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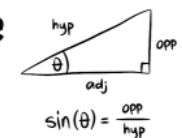


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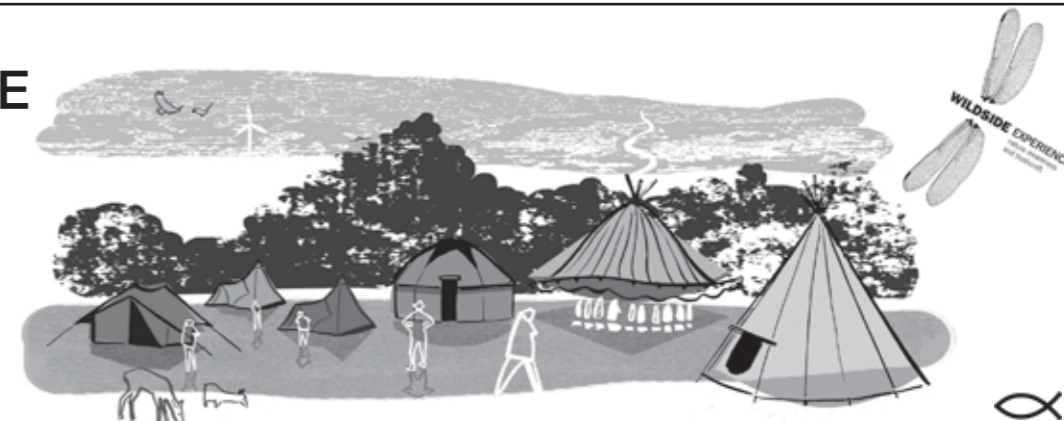
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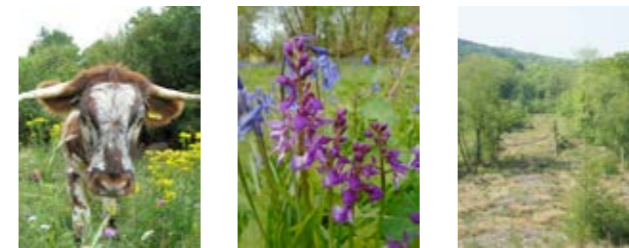
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Friday 6th October	St Andrew's Clayhidon 6.30pm Parish Harvest service <i>Followed by Parish Supper in the Village Hall at 7.45pm</i>			
Sunday 8th October 18 th after Trinity		10.00am Harvest Family Service	11.00am Harvest Family Service <i>Followed by Parish Lunch</i> 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 15th October St Luke's tide (18 Oct)	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion service	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd October 20 th after Trinity		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship 5.00pm – 6.00pm Prayer Vigil for Ukraine	11.00am Communion service & Gift Day
Sunday 29th October All Saint's tide	All Saints Culmstock - 10.30am Benefice Eucharist and All Saints Patronal Festival St Mary's Hemyock - 4.00pm Annual service of Remembering			

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Sunday 5th November 22 nd after Trinity	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Saturday 11th November Armistice Day			10.50am Act of Remembrance	10.50am Act of Remembrance
Sunday 12th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday		10.15am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	10.15am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 6.30pm Benefice Communion service	10.15am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
Sunday 19th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	3.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 26th November Christ the King	St Andrew's Clayhidon - 10.30am Patronal Festival of St Andrew's Benefice Communion			

In addition: A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. On the 4th Tuesday (**24th October & 28th November**) it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer. All services are contemporary in style, unless designated 'Traditional'. Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services.

Parish Pump | No. 299 October – November 2023



We are just coming to the end of the Creation Season in the Church calendar. It is the season of the year which runs from 1 September, which is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to 4 October, which is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. It is the time of year when we particularly pray about and give thanks for the beauty and productivity of God's creation. That is something which is particularly easy in the midst of the beautiful scenery of these valleys which we are so privileged to be able to live in. It is also the time of year when we renew our commitment to caring for the planet and thinking about what action we can take so that we can hand it on in good order to the generations yet to come. So it is entirely appropriate that our Harvest services fall either within or just after the Creation Season. What is also highly appropriate, at least to my mind, is that the theme chosen for the Creation Season this year was 'Let Justice and Peace Flow.' The thinking behind this was apparently based on a quotation from the prophet Isaiah, "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43: 19). As the climate continues to change, the urgency grows for everyone from governments to individuals to make changes in order to live more sustainable lifestyles. All we hear on the news is how bad it is and what we ought to be worrying about and how much worse it might get. But if we join together with others to form a river of Justice and Peace in the desert of doom and gloom, then hope is created instead of despair.

"Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."
(Isaiah 43: 19)

That might sound like little more than an interesting theory, but actually it is good practical theology. One of the things which is causing most disruption to the sharing of God's bounty, which we pray and sing about at Harvest time, is the war in Ukraine. Because of the blockade of Ukraine's sea ports and the intentional destruction of grain storage depots, supplies of grain to the rest of the world have fallen dramatically. That is something which is being felt disproportionately by the poorest people and the poorest countries in the world. What we need is for that war to be brought to an end. I don't believe that it is just coincidence, that five weeks after the end of the Creation Season, we shall find ourselves celebrating Remembrance Sunday.

I hope that this year, as well as remembering all those from this country who have given their lives, not just in two World Wars, but in all the armed conflicts since, we shall be able to remember all the thousands of Ukrainians and Russians who have been killed in an invasion which can ultimately never succeed. When we come together to worship on Remembrance Sunday one of the first things the presiding minister says is, "We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace." More than ever this year that must be what we are praying for as we join that river of Justice and Peace. Of course we shall continue to remember the members of our armed forces who gave their lives in attempting to overcome injustice and the subjugation of peoples and nations by the use of violence. But the main thrust of our observance must surely be to commit ourselves to do what we can to ensure that God's peace and God's justice will ultimately prevail throughout the world.

Faced with something as catastrophic as the war in Ukraine that might seem like a Herculean task, but we are already playing our small part by supporting cr2ee and our government is helping with probably more in the way of military aid than we know about. And wherever people come together in prayer God is there. It is God's creation and wherever he is at work there is always hope.

Rev. John Stone

St Mary's Hemyock

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Gift Day on Sunday, 22 October

St Mary's Church is at the centre of our village and community, it belongs to everyone and is here for us all in good times and not such good times. It is important to look after our Church but our basic running costs are considerable.

Our gift day is an opportunity to come into the Church, have a look around, enjoy some tea and yummy cake and, if possible, make a financial donation.

Further details will be available nearer the time via posters around the village and on the Church noticeboard, but our programme will include:

- 11am Service of thanksgiving for our Church and its place in our Community
- 1pm to 4pm Pop in, there will be points of interest and things going on during the afternoon for everyone, and a chance for a chat and cake.

Please put the date in your diaries and we look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's



**ST MARY'S
CHURCH and
CULM DAVY
CHAPEL**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER
2.00- 4.30PM**

AT
ST MARY'S CHURCH
Many stalls

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

ST MARY'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
10.15AM
Parade from Parish Hall at 9.55am

ARMISTICE DAY

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
10.50 AM
SHORT ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR
MEMORIAL

EVERYONE WELCOME

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

House to House collection

Thursday 26th October
to
Saturday 11th November

If you are over 16 yrs and would like
to help collect in Hemyock, Culmstock
or Clayhidon please contact

David Bawler
07773579809
bawler1952@hotmail.com

Parish Pump Donations

We hope you enjoy reading the Parish Pump and find the information and advertisements useful in keeping in touch with everything going on in the upper Culm Valley and surrounding area. Much of the work needed to produce and distribute the Parish Pump is undertaken by volunteers, to whom we are very grateful and without whose help we could not continue to produce the Pump.

However, with over 1250 copies being printed each time, there is also a sizeable and increasing financial commitment. Donations from our readers are essential part in being able to fund and continue with the Parish Pump – this is in addition to the other funds received from advertising and village group donations.

As in previous year, we enclose an envelope and would be grateful to receive a donation towards the printing costs. The 6 copies per annum cost approx £6 per household so any donation towards this cost will be gratefully received. Please return your envelopes to your distributor or, if this is difficult, you can hand into the Hemyock Post Office.

Thank
You!

Christmas Appeal from Cr2ee

Could you help contribute towards the 5,000 Christmas shoeboxes Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) are hoping to collect for distribution in Ukraine and Moldova?

