11:30am  
Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell

**ROSEMARY LANE LUNCH CLUB**  
2nd Wednesday of the month  
12:30pm  
Rosemary Lane Chapel, Rosemary Lane

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

**Riverside Club** Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9.30am – 3pm. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687

**Community Shed** Sundays and Mondays most weeks of the year, 10am – 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

**BSG Lunch Club** First Wednesday of every month at 12.30pm, come and enjoy a low cost, nutritious and freshly-cooked two course meal. Contact Blackdown Support Group (01823) 681036

**Stay & Play Hub** Wednesdays term-time 9.30am – 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for babies and pre-school children. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories. Health Visitor clinic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

<b>Monday</b>	Pilates (3 classes)	9am, 10.15am & 11.30am	Louise Lyus ( <a href="mailto:lou@connectedpilates.com">lou@connectedpilates.com</a> )
	Yoga	6.15pm	Julia Baldock (07708 469745)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Yoga	9.30am	Lea-Ann Furphy ( <a href="mailto:leaannfurphy@gmail.com">leaannfurphy@gmail.com</a> )
	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 ( <a href="mailto:pilatessouthwest@gmail.com">pilatessouthwest@gmail.com</a> )
<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 – <a href="mailto:clinic@betonica.co.uk">clinic@betonica.co.uk</a>		

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH  
[www.bhlac.org.uk](http://www.bhlac.org.uk) or call 01823 680687



**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED for THE BLACKDOWN HILLS**

People in the Blackdown Hills communities are struggling because of lack of transport and lack of social contact.

As a volunteer driver with The Blackdown Support Group you can help by driving people to:

- Much needed medical appointments
- Lunch / Social Clubs
- Essential shopping trips

**PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OTHERS BY BECOMING A VOLUNTEER DRIVER WITH THE BLACKDOWN SUPPORT GROUP**

If you own your own car and would like more information on how you might be able to help, contact us on:

Tel: 01823 681036

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

[www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk](http://www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk)



### Hemyock Youth Football Club needs you!

A range of roles help make a youth football club a positive part of a community. Your local club is recruiting and this could be your opportunity to help. Please read on to learn about Hemyock Youth Football Club, its ambitious plans and the voluntary positions that we are recruiting to.

Hemyock Youth Football Club was established in the Late 1990s and today consists of 3 competitive teams, the Under 8s, Under 10s and under 16s with an under 13s team playing friendly matches. Across all the teams the Club is supporting the development of over 60 local young people who take part in training, matches and social events. We play our home game in the beautiful setting of Longmead fields backed by the Blackdown hills.

The Hemyock youth football club is run by a Club Committee consisting of the Chairperson (Dan Lyus), the Club Secretary (Neville England), the Assistant Club Secretary (Louise Crow), the Club Treasurer (Matt Clark), the Club Welfare Officer (Neil Thompson) and the Clubs Coaches:

- Jonathan Hillman – Under 8s
- Keith Bright – Under 10s
- Matt and Alex Williams - Under 13s
- Neville England and Louise Crow – Under 16s

All members of the club committee undergo regular criminal records checks and operate in line with the English Football Associations rules for accreditation. The club also maintains close ties to the Hemyock Adults Football Club.

#### The Future

The primary objective of the Hemyock Youth Football Club Committee is to provide first class coaching to all players in a safe, interactive and engaging environment that without discrimination, enables players, coaching staff and committee members to develop.

To achieve this objective we have just approved an inspiring 5 year development plan for the club that includes the following:

- To expand the number of teams at different age ranges so that by 2026/27 there are at 5 separate age options between u7s and u18s
- To increase the participation of girls in the club with the aim of having a range of mixed and all girl teams
- To improve the quality of the local training and match day facilities in partnership with the community
- To increase the success of the teams through increasing the access to first class coaching.

#### Opportunities for you to join and support your local club

To create this future we need new people to join us who believe in the role of sport to support development and contribute to a health Hemyock community – Could this be you?

We are seeking expressions of interest for these roles on the Club Committee, starting in the summer of 2023:

- Club Secretary – Focuses on Accreditation of all players with the FA and acts as point of contact for league correspondence.
- Club Development Officer – Focus initially will be on fundraising for improved training facilities
- Club Welfare Officer – Focuses on DBS Checks and ensuring online safety records are upto date
- Club Treasurer – Focuses on collecting and accounting for income and expenditure and on the long term sustainability of the club
- Football Coaches (especially at the under 7 and under 16 age groups) - Lead the teams development – FA accredited training can be provided.

To learn more about these roles and to express an interest in joining the club committee please contact club chairman Dan Lyus on 07884003019 or via daniellyus@gmail.com.

### HEMYOCK GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

## COFFEE MORNING



## & Plant Sale

### Wednesday 12 April

### 11 am Parish Hall



Take Part, Laugh,  
Enjoy & Live Life



Two-course  
lunch

Fun-filled day  
for older people



Mondays & Thursdays

9.30am – 3pm

Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock

Ring 01823 680687 for further info.



Hemyock Cricket Club

## QUIZ NIGHT

With Special Guest Quizmaster

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
2023

Parish Hall doors open 7:30 p.m first  
question at 8 p.m.

£8 per person to include food  
(minimum of 4, maximum of 6 per team)

Tickets from John Hurley on : 07972 744279 or  
email : [jchurley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jchurley@tiscali.co.uk)

£100 Cash Prize  
& Raffle



Thank you to everyone who attended the Cancer Research Big Breakfast on Saturday 4th March in Culmstock village.

It was an amazing success raising £1680 in three hours!!

Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to help and for all those who bought a raffle ticket.

It may be our last one as we do not have enough people for a committee unless anyone would like to join culmstock cancer research UK committee. If so please contact Denise Wood via email [wood40dd@aol.com](mailto:wood40dd@aol.com). Thanks again everyone!

## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

The weather has not been the gardener's friend lately. Cold, snow and high winds have delayed much activity in the garden but Hemyock Gardeners have had a good couple of months of meetings and outings.

Our February speaker was Jeremy Wilson who runs a camellia nursery in South Devon and he was passionate about these plants. He knew everything! We all learned about how to care for them, what conditions suited them and lots of people went away with a camellia tucked under their arm.

The next day a group travelled to East Lambrook to see the snowdrops in the Grade 1 listed garden.

So many snowdrops and each variety slightly different!

March's meeting saw a big group of Gardeners huddled inside the Parish Hall away from the cold and lying snow. Jonas Brab's talk was on medicinal uses for common garden plants but when he brought out foraged specimens of ivy, dock, dandelion, yarrow and nettle, we were all a little worried! Jonas knowledgeably took us through how these plants have been used for thousands of years to treat symptoms of common illnesses, coughs and colds. A really informative and engaging talk. Jane handed out fuchsia cuttings to members. "Ernie" will be grown on by members and entered into a class at the Autumn Show.

Gardeners will be studying their pots, windowboxes and gardens in the next few weeks. The Spring Show on **Saturday 1 April** is always a riot of Spring colour so let's hope the weather improves and brings along those luscious blooms and lots of entries and exhibits in the Show. Viewing will be from 1pm when the judging finishes and Ploughman's lunches will be served as well as afternoon tea in the Forbes Lounge. There will be a raffle and admission to the Parish Hall is free.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday 12 April** will change from our normal evening one to a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale. There will be a raffle and this event is open to everyone so come and have a cuppa and a piece of cake and buy a plant or two. All proceeds will go to HGA funds. The Parish Hall will host the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale from 11am

The weekend of **6-8 May** is the Coronation Bank Holiday and there are lots of events for everyone.

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we had a Best Garden competition. So why not enter your garden in the King's Coronation competition to win a prize. Open to all. Judging will be the week commencing **Monday 1 May**. Let's make Hemyock blooming marvellous!

If you would like more information on our Association or would like to come along to one of our events, do get in touch. We meet in the Parish Hall on the second Wednesday of the month.

Susan Scantlebury  
01823 681393/07976 611238  
enquiries@hemyockgardeners.org.uk

## Hemyock Bowling Club

It's that time of year again, when all of us are looking forward to the new season! Care of the green has been difficult this winter and spring due to the weather conditions, but all the necessary work has been done, the green is looking good, and we anticipate it will play as well as usual, remaining one of the best greens in the area.

Anyone walking past the green may have noticed that the boards on the upright walls of the ditches surrounding the green have been covered with artificial grass, all the work done by a few volunteers. In addition to being "kinder" to the bowls when they hit, it also makes for a much smarter and more attractive appearance. In addition, the clubhouse has been entirely repainted by members, inside and out, and the heating in the clubhouse has been updated with more effective and efficient radiators.

Through the winter, the club has been open on Friday evening Club Nights, and there have been a regular core of members coming to have a drink, spoof, and generally socialise.

The green will be opening to members on Saturday, April 15th, and the club will once again be playing in County Trophy, East of Exe and Exeter over 60s leagues, as well as county knockout competitions and a good number of friendly matches. A number of members will also be playing in County championship competitions.

We will once again be holding an Open Day, this year on Saturday May 13th, when everyone is very welcome to come and try their hand at bowling, and see if they too can become addicted to the sport. If you can't make it to the Open Day, everyone is welcome to come down on any Friday evening Club Night, from 6.30pm onwards, when you will get an enthusiastic welcome. Free coaching is available to all, and for new bowlers, membership is free for your first year. Bowls can be provided, and all you need are flat soled shoes. It really is a sport for all ages and families, and men and women can compete on equal terms.

New members wanted – Come and have a go for free.

### HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)

Just a reminder that for bookings and queries, **01823 680517** is the ONLY number to ring to contact Becky Pike, the booking secretary. We are aware that some of the information on our website - [www.hemyockparishhall.co.uk](http://www.hemyockparishhall.co.uk) is not accurate. We are doing everything possible to correct it and hope to get things up to date soon. We have recently had an upgrade to our lighting on the premises and now have LED throughout. Thanks to Chris Hearn for a trouble free installation and to the forbearance and patience of our regular hirers during the disruption. The lighting compliments the purchase of more comfortable chairs and round tables and we hope provides for a more comfortable space for any future major functions such as wedding receptions or large parties. The cost of providing heat and light has become a major expenditure, and the hall trustees will be examining ways of ensuring that the premises continue to provide good value to users, in a reasonably comfortable environment. Thank you once more to users local groups for your continued support. The next meeting of HPHMC trustees will be 15th May 2023

Bob Hawkes (Sec)  
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## Valley Arts

Our 2023 Pantomime **ROBIN HOOD** was a great success. It was a Complete sell out for all three nights, thank you to HEMYOCK POST OFFICE for selling the tickets and thank you to everyone who supported us. Also thank you for your generosity on Friday evening, when raffle proceeds of £250 were raised for the Turkey/Syria earthquake disaster fund.

valley arts  
and social society



We had some very positive feedback from audiences and from our NODA REPORT which mentioned "Welcome back Valley Arts after three very long years, and what a comeback! Three performances of fun, comedy and laughter, playing to packed houses, a great accomplishment for all. Without doubt this was a delightful little gem of a production with bucket loads of energy, enthusiasm and community entertainment. Valley Arts you have been missed!"

The cast had a great time too and were very pleased to welcome several new members who are proving to be a great asset to the group.

We are having a get together on 24th March, in the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre, for the cast to watch a film of the show, and enjoy a bring and share supper.

The AGM, which is open to all, will be held on 25th April from 7.00pm -8.00pm in the Corn Hill Room of the Catherine Wheel. Followed by a meal in the dining room, if you would like food please let Gillian know by 11th April.

We are planning to hold dance workshops, acting workshops and singing for fun, also a trip to the theatre with shopping and a meal. Dates to be confirmed.

A date for you diary is our Xmas meal in the Catherine wheel, which will be Sat 16th December.

If you are interested in joining the group this year and think you would also like to participate in any way, don't hesitate to contact Lynn at [lynnpulman@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnpulman@btinternet.com) Caroline at [cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk) or Stuart at [stuart.summers28@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.summers28@gmail.com).

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

## Hemyock History Group

The talk on 16th February was given by Colin Spackman from Wellington Museum on the visits to Wellington by the Dukes of Wellington.

Colin has produced the most definitive record of the connection between the town of Wellington and the Dukes of Wellington whose principal residence is at Stratfield Saye, Berkshire.

The very informative booklet written by Colin is available from the Wellington Museum at a cost of £3.50. The History group does own a copy which is available should you wish to borrow it. Arthur Wesley was born in 1769 in Dublin and had an elder brother, called William, who decided to change their name to Wellesley, which does seem to be a higher ranking name with more letters in it. Their father was already an Earl, of Mornington, which does help in the scheme of things. So as Arthur Wellesley, he progressed through the ranks of the army to reach the hierarchy as Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Wellesley leading an army against Napoleon who had invaded Portugal on his latest adventure into the Iberian Peninsula in 1809, to be stopped in his tracks by Arthur Wellesley. King George III and the Prime Minister, the Duke of Portland, decided to reward Arthur with a Peerage, and both were eager to learn what new title he would choose. Now, we know Wellington as a town is not far from Wellesley, in spelling not geographically. Arthur notified the authorities and he was on the road to becoming first Viscount Wellington, then Earl of Wellington, then Marquess of Wellington and in 1814, became the first Duke of Wellington even before his great success at the Battle of Waterloo. By a simple vote in parliament the Duke was awarded £400,000 which was used to acquire the estate at Stratfield Saye. In addition to his success on the battlefield Arthur progressed to Downing St as Prime Minister for a total of 3 years, before retiring to his London house at 1 London. After his death in 1852 at the age of 83 he was interred in a magnificent tomb in St Pauls. Subsequent Dukes continued to visit Wellington and its schools and other civic buildings. The booklet produced by Colin Spackman contains a wealth of material from his research that has never been assembled in one place before.

The March talk was given by Alan Reeve about working water mills still operational in the area. Alan works as a volunteer guide, showing visitors at Bishop Lydiard Mill how the working mill grinds flour using the machinery in use for hundreds of years. Water wheels are very well known as the means to turn the heavy grinding stones. However several mills in the area used turbines which rotate horizontally as the water flows through them, rotating the flutes around the drive shaft which will transfer the energy through a gear wheel to the grinding stone for the fine flour to be produced. Hemyock had several mills in addition to the mills at Clayhidon and Culmstock at Culmbridge, Millhayes, Whitehall and Westown. A visit will be arranged to the Bishop Lydiard Mill in June for our members to have the opportunity of seeing the mill in full operation. Please let us know whether you would like to join this visit to the historic working mill.

The April meeting will be on Thursday 13th April by Chris Coopey of Uffculme History Group on the first TV programs broadcast to the Culm Valley. The talk in May will be given by Pauline Rook with her library of local images of the Blackdown Hills over the years on 11th May.



## Around Hemyock

As the Pump lands on our doorstep, we will be just a few weeks away from the Coronation of HM King Charles III. A time of great celebration for our country as well as here in the village. **The Book of Hemyock** shows folk dancing through the street in 1953 followed by the majority of villagers and those who lived here at the time may also remember the **Girl Guides** planting the cherry tree in the lower corner of the Recreation Field whilst the Coronation committee of 1902 were mainly responsible for the village Pump being erected to commemorate, in part, the Coronation of Edward VII. There are probably also several families who still own Coronation mugs etc from past years.

It is interesting to see photos of the committees from that year and 1911 - all men - and then in 1937 when a committee of over 40 men and women organised village celebration. As a community I'm sure we will all look forward to a weekend of activities in May and thanks go to all involved. Perhaps there will be another permanent memorial in the village as a reminder of the day?

The Parish Hall was alive with fun and laughter for **Valley Arts** production of Robin Hood - our son travelled from Pembroke to watch his friend in the lead role - and moving the annual show to February appears to have been a great success. Well done everyone!

The horror felt by many on seeing the devastation caused by the earthquake in **Turkey and Syria** has seen parishioners responding as usually happens here with a large variety of items being donated plus nearly £1,000 from a coffee morning and Benefice church donations going to **Shelterbox**.

Donations to war torn **Ukraine** through cr2ee have continued including several new Ghillie kettles, donated by a villager, enabling water to be boiled and food warmed using small twigs in the base.

Love and condolences go to those who have recently had a loved one die remembering, in particular, the families and friends of **Shirley Robinson, Fred Perrott** and **Thomas Morgan**. Some of our older long term parishioners may remember **Beryl (nee Saunders)** a daughter of Percy and Hilda who passed away recently in New Zealand.

### Shirley Robinson

Shirley was born October 4th, 1925. She was the only daughter of Doris and Cecil Robinson but had 2 brothers. Her father, Cecil was running the family newspaper business The Yorkshire Weekly Newspaper Group, set up by Shirley's great grandfather John Robinson in 1852 and based in Wakefield.