The charity, who many people in the area support, are hoping to receive 1,000 boxes by the end of OCTOBER to be included in a truck taking aid to Ukraine with a further 4,000 to be taken to Moldova at the end of NOVEMBER.

If you have contributed to this annual appeal before you will know that ALL GIFTS MUST BE NEW and can be for any age from the youngest to the eldest, Boxes should be wrapped in festive paper with lid secured with an elastic band or similar and labelled to say who for – eg. girl aged 5/6yrs : elderly man

Cr2ee appreciate we are all facing difficult times just as we know of the terrible time Ukrainians face daily and where life in Moldova is more severe than in the past but hope that between all its supporters the 5,000 boxes will be achieved.

Most shoe shops will supply an empty box but it can be any size and can be left at 4 South View, Hemyock asap or collection may be possible. Please contact us if you would like further information.

Thank you for your wonderful ongoing support

David & Janice Bawler
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk 01823 680352
07773579809

Mid Devon Singers news – October 2023

After an extended summer break, more than 20 members of the Mid Devon Singers were delighted to return to rehearsals on 8th September under our new Music Director, Lydia Fitton.



New members are always very welcome - there are no auditions to join our friendly and sociable community choir & there's no charge for trying us out for a couple of weeks - membership subs are then a very reasonable £12.50 per month.

If you would like to find out more, contact our Membership Secretary, Lisa Pinney, either by email at membership@mids.org.uk or on 07446 877714.

Finally - keep an eye out on our social media feeds for general news, as well as information about our appearance at the Coldharbour Mill Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November:

Facebook themiddevonsingers
Twitter/"X" @MidDevonSingers
Instagram @middevonsingers

After a thorough vocal warm up, we worked on three varied pieces of music: California Dreamin' (by The Mamas & The Papas), You Will be Found (from "Dear Evan Hansen") and A Sunday Kind of Love (composed by Barbara Belle but sung by various artists). Over the coming weeks we'll be adding music such as: a Greatest Showman Medley, Will You Love Me Tomorrow, Bridge Over Troubled Water, I Feel the Earth Move and Moon River.

We will rehearse every Friday evening during the Autumn term at Halberton Village Hall, starting promptly at 7.15pm. The only exceptions to this are Friday 29th September (when we will be at Sampford Peverell Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm) and a break for half term on Friday, 27th October. As well as rehearsals, we try to keep a social diary going – for instance, during the summer we had a delightful cruise up the River Exe with Stuart Line Cruises of Exmouth, and enjoyed our annual Summer BBQ.

Saturday 7th October 2023 at 12:30 pm
Hemyock Baptist Church
HARVEST LUNCH



Bring a friend and enjoy our Harvest Celebration Lunch. Please book in with Anne on 680057 - we look forward to seeing you! No fee (donations welcome).

St Mary's Church, Hemyock, with Culm Davy Chapel

Job Vacancy – Treasurer

Terms:

- 120 hours per annum, based on 8-10 hours per month. Flexibility is essential as some periods are busier than others, but equally regular input is vital. Start date January 2024.
- Rate of pay and terms of employment upon application.
- Home based working with own equipment

Essential skills:

- Previous experience as a book-keeper is essential, to include keeping computerised spreadsheets, bank reconciliation, payments out, monitoring cash flow budgets, creating basic end of year reports and gift-aid claims.
- Good communication skills, including interpretation of financial data and regular reporting to the Rector and Churchwardens
- Maintaining confidentiality in all areas of work for this Charity

Further information, job description and application form available from the Parish Administrator, initial contact by email please ucvmission@gmail.com

Closing date for completed applications: Friday 20th October 2023
Interviews to be held week beginning 20th November 2023

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club

Our Club has been busy over the summer months. As well as the 'friendly' games, a social get together with other Clubs in the area, we have played in the Bradford on Tone and Broadclyst Summer Leagues, with varying success I might add, but still very enjoyable.