By all accounts Shirley hero worshipped her brothers and playing with them was the start of her love of sport. Like the boys, Shirley went to boarding school from the age of 8 when she started at Godstowe in Buckinghamshire and although she loved all sports, it was Lacrosse where she particularly excelled, eventually representing England. Shirley went on from school to Bedford college to train as a PE teacher. Whilst at Bedford College, she discovered the spirituality which had been nurtured as a child in the local church with her parents but became the driving force in her life. After a stint teaching at Wadhurst College, Shirley took a huge leap into the unknown. In 1951 aged 25 Shirley was one of a group of women who caught

a boat which took 3 weeks to sail to India with the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. Shirley spent the first couple of years training in the north of India where she learnt Hindi at a language school and worked with various women's groups. After that she moved south to Kimmins Girls boarding school SE of Bombay as it was. Set in the hills with wonderful clean air, children escaped from the cities and generally thrived in this community. Shirley stayed 14 years, first as PE teacher but developed her career until she was vice principal. Shirley loved school life in India and found it very rewarding.

Rita, a friend of Shirley. kindly lent me The Kimmins High School centenary book produced in 1998 which paints a picture of this amazing girl's school and its struggles through a century of dynamic change in India. In this book it says "from 1953 until the end of 1967 Miss Robinson made an invaluable contribution to the school sharing with the students her own enthusiasm for all forms of physical education and her high standards." Kimmins really was the pinnacle of her life.

Sadly, soon after this Shirley returned to Blighty in 1967 to care for her aging mother. Shirley spent the next 5 or 6 years in Wakefield and after her mother died, Shirley decided to move to Birmingham where she spent the rest of the 1970s. The early 1980s saw Shirley move to the Devon area- firstly in and around Ottery St Mary where she and her friend Ann Blair often opened the house to those who needed hospitality in difficult times or when re-settling. As the 20th century closed she moved to Hemyock with another stint to Birmingham in between moves. Shirley always kept her connections to India - she continued with support work for India providing sermon notes, food parcels and song tapes.

It is clear Shirley had many cherished friends in this area – many through the church. Mary Hudson who started dog walking with Shirley in Hemyock, Stephen Reed a previous pastor at Hemyock Baptist church who kindly often took her out for birthday lunches whilst Friends from India reappeared – Rita in Honiton and Joan another great friend from India.

In 2013 she moved into Hummingbird Care home as its first resident where she received fantastic care. Sport was still important even as Shirley reached her nineties- she had now become an avid player of Boccia- ( Botcha) a form of bowls for those with mobility impairment. Now a paralympic sport.

Shirley was someone who loved sport, teaching was her forte-was a hugely generous benefactor to causes she supported. It began in India but Shirley continued throughout her life to donate all she could to those less fortunate than herself. She loved animals especially horses. Shirley's faith in God was reflected in her work, her friends and her generosity.it was her life.

### Fred Perrott

Fred was born at Prings Farm,Hemyock in 1930 the youngest of 6 children and attended Hemyock school. He left aged 14 and worked as a farm labourer and a local contractor later moving to the local milk factory. When this closed, he worked at Relyon at Wellington returning to the Hemyock factory when it reopened as St Ivel. In 1980 he married Eileen who he had known since schooldays and they had 41 extremely happy years together before she passed away after a long illness. Fred had devotedly cared for her and was left bereft but his large number of family

and friends proved to be a tremendous support for him. He discovered new cooking skills being well known for his beef stews and introducing garlic to his ingredients! Fred loved using his camera and camcorder, learnt about more modern technology enabling him to WhatsApp his family in New Zealand, record films from his phone replaying them on his TV and he really enjoyed using the laptop and tablet given to him by his grandson.

Fred had a number of other interests and hobbies including motorbikes, gardening (specialising in runner beans, potatoes and onions,) ploughing matches, hunting and steam trains. He loved being outdoors whatever the weather enjoying nature but he also had '2 second homes' - his shed and greenhouse. Following a heart operation Fred retired but continued fishing and meeting 2 special friends Charlie and Sinclair. They talked about and tinkered with bike, car and rotavator engines becoming known as Foggie, Compo and Clegg – Hemyock's answer to the characters in Last of the Summer Wine!

His mobility scooter gave Fred a new sense of freedom and he would travel to surrounding villages to visit friends and often travelled to Dunkeswell where as a child he met, during WW2, American aircrew who gave him sweets and let him get close to their planes - he had a wonderful memory throughout his life.

Fred had a great love of family with his children Steve and Debbie and his many relatives bringing him great happiness. Last year he was thrilled to meet his great granddaughter from New Zealand and to hear earlier this year that a second great grandchild is due this summer.

Anyone who called on Fred, who passed away aged 93 yrs, was always welcomed with tea, cake and biscuits and his family feel sure that his late brother Jack will, as promised, have met him in the next world ready to enjoy some refreshments together.

**Thomas Richard Morgan** was born in Poplar in 1935, now famous for the "Call the Midwife" series. He was speedily relocated to Wiveliscombe during the war and finally to Hemyock with his wife Amanda and four month old Sharon, later Cindy would join them, neighbours to Ruth and Ted Tartaglia who became long term friends. He lived in the same house for 53yrs. He was a champion Pigeon Racer in his day, and you could spot where he lived by the flight of pigeons in daily exercise, circling around the loft. Tommy had great knowledge on all birds and villagers would bring all kinds of injured birds for "Dr Dolittle" to mend, including a Barn Owl.

Tommy was a Master Builder and worked a large area around Hemyock. He was a friendly, cheeky character that people were drawn to. It was surprising he managed to finish painting the Parish Pump, as so many stopped and wanted to have a chat when they saw him in the centre of the village.

One of the highlights of the year for him was Hemyock Scout Jumble Sale, he loved looking for 'treasures' and eagerly filled the 50p bag at the end, taking it home to show what he'd got. (To date, I think he has 6 shoe stretchers)

Thomas was also a keen Rugby player and watched avidly the highs and lows of England, this included the ladies 'very skillful' team. He and his friends could be spotted rabbiting around

the hedges of Hemyock and for many years he looked after a Pheasant pen in Clayhidon. He died on the 18th March and leaves his family and friends poorer for the joy, love and laughter he brought into their lives.

The death of Pastor **Ron Castle** was mentioned in the previous Pump and his wife Doris has now sent the following.

### Pastor Ron Castle

His wife Doris writes: Ron and I arrived in Hemyock on December 15th, 1969, to work with the local Baptist chapel along with those at Prescott and Culmstock. On our arrival there was flooding at the factory at Millhayes which helped us feel at home immediately having come from Bragford in N. Devon which was also subject to flooding!

On entering The Manse, we found a well stocked larder thanks to the kindness of local church members and this kindness continued throughout our time in the village.

Ron loved to meet people, and they him and he was welcomed to all the homes he visited. He especially loved young people who gave him great joy. He would frequently go and play with them at the school during lunch breaks until the Headmaster asked him to stop as the children were so excited afterwards during the afternoon lessons!

Ron's greatest joy was to tell them about the Lord Jesus and what he meant to both of us. Another great joy for Ron and I was being part of the village Holiday Club when often 100+ children would meet for fun and friendship. (Planning meetings at their home was always a fun time).

Ron and I retired 30 years ago but remained in touch with many local friends and thanks go to all those in Hemyock and the surrounding area for giving us so many happy memories.

The family of the late **Joan Adams** write.

In Loving Memory of Joan  
Feb. 1932 - Feb 2022

Always in our thoughts, never forgotten.

Partner Les, brother Vivian, daughter Susan with Owen & family, and son Brian

**Jim Haggarty** is amongst those who have been unwell and needing surgery. Best wishes are sent to him and also **Mavis Clist, Chris Hudson, Alan Craig, Brian Redwood, Heather** and **Gordon Sparks, Diane Bradbear** and **Rev David Sherwood**.

The daffodils on the parish boundaries, the churchyard and Recreation Field, have once again helped brighten our days despite sudden snowstorms and as the Pump is delivered, we will be celebrating Easter when no doubt the flowers will be part of our churches decorations. This time of year, reminds me of a poem I learnt at school for a literary competition **Home -Thoughts from Abroad** by Browning which no doubt many will know. It begins **Oh to be in England now that Aprils there ...** it speaks so beautifully of the countryside at Springtime.

May the joys of Spring bring you happiness.

Janice – Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk for any news you would like to share.

# What's On April

Sat 1	GARDENERS' SPRING SHOW PHall	St Mary's Charity and Coffee shop, 10-12, CR
Sun 2	Palm Sunday	
Mon 3		
Tue 4	Taunton FM	St Mary's Charity and Coffee shop, 10-12, CR
Wed 5	BSG Hemyock Lunch Club, 12.45 – 2.30, BHLAC	Parish Council BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 6		
Fri 7	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sat 8	Tiverton, Cullompton, Yarcombe FMs	
Sun 9	EASTER SUNDAY	
Mon 10	EASTER MONDAY	
Tue 11	St Mary's Charity and Coffee shop, 10-12, CR	
Wed 12	BSG Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12.45 – 2.30, Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC Gardeners', Coffee Morning & Plant Sale, PH 11am	
Thu 13	Taunton F.M	History Group, CR, 7 30
Fri 14	Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00, BHLAC	
Sat 15	HEMY'K MK'T, 10–12, P. Hall, Well, Cull FM, Mobile Library, Cricket Club Quiz PH 7.30pm The Wyndham Singers Concert, St Johns Wellington 19.00	
Sun 16		
Mon 17	Local Schools start of Summer Term	
Tue 18	St Mary's Charity and Coffee shop, 10-12, CR	
Wed 19		
Thu 20	Taunton+ Honiton F.Ms , Poppy Group, CR 10 – 3pm	
Fri 21		
Sat 22	Tiverton, Cullompton, Uffculme FM Three Choirs Concert in St David's Church Exeter, 7pm "Lights Brigade" Spring Dance	
Sun 23	St George's Day	
Mon 24	Young Farmers, FL, 7.30	
Tue 25	St Mary's Charity and Coffee shop, 10-12, CR	
Wed 26		
Thu 27	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library 14.30 – 15.40
Fri 28		
Sat 29	Uffculme + Tiverton, Cullompton FMs	
Sun 30		

## 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
Tuesdays	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45 pm	BHLAC
	"Warm Spaces",	10 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 – 12 noon	CR
	Yoga	9.30 – 11am	BHLAC
Wednesdays	Pilates	6.30 – 7.30 pm	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 – 3.15 pm	PH
	Moira Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 – 6.15 pm	FL
Thursdays	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 – 11 am	BHLAC
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 – 7.15 pm	BHLAC
Fridays	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

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 May

Mon 1		
Tue 2		
Wed 3	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30	Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 4	COUNCIL ELECTIONS, Taunton FM	
Fri 5	"Pre- Coronation Supper Evening", FOSM, CR	
Sat 6	CORONATION STREET PARTY, Parish Hall + Culmbridge Rd, 3pm Charity/Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12	
Sun 7	THANKSGIVING SERVICE, LONGMEAD, 11am	BIG CORONATION LUNCH with Live Music, LONGMEAD
Mon 8	BIG "HELP OUT COMMUNITY FUN DAY, Longmead, Noon	
Tue 9	Charity/Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12	
Wed 10	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30	Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC
Thu 11	Taunton FM	
Fri 12	Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 10-11.30	
Sat 13	Tiverton, Cullompton Yarcombe FM,	Mobile Library, PH, 9.55 11.55
Sun 14	PUMP DEADLINE	
Mon 15		
Tue 16	Charity/Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12	
Wed 17		
Thu 18	DEVON COUNTY SHOW Poppy Group, CR, 10 – 3pm Taunton + Honiton FM	
Fri 19	(Devon County Show)	
Sat 20	(Devon County Show) HEMYOCK MARKET 10-12, Well. FM,	
Sun 21		
Mon 22		
Tue 23	Charity/Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12	
Wed 24		
Thu 25	Taunton Farmers' Market,	Mobile Library, 14.30 – 15.30
Fri 26	Local Schools break up for half-term to June 02	
Sat 27	REPAIR CAFÉ, Uffculme, Tiverton	
Sun 28	Whit Sunday	
Mon 29	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	
Tue 30		
Wed 31		

## Forthcoming Events

June 10	Coffee Morning, 1 Pencross View, in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice
June 10	Clayhidon Coffee Morning, Village Hall
June 18	Fathers' Day
June 23-25	Gardeners' Trip to N. Wales
June 21	Longest Day
July 03	Wimbledon
July 08	Clayhidon Coffee Morning, Village Hall
July 22	Mid. Devon Show

Aug 26	Gardeners' Autumn Show
Aug 28	Bank Holiday

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the Forthcoming Events, please notify **Sue Lambert, 680664** or at her email address: **sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com** 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, March 2023

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

## 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.

You will need to be quick as nomination forms have to be handed in to MDDC by 4pm on 4th April.

Parish Council elections will be held on 4th May 2023 – Don't forget you now need photo ID to vote!

## King's Coronation Events

Sue Scantlebury is heading up the committee to organise events over the weekend of the King's coronation on behalf of the council. The council has agreed to fund the celebrations. The events include a traditional Street Party with afternoon tea in Culmbridge Road on Saturday 6 May, closing the road to traffic for the afternoon. Sunday 7 May there will be an open-air Church Service of Thanksgiving at Longmead, followed by The Big Coronation Lunch, with live entertainment, bar and food stalls. And, finally, at Longmead, The Big Help Out on Monday 8 May is a community fun day with local organisations and individuals showcasing their expertise. This is in conjunction with 1st Hemyock Scouts who will lend a hand on the day. There is something for everyone over the course of these three days and hopefully the sun will shine.

## Planning

Applications received for:-

- 23/00112/HOUSE. Replacement of rear windows with bi-fold doors and oriel window. 5 Higher Mead, Hemyock
- 23/00128/FULL. Erection of a replacement dwelling with vehicular access following demolition of existing dwelling and 2 greenhouses. Blackwater Nursery, Blackwater Road, Culmstock.
- 23/00227/MFUL. Erection of extensions to create new dairy, handling facilities and cubicle housing 1042sqm. Dalwood Farm, Culmstock.

## Permission granted noted for:-

- 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.

- 22/02028/TPO. Application to cut back overhanging and broken limbs of 3 Oak trees and 5 Beech trees and lopping of small growth from 1 Sycamore and 1 Ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 93/00003/TPO. Conigar Knob, Hemyock.
- 22/02165/FULL. Erection of garage/carport and workshop. Whitehall, Hemyock.
- 22/02245/HOUSE. Erection of garden room and replacement porch; removal of conservatory; raising level of adjacent terrace; alterations to the North, South and West fenestrations; repairs and alterations to barn to include partial conversion to form ancillary accommodation and formation of swimming pool. Whitehall Manor, Whitehall, Hemyock.
- 22/02302/FULL. Extension to existing covered yard, enclosure over manure store and creation of an earth-banked dirty water store. Simonsburrow Farm, Hemyock.
- 22/02390/HOUSE. Installation of 6 solar panels to rear of property. 2 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock.

## Applications have been appealed for:-

- 22/00444/FULL. Conversion of redundant workshop building to dwelling. Studleys, Hemyock.
- 22/00687/HOUSE. Retention of building for use as additional living accommodation. Old Parsonage Cottage, High Street, Hemyock

## Finance

Income – included donations, interest, VAT reclaim and cemetery. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, asset maintenance, legal fees, room hire, bank charges, subscriptions and skatepark preliminary reports.

## Donations made to:-

Cricket Club £1,500 towards fencing/net.  
Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre £2,000  
Mid Devon Mobility £100  
King's Coronation events £2,000

## Defibrillator Training – Saturday 16th September 3-5pm

This year's annual defibrillator training, run by South Western Ambulance Service, will be held on Saturday 16th September 3-5pm, Healthy Living & Activities Centre. Everyone welcome, free to attend.

## Grants Resources Information News (GRIN)

The pc has subscribed to Grants Resources Information News (GRIN). GRIN specialises in helping organisations secure grant funding. They send out a monthly database of up-to-date information on over 1,500 grant schemes. The pc will post a link to the latest monthly database on its website under 'useful links'. If your organisation/club is looking for some grant funding – have a look at the database to see if you are eligible for any of the grants available.

## 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

## Lengthsman

The pc has employed its own lengthsman to look at some of the worst areas in the parish with regard to blocked drains, gulleys, etc. Clayhidon pc has employed him to mend potholes that will not be fixed by the county council. The pc will monitor how successful this Clayhidon initiative is.

## 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/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004

Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

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

## Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police  
Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired

Always call 999 in an emergency

## 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 5th April 2023 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).

## Times of Mobile Library

## Hemyock Village Hall every 2 weeks

**Thursdays 14.30 – 15.40** Feb 2, Mar 2 & 30, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 17, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 7.