Our highlight has been the Charity Bowls Tournament, held on the 9th September in the Parish Hall. Twelve teams of four people were invited from other Clubs to take part and on one of the hottest days of the year played four games each. With plenty of water on hand, at the end of the day and scores added up the overall winners were Rockwell Green. A tie for the runners up position was between Witleigh and a team from near Weston Super Mare. I am pleased to report an amazing £500.00 was raised through sales of food and drink, with proceeds of a raffle also contributing and sent to our local chosen charity for this year, Macmillan Cancer Support. This will specifically help patients attending the Beacon Centre, Taunton. A big 'thank you' to all concerned with helping organise this event.

As we slip into autumn, the East Devon league will be starting, which this year consists of seven teams in our division, including Awliscombe, Seaton, Colyton, Combe St Nicholas and Ottery St Mary. Please come and join us on a Monday morning at 10.00 a.m until 12.00, if you would like some gentle exercise, a social gathering and a coffee as well. If you have never played before, don't worry, we can let you 'have a go' with our spare bowls. The only stipulation is flat bottom indoor shoes so the mats are not damaged in any way.

D. Perrott (680850)

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Many thanks to our volunteer distributors who ensure that a copy of the Parish Pump reaches all the households in the area.

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You can also pick up a copy of the Pump from the Post Office, Spar and Sy Mary's Church.

If you know of someone in the parish who doesn't receive a copy of the Parish Pump, or if you have any other queries about distribution, please contact Sharon Hunt on 680302 or Sharon@huntfamily.me

Many thanks to Sarah Taylor and Tim and Jane Courtenay who have hung up their pump distribution bags. We are grateful for your help with delivering the pumps.

JIGSAWS

Need a jigsaw to help pass the autumn /winter evenings? Contact David - he has about 30 all complete and from a smoke/pet free home. 07773579809

NEWS FROM HEMYOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Songwriter Oscar Hammerstein collaborated with Richard Rodgers to produce some of the best musicals ever written. He recalls once seeing a picture of the Statue of Liberty taken from a helicopter and was amazed at the intricacy of the statue's hairstyle, obviously the result of some painstaking work on the part of the sculptor, who chose to omit no detail. Hammerstein reflected that the sculptor would never have imagined that one day people would be able to use a machine that would allow them to study the statue from above. Yet he had given as much care to what he may have considered to be the 'invisible' part of his work as he did to the more obvious features. Hammerstein concluded: "When you are creating a work of art or any other kind of work, finish the job perfectly. You never know when a helicopter, or some other instrument not at the moment invented, may come along and find you out." We may never create a piece of work that becomes as famous as the Statue of Liberty, but Hammerstein's observation applies equally to life's small tasks. Attention to detail and faithfulness in what is unseen remain important components in a job well done. "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). **Pastor Steve**

Pastor Steve Williams
0737 900 9325
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Church Secretary
Maureen 680111

Prayer Requests
Chenda 662318

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2023

- **Sunday 1st** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 8th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 15th** 10:30 am Communion, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 22nd** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 29th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2023

- **Sunday 5th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 12th** Remembrance Day - join with St Marys Church
- **Sunday 19th** 10:30 am Communion, Young Church & coffee
- **FRIDAY 24th** 4:00 pm MESSY CHURCH - Get ready for Christmas
- **Sunday 26th** 10.00 am KING'S BREAKFAST Family Fun Service

<p>MONDAY'S TODDLER TIME</p>  <p>MONDAYS - TERM TIME 9.00 - 11.30 am Open to all under 5's, no need to book, toys, activities & refreshments. CLOSED OCTOBER HALF TERM</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY'S CHAPEL CAFE</p>  <p>WEDNESDAYS 9.15 - 11.30 am Tea, coffee & chat. Other refreshments available for a donation</p>	<p>THURSDAY'S 30 MINUTES WITH GOD</p>  <p>EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 - 10.30 am A silent time for prayer, rest & reflection, please pop in, a prayer team member will be available.</p>	<p>HOUSE GROUPS</p>  <p>7.30 pm TUESDAYS with Anne (680057) or THURSDAYS with Vivien (680952) Informal, friendly, open to all, look forward to seeing you!</p>
<p>FILM NIGHT SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER</p>  <p>7.00 pm An inspiring family friendly film showing from 7pm, open to all. No need to book. Come along early for a coffee and a warm welcome.</p>	<p>MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER</p>  <p>4.00 - 6.00 pm A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children & their adults. Booking not essential but helpful!</p>	<p>KING'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER</p>  <p>10.00 am Our fun family service complete with a Cuppa, Bacon Roll or Sausage Sandwich!</p>	<p>HARVEST LUNCH 12.30 pm SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER</p>  <p>Open to all, bring a friend. Book in with Anne 680057 (No fee donations welcome)</p>