**Saturdays 9.55 – 11.55** Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 5, Sept 2 & 30, Oct 28, Nov 25.



# St David's Church, Exeter

## Three Choir Concert

**Saturday 22nd April 2023, 7pm**  
St David's Church, Queens Terrace, Exeter EX4 4HR

**Tickets £10. Raffle. Interval Drinks.**

Tickets in advance at Exeter Tickets, Exeter Corn Exchange, 89 Fore Street, Exeter EX4 3HX 01392 665938

Also on sale after 9.30am Sunday Service at St David's from beginning of March, or on the door on the night.



Proceeds to Hospiscare and St David's Church, Exeter

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**Wyndham Singers**  
A well-known local choir with an excellent reputation and wide repertoire

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# WILD ABOUT DEVON



## COMMUNITY GRANTS OF UP TO £500 AVAILABLE!


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



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

**APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**  
[tinyurl.com/jc85faw7](https://tinyurl.com/jc85faw7)



## 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.

## Dear Residents

**I**t is all about budget this time of year and we are all affected by the increases. We are restricted to increase our council tax by 4.99%, including an extra 2% for Adult Services, to avoid going for a referendum.

Our Cabinet has proposed a 10.5 per cent increase in our budget to fund vital services for the most vulnerable children and adults, as well as more cash to tackle potholes. There will be increases of 18.4 per cent in spending on children's services and 8.8 per cent on adult services to keep up with a rocketing rise in demand. And since the target budget was set last month, we have allocated an extra £2 million to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's icy spells and torrential rainfall.

"We fully recognise the strain that household budgets are under with soaring inflation and big rises in the cost of living," said Councillor Hart. "But we must look after the young, the old and the vulnerable and they account for some 79 per cent of this budget."

"It has been a very difficult budget to deliver but we've asked how can we make council taxpayers' money work better for them and cut wastage in the system, and the savings strategies are tough but realistic."

The budget has been finalised by the full council on 16th Feb, we will all be getting our Council Tax bills in the next couple of weeks from MDDC.. Read for the full story on our website. Sorry I have given you a lot of figures, but County do deal with large amounts of money, and needs to be taken in context.

The Adult Social Services Budget is £336m per year and the Children and Young People Budget is £233m per year, these are all mandatory, we have to supply the service. County's revenue budget is £719m.

The underlying forecast position for Integrated Adult Social Care services at month 10 is an overspend of £7.8 million, a deterioration of £765,000 from the month 8 position. The forecast overspend continues to be driven by risk around delivery of planned savings which form part of this year's budget and a worsening position in Older People service budgets,

particularly within residential and nursing care and personal care. The reported position assumes that of the £18.2 million budgeted savings and additional income, £12.3 million will be achieved by year end, including £8 million one off additional income agreed with health partners. Additional in year savings of £4.3 million have been identified as part of the FSP.

Children and Young People's Futures is forecasting an overspend of £19.5 million and an overspend of £41.1 million on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The underlying forecast position for Children and Young People's Futures services at month 10 is an overspend of £23 million. The month 10 position assumes that of the £11.7 million of planned budget savings £3.8 million is deliverable (the £7.9 million of savings considered undeliverable contributes to the forecast overspend).

The rest of the overspend forecast continues to be driven by volume and cost pressures relating to placements for children in care and cost pressures within School Transport. Children's Social Care is now forecasting to overspend by £12.3 million by year end, an increase of £805,000 versus month 8.

Latest figures show that the recycling rate for the district has risen to 56.56%, compared to 52.02% during the same period in 2021/22.

The major contributor to the change has been food waste. More food waste has been stored correctly in food caddies instead of with non-recyclable waste meaning the amount of food waste collected has increased by 6.81%. On top of this, the amount of household non-recyclable waste has decreased by 14.46% meaning the total waste the Council collects has decreased.

Highways for maintenance of Devon roads had gradually fallen from around £35 million in 2012/13 to approximately £25 million in 2022/23. Coupled with inflationary change, in particular the rapid increase in inflation seen in 2022/23, this meant that the maintenance budget had halved in real terms compared to a decade ago. This also has the knock-on impact of forcing change in priorities with safety taking higher consideration and proactive works being stopped, leading to rapid deterioration of roads.

The Government has introduced new rules meaning you need to show photographic identification (photo ID) when voting in person at a polling station. This is a national change implemented as part of the Elections Act 2022. Voters will need an accepted form of photo ID for the local district and city council elections taking place on Thursday 4 May. The deadline for people to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is Tuesday 25 April 2023.

If I can be of any help please let me know, I do get a lot of concern/questions about road conditions, but I am continually told that it will be done when funding is available, nevertheless, keep reporting issues on the County Web Site

Regards,  
Ray

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Devon County Councillor  
Willand & Uffculme Division  
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## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

**H**ello. Spring is now with us, in spite of the snow! I shall start with our next leader report. This one is from our Group Scout Leader Josh Archer.

As Group Scout Leader (GSL) I manage 1st Hemyock Scout Group which includes the five sections that the group has and the adult volunteers that make scouting in Hemyock possible:

Squirrels 4-6 years

Beavers 6-8 years

Cubs 8-10.5 years

Scouts 10.5-14 years

Explorers 14-18 years

As GSL I am responsible for group support and development and ensuring the programmes and activities we offer young people are run in accordance with Scouting Policy, Organisation and Rules.

I have been involved in the scouting movement since I was 8 years old when I started as a cub at 1st Hemyock and in August 2022 took on the role of GSL after my previous role as Youth District Commissioner for Tiverton District Scouts. I have personally gained an awful lot from scouting over the years and feel it is crucial to ensure that we can continue to provide local scouting to young people in the Hemyock area.

At present 1st Hemyock provides scouting to 80 young people across the five sections supported by volunteers both in uniform and non uniformed roles, working directly with our young people and also in support roles with the group to allow us to deliver the programmes that we do.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our group in any capacity from Occasional helpers to Uniformed leaders and I am always open to having conversations with anyone who may be interested in supporting our group moving forward.

If you think that you might be able to support 1st Hemyock Scout Group in a formal role or otherwise please get in touch.

Josh Archer GSL 1st Hemyock.

Thank you Josh for that resume. I know that you are very busy with work and scouting I know that you wrote the above after finishing a night shift and getting your well earned rest.

Following on from the leader situation that Josh outlined above, I have read the minutes of the last Executive meeting and it stated that we have a waiting list of 87. Yes you did read correctly eighty seven. So you can see that we have a desperate need for more leaders and helpers. We are fortunate that people do come forward to help us and they find that scouting is FUN for leaders as well as our young members. Please, if you can, help us to reduce that waiting list. Our contact details on the back of this Parish Pump.

However we are doing well! Briefly across the sections. Squirrels have now achieved six Chief Scout Acorn Awards. Lots of hard work. Well done to them all. Alas Beavers and Cubs had to cancel their planned Winter camp due to inclement weather. It when we had the unexpected snow. We have lost Julie as Akela to become Tiverton District Commissioner but are pleased to welcome Jenny

and Chris to the cub/scout sections. Beavers and cubs met up for a joint meeting to celebrate Chinese new year. Scouts have 29 members now. Have done conservation work, had a police visit thanks to GSL Josh and indoor archery thanks to Haydn of the Explorers. The Explorers are developing a new web site and are using whatsapp. They are also completing their safety and safeguarding training. Note from Rikki- this training is very important and ensures that all leaders are competent to look after our young people. Rikki has also just completed this training.

So you can see we remain an active group and do lots of activities for our members. Fun for all!

Our next main gathering in the village will be St Georges Day Parade and Service on Sunday 23rd April. We will parade from the Parish Hall at 10.45 to St Marys for the Service. Hope to see you there.

We have recently received an email from Chief Scout Bear Grylls reminding us that 22nd February celebrated Founders Day. This day honours Lord Baden Powell, our Founder and First Chief Scout and his wife Olave who was the First Chief Girl Guide. A day that is remembered throughout the World.

And finally, a message from Julie, Akela who has moved on. After almost 24 years with Hemyock Cubs, I have made the decision to take on the role of District Commissioner for Tiverton, following nominations by other leaders from the District. This decision was taken after much soul searching, as Hemyock cubs has been a huge part of my life for so long. I have seen cubs grow in confidence as well as size and go on to great things in life. It has been a pleasure to be part of such a great group and I am looking forward to working with you in my new role.

Thank you District Commissioner. A wonderful "finally" for our report and just emphasises what scouting means to both our young people and leaders. Its FUN.

Enjoy Spring and chat again before the Summer.

Old Rikki

## Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Our Next Event is on **Saturday 27th May** at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1.00pm.

Please do 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.

Our Repair Cafe Events for the whole of the remainder of 2023 are as follows, all on Saturday's at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW from 10am until 1.00pm:

**May 27th, July 22nd, September 23rd, November 25th.**

We are now able to take on extra, lager and more extended repairs due to us now also having a workshop facility.

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For more information please contact :

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



## Poets Corner

### BIRTH OF SPRING

With lengthening strides,  
Slow Lenten days,  
Burst out at last,  
In Easter blossoming...  
Christ beating death,  
To offer Hope,  
Of new life's,  
Flowering.



April 2023 Events at The Beehive, Dowell St, Honiton EX14 1LZ  
[www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk) Box office: 01404 384050

**Sat 1 April - Moscow Drugs Club - 8pm** A curious musical place where elements of Berlin Cabaret, Latin Tinge, French musette and storytelling meet....

**Thursday 6 April - Flute Theatre Company: Pericles 5pm (special performance for people with autism and displaced by war) 5pm & 8pm** Shakespeare's lesser-known story of loss, storms and miraculous reunions, makes this beautiful romantic play a timely experience for all audiences in our modern world.

**Friday 7 April – The Fablemans (12A) - 7:30pm** Steven Spielberg's most personal film, loosely based on his childhood.

**Sat 8 April - Avatar: The Way of Water (12A) - 1pm & 6pm** Set more than a decade after the events of the first film, "Avatar: The Way of Water" begins to tell the story of the Sully family (Jake, Neytiri, and their kids), the trouble that follows them, the lengths they go to keep each other safe, the battles they fight to stay alive, and the tragedies they endure.

**Fri 14 April – What's Love Got To Do With It (12A) 2:15pm (Lunch available as an additional option) & 7:30pm** How do you find lasting love in today's world? For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs, to her eccentric mother Cath's (Emma Thompson) dismay.

**Sat 15 April – Royal Ballet: Cinderella (12A) - 4pm** The Royal Opera House Live Cinema Season. Royal Ballet Founder Choreographer Frederick Ashton's *Cinderella* celebrates its 75th anniversary this Season.

**Wed 19 April – The Beehive Acoustic Night – 7:30pm** Open Mic Night in the café at The Beehive Honiton. Hosted by Terry Stacey.

**Thur 20 April – National Theatre Live: Good (15)– 7pm** David Tennant (*Doctor Who*) makes a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most powerful, political plays.

**Fri 21 April – Flats & Sharp – 7:30pm** *Flats & Sharps* are a four-piece bluegrass outfit from Penzance, Cornwall. Delivering energetic, enthusiastic, and spirited Bluegrass to audiences all around the world, *Flats & Sharps* have been performing their unique take on this music for over ten years.

### LISTEN!

Water waves and wind in trees,  
Makes the Earth Song,  
Breath of life,  
Breathed to all life so long ago,  
The tune life hums and echo's  
Round God's good Earth,  
A tune so old and ever new,  
God sang His song slow and long  
So we can learn the words,  
And love them well.,  
But...we... are...so...slow to learn,  
And think we know!

David Palmer

**Sat 22 April – Women In Rock – 7:30pm** Since 2016, *Women In Rock* have been wowing audiences across Europe with their high energy performances of classic female rock. Performing to audiences of up to 120,000 and backed by a band of world class musicians, these women are ready to take you on a spectacular journey through five decades of female rock, leaving you cheering for more.

**Thur 27 April – Nostalgic Cinema: Pillow Talk (PG)** Playboy songwriter Brad Allen's (*Rock Hudson*) succession of romances annoys his neighbour, interior designer Jan Morrow (*Doris Day*), who shares a telephone party line with him and hears all his breezy routines.

**Thur 27 April – The Royal Opera House: The Marriage of Figaro (12A) – 6:45pm** The Royal Opera House Live Cinema Season. Servants Figaro and Susanna are filled with excitement on their wedding day, but there's a hitch: their employer, the Count Almaviva, has dishonourable intentions of his own towards the bride-to-be.

**Fri 28 April – Exhibition on Screen: Vermeer The Blockbuster Exhibition, 90 – 7pm** This new Exhibition on Screen film invites audiences to a private view of the exhibition, accompanied by the director of the Rijksmuseum and the curator of the show. A truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

**Sat 29 April – Puss in Boots: Last Wish (PG) – 3:30pm & 6:30pm** Daring outlaw Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for peril and disregard for safety have taken their toll. Puss has burned through eight of his nine lives, though he lost count along the way. Getting those lives back will send Puss in Boots on his grandest quest yet.



# St Andrew's Clayhidon



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### St. Andrew's Church News

We send our very best wishes to everyone in our long parish for a happy and healthy New Year of 2023. We hope you have had a memorable Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus when shepherds and magi came to Bethlehem to find the baby and worship Him.

Now as the snowdrops are fading, we are filled with the even more beautiful churchyard of developing daffodils. We do not know how or when the first daffodils were planted but they are such a wonderful display to gaze at and give us thought of God's wonderful world which we inherit.

On 22 February, it was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent when we joined with the churches from Hemyock and Culmstock for Communion at St Mary's. We are continuing on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent to hold a meeting in Hemyock Church Room based upon the previous Sunday's reading.

On 25 March we will be welcoming Bishop Bob Evens to celebrate a benefice quiet day for the Annunciation. He has visited us in the past when he was Bishop of Crediton.

As we move on through Lent, **2 April** will be **Palm Sunday**. This will be another occasion for a Holy Communion service for all our churches and it will be held at St Mary's. During Holy Week services in the evening will take place in the different churches leading to **6 April Passover Supper 6.30** at St Mary's Church Room with vigil afterwards.

**7 April, Good Friday**, the meditation will be for everyone at Culmstock Church.

Every year we gather together in church perhaps for one, two or three hours between 12.00 and 3.00 to reflect upon the time that Christ was hanging on the Cross for our sake. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2pm.

**9 April – EASTER SUNDAY.** There will be Family Communion in all the churches and at St Andrew's at 10.00.

On **30 April**, we look forward to welcoming everyone to St Andrew's at **10.30** for Vocations Sunday.

In May more festivities take place, this time for the coronation.

**7 May at 2.30**, we celebrate at St Andrew's together with Rosemary Lane Chapel.

**14 May** there will be a Rogationtide walk followed by the APCM at **11.00**

**18 May, 7.30pm** Holy Communion at Culmstock Church for all the benefice.

We send our deepest sympathy to Alison Weekes and family for the news that dear Gareth has died.

This is another busy time for all our churches but an opportunity for us to take extra time to dwell on our love for God and His Love and care for us.

*P.Reynolds. PCC*

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Nicola Bendle

## Clayhidon Parish Council

### Clayhidon Parish Council Update, April 2023

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

#### Election 2023

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

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.

You will need to be quick as nomination forms have to be handed in to MDDC by 4pm on 4th April.

**Parish Council elections will be held on 4th May 2023 – Don't forget you now need photo ID to vote!**

#### Planning

Planning application considered for:-

- ◆ 23/00399/HOUSE. Erection of a side extension to form conservatory and link to bedroom and conversion of garage to bedroom. The Cottage, Clayhidon.

#### Permission granted noted for:

- ◆ 22/00987/LBC. Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of the existing dwelling, including conversion of attached barn, and provision of extensions and bat roost within the adjacent barn (amendments to works approved under 21/00592/LBC). Troakes Farm, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 22/02270/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and siting of timber chalet for annex/ ancillary accommodation. Sunset, Rosemary Lane.

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- ◆ 22/02379/HOUSE. Erection of a garden room following removal of existing conservatory. Ravens, Rosemary Lane.

#### Finance

Income- interest and rent. Expenditure – room hire, lengthsman, bank charges, rent, website and King's coronation event.

#### The following grants were awarded:-

King's coronation event - £750

## CLAYHIDON



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**4pm, children's tea party and crown-making**

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### Coronation Party, Saturday 6th May

As the pomp and ceremony of Coronation Day on May 6th comes to an end in London, the fun will be starting in Clayhidon. Plans are taking shape for an open-air party, which organisers hope will draw the community together after the long pandemic. The parish council, the village hall committee, and a group of volunteers, are putting together an event that they're hoping everyone will enjoy.

Casey Blackmore is planning a children's tea party and craft activities, including crown-making, starting at 4pm. Russell and Caroline Bendle are lending their field near the village hall for the event, Richard Drew is providing a marquee. There will be a licensed bar, run by the hall, food, and dancing to the excellent Trevor James band, plus a raffle in aid of the Children's Hospice. A special welcome is being extended to newcomers to the parish, for whom Covid made this a difficult time to get to know people. There is no better way to become part of village life than helping at an event like this – so if you would like to lend a hand on the night or in setting up beforehand please contact Nicola Bendle (see poster for email and number).