Have your say on the future of the Blackdown Hills

Every five years, the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership creates a Management Plan to help guide the work and activities of all organisations, groups and individuals with a responsibility or interest in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

They are currently undertaking a review of the current management plan to identify the key issues and opportunities that need to be addressed, to provide the focus for partnership action over the next plan period 2025-2030 and beyond. To help prepare the new plan, the AONB Partnership would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete a survey.

Your views and knowledge of the area will help to identify what matters most to local people and inform what we can all do to help protect and enhance the special qualities of the area while meeting future challenges.

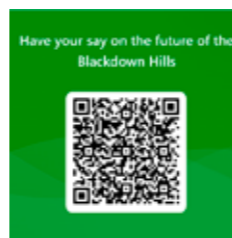
The online questionnaire can be found on the AONB website; blackdownhills.org.uk/managementplan, or via the QR code.

The survey will run until mid-December.

Any questions or for further information you can contact the AONB team at:

Blackdown Hills AONB
 Riverside
 Hemyock
 Cullompton
 Devon EX15 3SH

Telephone: 01823 680681
 Email: blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk



Hemyock Holiday Club 2023 Report

The Hemyock Holiday Club team would like to thank everyone who assisted in running a very successful 52nd Holiday Club and to all those who were upholding the team and attendees in prayer.

During the three days of Holiday Club:

- 67 different youngsters attended in total
- 62 was the average attendance each day
- 35 of the youngsters came for all three days
- 15 leaders and 12 young leaders were on hand, and
- 53 faces were painted!

The Bible Story of the week was Joseph, and various characters in costumes appeared to tell their part in the story each day. (Pastor Steve Williams, Pastor Jonathan Hillman, and Hannah Jenkins).

Every day there was fierce competition between the four teams, The Scarlet Snakes, The Blue Beetles, The Cranky Camels and The Crazy Crocs on their knowledge of the story - they were all competing for the Holiday Club Cup - now known as "MAT" (Maureen Aylwin Trophy), a tribute as Maureen marked her involvement in 50 of the 52 Clubs this year!

Other activities included quiz sheets, decorating coasters, small gift boxes and face masks, making bracelets, spinners and bookmarks. We were blessed with marvellous weather for games on the field. Now all we need to do is get ready for next year... See you then!

the LIGHTS BRIGADE

Calling all Hemyock residents...

LIGHTS BRIGADE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

This year's theme: **WOODLAND**

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS at The Garages, 10am-4pm
 Weekends of 11th/Sun 12th November and Sat 18th/Sun 19th November.
 Call Liz on 680315 to book spaces.

Followed by **THE LIGHTS PARADE** Sat 2nd December, 6pm from the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre to the Churchyard and the lighting of the Star.
 Food outlets will be available.

Check out www.lightsbrigade.org.uk or Hemyock Lights Brigade on Facebook or Instagram.

The Violet Chapman Trust

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COULD WE HELP YOU?



The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH.

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

Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing centre@bhlac.org.uk

Business to be conducted at the AGM will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman’s report and election of trustees. Please call 01823 680687 or email centre@bhlac.org.uk if you have any questions.

Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock

Squish

Scoop

Blackdown

Stay & Play

Hub

Sensory Sessions

Squelch

Spray

Spin

Shake

Squeeze

Splash

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

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS

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 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Monday	Pilates (3 classes)	9am, 10.15am & 11.30am	Louise Lyus (lou@connectedpilates.com)
	Yoga	6.15pm	Julia Baldock (07708 469745)
Tuesday	Yoga	9.30am	Sharon (sharon689smith@btinternet.com)
	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs (07791234319)
Wednesday	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30am & 10.45am	Sarah Grey (pilatessouthwest@gmail.com)
	Chiropractic – Sue Moore (07534 222031)	Massage – Rachel Ridler (07854 973276)	
Therapies	Osteopathy – Martha Price (07734 431624)	Massage – Ruth Bell (07892 896895)	
	Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – clinic@betonica.co.uk		

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

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

Fun-filled day
for older people

Two-course
lunch

Mondays & Thursdays
9.30am – 3pm
Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock
Ring 01823 680687 for further info.

Two-course
lunch

The Wyndham Singers
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It's time for **YOU** to come to our

TASTER DAY

Kentisbeare Village Hall - easy parking
Saturday 21 October 10 – 4 - lunch included

Time to contact David Ball on 07962 401408 or joinus@wyndhamsingers.org.uk

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- sing for a smile
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hemyock100club@gmail.com

SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN AT HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEMYOCK CHRISTMAS CLUB PRESENTS

HEMYOCK'S BIG VISIT

6TH & 7TH DECEMBER 2023

Come and see me!
I will be making my way around the village with my elves between 5-7pm



KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL THE UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON THE ROUTE. SEARCH 'HEMYOCK'S BIG VISIT'.

During this event we will be raising money for these two brilliant charities. Please give what you can to help these wonderful organisations support our community.



HEMYOCK'S BIG VISIT

5PM - 7PM

NIGHT 1 STOPS
WEDNESDAY 6th DEC

NIGHT 2 STOPS
THURSDAY 7th DEC



WE POLITELY ASK THAT THOSE ATTENDING THIS EVENT BY VEHICLE ARE MINDFUL OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY.

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



valley arts
Presents

Alice in Wonderland

By Tom Walley



Tickets available from Hemyock Post Office Adults £10
Children £5

Hemyock Parish Hall 7.30pm 7th-9th Feb
Pre show and Interval BAR AVAILABLE



Uffculme School PTFA

Christmas CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023
10.00am - 4.00pm

Over 130 fantastic local makers, crafters and artists selling handcrafted products.

Free Entry and Parking

- Tombola and raffle stalls
- Entertainment
- Refreshments and light lunches served all day

Everyone Welcome



ROUTE DETAILS AND APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Night 2 - 7th December

5PM - Griffin Close - STOP 1
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas and his elves will then travel to Logan Way and round Lower Greenfield spreading cheer

5.30PM - Logan Way/Parklands - STOP 2
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas will then continue back out onto Culmstock Road travelling past the Pump and onwards to Stop 3. If you see us passing, please do give us a wave!

6PM - Prowses - STOP 3
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children at the top of Prowses at the turning to Higher Mead

Father Christmas will then travel down the High Street towards Stop 4

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

On the night the elves will be giving out our (now famous) hot chocolate reindeer and a sweet treat!

Thank you for your support!



ROUTE DETAILS AND APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Night 1 - 6th December

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

Father Christmas and his elves will then proceed up Station Road

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

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

6PM - Hollingarh Way - STOP 3
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children at Blackdown View!


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

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

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

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





BLACKDOWN Support GROUP

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-

<p>HEMYOCK LUNCH CLUB 1st Wednesday of the month 12:30pm Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock</p>	<p>ROSEMARY LANE LUNCH CLUB 2nd Wednesday of the month 12:30pm Rosemary Lane Chapel, Rosemary Lane</p>
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WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

The Blackdown Support Group is here to help people of all ages in the Blackdown Hills who are finding life difficult.

We can provide:

- Advice & support
- Transport (for medical, social & wellbeing appointments)
- Social clubs
- Bereavement support
- Someone to talk to
- Volunteer visiting & sitting service
- Prescription delivery for the housebound
- Toe nail cutting
- Wheelchair accessible vehicle hire
- Wheelchair loan

To use any of our services or for information on how you could become a volunteer with

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Valley Arts



We have been enjoying a good summer, starting with a stage make-up workshop, run by our experienced make-up artist Jessica Symons. We are grateful to Jessica, who put on an excellent workshop, giving all sorts of tips for on and off the stage make-up.

We also had a lighting workshop, which was run by Kevin Stratton, he has been involved with our group for many years and sets up lighting and sound at the Tachymorris Centre and local shows, he has a huge range of experience including teaching, acting and singing. Kevin brought an array of items to his workshop, which was fun, and very informative, he emphasised the importance of Health and Safety and then went on to explain how to use different types and colours of lantern to enhance a production. He showed us lots of pieces of equipment and went through the pros and cons of LED versus traditional lanterns. We went away with lots to think about and our director was inspired by different creative ideas.