### 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.

### 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 17th April 2023 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

#### February 2023

#### Rose Cottage

Following consultation with Mid Devon Planning Department, the original planning application has been revised to include demolishing Rose Cottage and building a row of three terraced houses. No planning decision has been made on this application.

If and when planning consent is granted, the charity will then decide 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.

### The land

The charity has agreed a new 5-year lease with Rob Burrige to graze the land. The land has been entered into a countryside stewardship Mid-Tier scheme with the Rural Payments Agency. This scheme provides a range of options and capital items that together help to deliver a broad range of environmental benefits. The main priorities are to protect and enhance the natural environment, in particular the diversity of wildlife and water quality. There is wood available to parishioners, following some hedge laying works. Please contact Jamie Blackmore (07966 023903) or Richard Drew (07786 016833) for more information.

### Hartsmoor Lakes

The charity has chosen a new team (Rory McMakin and Paul Webber) to manage the lakes on behalf of the charity. The finer details of the lease agreement are being agreed. In the short term, a lot of investment is necessary to bring the lakes into good order but, over time, the lakes will provide an income for the charity to use for the benefit of the parish.

Visit the Facebook page 'Hartsmoor Fishery Devon' to see what progress has been made so far.

### General

The charity has approximately £3,400 in its bank account.

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

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### News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

*Several days ago, I was due to be meeting with members of the 'Open The Book' team to rehearse our next assembly for Hemyock School. We pulled into the chapel car park and, to our surprise, found it to be full up. It was a Friday morning... Toddlers!*

It was a delightful problem to be confronted with. The group has, like many of the activities at Rosemary Lane Chapel, continued to grow in recent months. The chapel volunteers, alongside this supportive and welcoming community of families that meet regularly in the chapel, have continued to remain invitational; seeking to provide a safe, fun, encouraging and nurturing space for families to gather. This to me is a picture of the church... a community of people doing life together and inviting others in, specifically that they too might come to know and grow in the love of God as we follow Jesus. In March, we were greatly blessed by a visit from Stefan and Mira Zarevi (SGA - Bulgaria) who summarised their work, and ours, like this, 'It's all about relationship.'

The beating heart of church life is a relationship with God, a relationship He makes possible and invites us into through His Son, Jesus. And, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, a relationship with one another. This unity, this community is forged at the cross where Christ died. Is it any wonder that Easter is such an important time for the church? Hearts and minds set upon Jesus, His life, His death and, crucially, His resurrection. The same is true this year as we look forward to our annual Easter services to which we would extend a warm invitation to all (details attached). But, for now, let us return to the resurrection. Last year a good friend of mine and member of the leadership team at Rosemary Lane Chapel, Pete Aird, wrote an article that I found most helpful: The Resurrection – Is it just Rhubarb?

Christians believe that Jesus died on Good Friday, paying the penalty for all they have ever done. They also believe he rose again on Easter Sunday. Of course, many people consider it foolish to believe that anyone could come back from the dead – but is the idea really so ridiculous?

One night, unable to sleep, I came across this verse:

*'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.' – John 12:24*

It strikes me how our everyday experience reflects the truth that death is not the end – so much so that the miracle of the resurrection need not be quite so difficult to believe, even for supposedly enlightened 21st century minds, who seem so certain that such things as people rising from the dead just can not happen. If they would just open their eyes they would see such impossible things happening all around them.

In my garden I have a rhubarb plant which never fails to amaze me. Towards the end of the year it disappears and, as it withdraws into the ground leaving absolutely nothing of itself to see above the surface, it looks as though it is as dead as the proverbial door nail. And yet, come the spring, new life emerges, as if from



the grave. Huge leaves rapidly grow on the end of the chunky rhubarb stalks that, in time, will go on to delight me by becoming the principle ingredient of delicious crumbles and flavoursome fruit fools.

As Jesus was saying in the verse that I read earlier, my rhubarb plant is a picture that hints at the resurrection.

Likewise, as I write this, it is still dark outside. Yesterday evening the sun went down, but, in an hour or two, it will come up once more. This is another echo of the truth that death is not the end.

God in his wisdom has kindly placed in creation pictures of the deep truths of the gospel to help us see and understand.

The truth of the resurrection, in one sense therefore, is not something unfathomable, something that rational minds must struggle to believe. We see echoes of the resurrection all around us. It is as certain as day follows night.

And just as day follows night so does joy follow sadness. 'Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.' [Psalm 30:5b] For some the night is already long and the day still seems far off but, when the last trumpet sounds, the dead will be raised



imperishable, and we shall be changed. [1 Corinthians 15:52]

And our joy in Christ will be complete.

If you would like to find out more about us and our shared joy in Jesus, then please do get in touch or come along to Rosemary Lane Chapel on Sunday at 11am.

Praying you have a happy and, as far as is possible, a very restful Easter.

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In his book 'A Light that is Shining – An introduction to the Quakers' Harvey Gillman writes about the foundation of the Religious Society of Friends:

'I should put it this way: there is a creative, loving power in all people and in the world around. Many call it God, though it is beyond all names. Everyone can become aware of it directly by listening to its prompting in their hearts and in the hearts of others. Quakers feel more able to become aware of this power in the silence of their meetings for worship. In the quiet, they maintain the still, small voice can speak to them and direct their lives. The experience of quiet waiting upon God gives them strength to go back into the bustle of the world, the better to serve their fellows. It is not in the institution of the church, nor in the hallowed pages of a book, that God is most keenly to be found, but in the human heart.'

**Devon CPRE releases new map showing alarming solar farm spread**

As applications for massive new solar farms on prime agricultural land continue to come thick and fast, the Devon branch of the countryside charity CPRE has released a map showing the alarming spread of industrial-sized solar developments across the county.

The map shows the number, scale and spread of 65 permitted and pending solar farms of 20+ acres in Devon, and the only major application to be refused last December at Marsh Green in East Devon. The nine largest solar farms covering 100+ acres are all within the local authority areas of Torridge, North Devon, Mid Devon and East Devon.

Barely a week goes by without one local authority or another in the county considering a solar farm proposal. Next week (Tuesday 28 March) plans for one covering 145 acres of farmland at Whimple in East Devon are being recommended for approval, despite many concerns from the local community. Devon CPRE's objections are among the dozens so far received against Aura Power's proposals for land east of Rutton Farm, Rull Land. Among numerous objections submitted to East Devon District Council, Devon CPRE states that 94.6% of the proposed site is graded 3a or 3b land, thereby including Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land, which should be protected for food production.

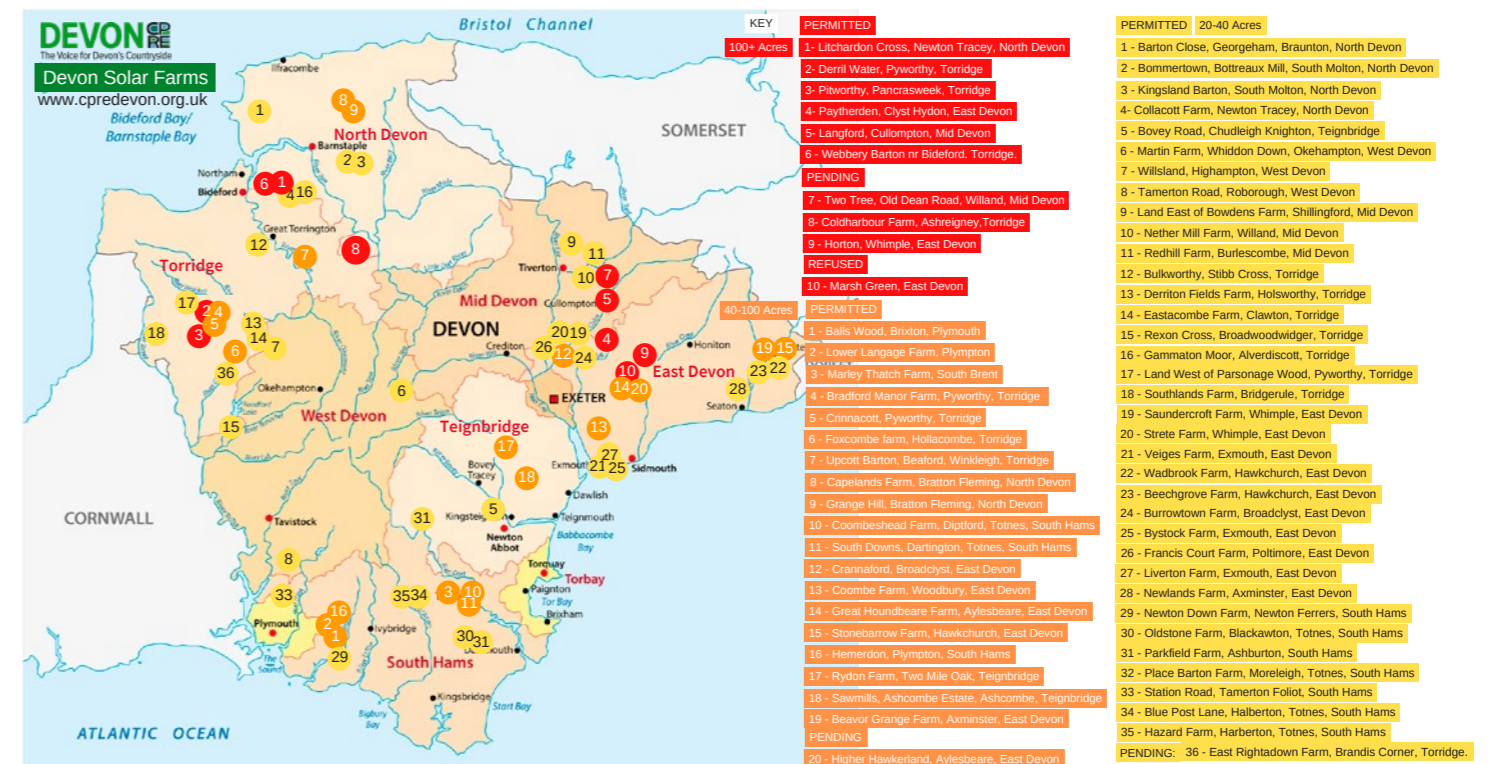
Meanwhile, construction of the massive Litchardon Cross solar farm is underway in North Devon, and Torridge has recently received an application for a solar farm and related battery storage on fields at Brandis Corner, near Holsworthy. The developer wants to install 11,600 solar panels, eleven industrial containers with batteries, three sub-stations

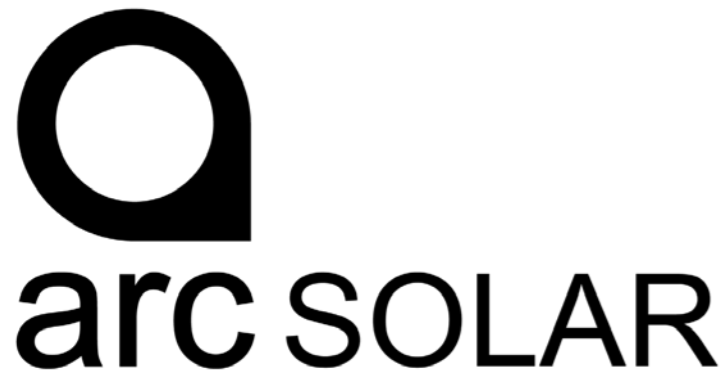
and other infrastructure. Devon CPRE has objected to the Torridge proposal because of its size and location in the open countryside. The charity believes this would adversely impact the environment for the proposed 40-year lifetime of the solar farm and unjustifiably industrialise a greenfield site when there's a growing need for our agricultural land to be put to better use producing food.

**Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills says, "Solar power has a part to play in providing so-called renewable energy but, in a wet climate like Devon's, covering thousands of acres of productive pasture with glass is not the 'green' solution it's claimed to be - especially when there are plenty of redundant brownfield sites and rooftops where the panels could be put."**

**Devon CPRE trustee and energy spokesperson Dr Phillip Bratby adds, "At a time of rapidly rising food prices, we believe that Devon's farmland should not be covered in solar panels to produce small quantities of expensive electricity at times of the day when it is least needed, but should instead be used to produce high-quality food for local consumers."**

The publication of Devon CPRE's solar farm map comes as the national charity CPRE launches its own campaign for solar to be located on rooftops, something the Devon branch has long campaigned for. Regrettably, these arguments often fall on deaf ears because solar farm developers have deeper pockets than our charity to promote their agenda and interests and claim that covering our fields in glass panels and batteries will solve the energy crisis. It won't.





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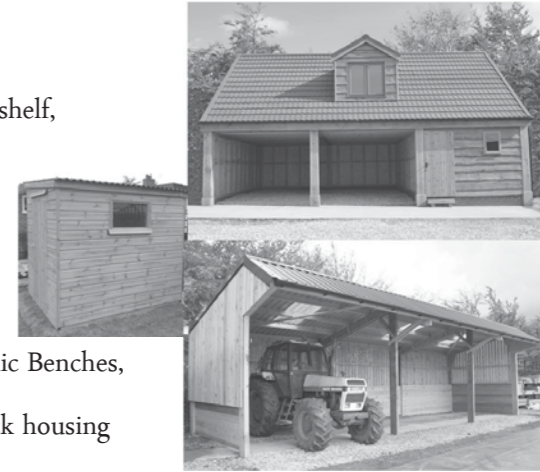
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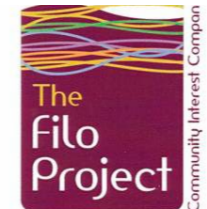
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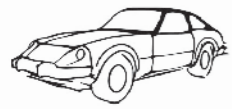
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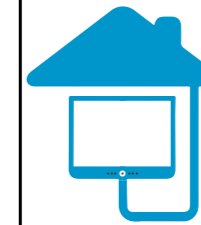


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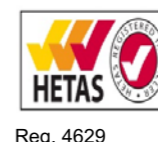


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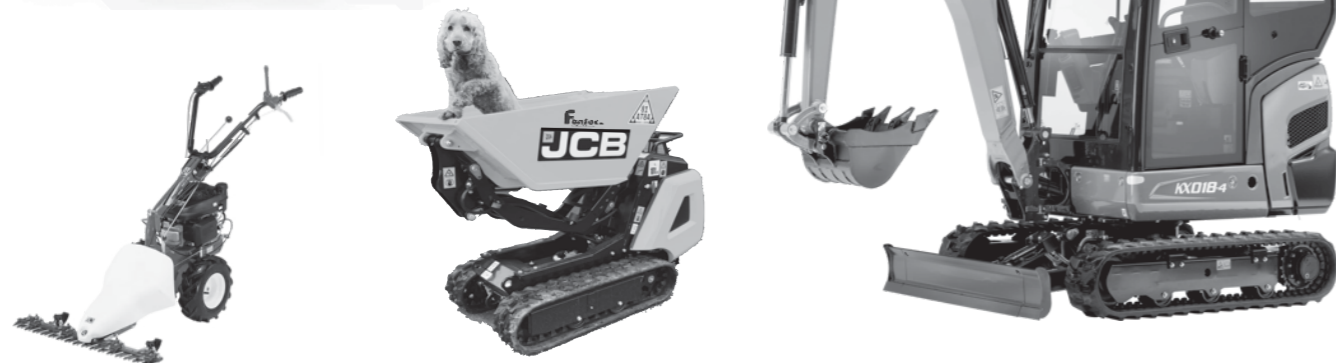
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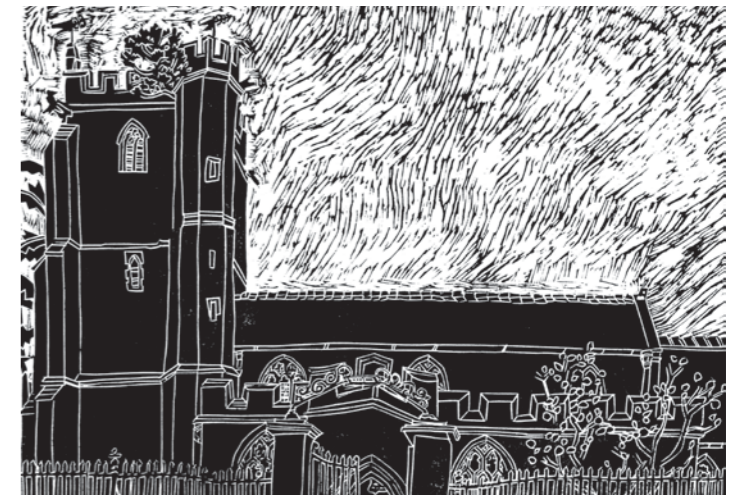
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