We have decided to do **Alice in Wonderland** by Tom Walley for our 7th, 8th, 9th FEBRUARY 2024 production.



- Rehearsals In Hemyock Parish Hall on 19th September for a read through 7.30-9.30pm
- The second get together will be music in the Hall on 26th September 7.30-9.30pm
- The third get together will be casting in the Hall on 3rd October 7.30-9.30pm
- Start of Show Rehearsals will be in the Hall on 10th October 7.30-9.30pm.

Stuart Summers will be our Director and Zelda Gray will be our Musical Director

Our Social event for 2023 was a BBQ on 10th September We had a lovely time; the weather was good, the food delicious and it was great to catch up with everyone. Thank you to all who contributed to the occasion, especially Ian who provided his BBQ and cooked the food!

We are still arranging a trip to the theatre in the spring of 2024 with shopping and a meal, Dates and details to be confirmed. A date for you diary is our Xmas meal in the Catherine wheel Sat 16th December.

If you would like to join the group or to participate in any way, contact Lynn at lynnpulman@btinternet.com Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com.

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

Around Hemyock

When I was at school it seemed summer holidays were long and sunny but it certainly hasn't seen this year's break so and then - just as our young people and staff returned we were hit with a heatwave. From shorts and t-shirts to uniform - phew! - but what a joy to have such lovely weather in early September. David and I were on holiday in Cornwall directly above Fistral Beach and we slept with windows open and fan running throughout the night and like many were still hot despite a sea breeze.

By the time this issue of the Parish. Pump is delivered our younger students will have started/returned to school or moved to higher education with young adults starting life at university or joining the work force. We wish them all well.

Congratulations to the **Blackdown Practice** who have been ranked as 6th best in Devon gaining 97% in a patient's survey. We are all aware of how lucky we are in this area to have such wonderful, dedicated staff.

I hear that Holiday Club has again welcomed many children and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the helpers who put so much time into preparing and running the event.

St Marys was delighted to welcome **George and Heather Kittow (nee Salter)** to a service as they celebrated their 65th anniversary. Heather reminded yours truly that I had been one of the young choristers at their wedding.

The Countdown to Christmas quiz will have been held before the Pump is delivered with donations going to our Air Ambulance and Bristol Childrens Hospital who both do amazing work. We have recently had a friend's 2-year-old treated at the hospital after being transferred from the RD&E and are most grateful for the treatment she received.

We are all aware of family and friends who are poorly at present or recovering from illness or an operation. Through the Pump we send them all good wishes for a return to good health remembering by name **Chris Hudson, Alan Craig, David Palmer and Sarah Jackson**.

Joan Cooper was a well-known villager admired and held in deep affection by many. Her family have sent the following

Joan was born in October 1927 in the attic room of Wyndham, the house next door to the one she has lived in for the last 36 years. She was one of the Wides, a prominent Hemyock family who ran an egg and poultry business in the village as well as a garage, a building company and various other enterprises. Her father, Howard, was one of six siblings and none of these aunts and uncles ever moved away from the village., although Mike was a doctor and spent most of his working life as a missionary in the Congo. Her Grandfather lived at Orpington, just opposite the church, and when he built Downmead, out on the Culmstock road, Joan's father then took over the business and moved into Orpington, where Joan lived until she moved away to college.

Growing up, Joan and her sister Pat were surrounded by members of the Wide dynasty. From the age of 5, Joan spent 3 years at the small private school run by her Auntie Muriel but at the age of 8 went to boarding school in Yeovil. She always maintained that her three years at this school were

the unhappiest years of her life and described it as being like something out of a Dickens novel. Thankfully she was rescued from these horrors by the onset of World War II. It was felt that Hemyock was likely to be a much safer place than Yeovil so she was moved to Bishop Fox's school in Taunton where she stayed with a local family during the week and came home every weekend to roam the countryside and play with her friends. At school she played hockey for the first XI and swam every day after school in the local baths. Her mother had insisted she learn to swim after she nearly drowned at an Open air pool in Westward Ho! when she was 5 and a fully clothed stranger had to jump in and rescue her when her rubber ring got caught around her legs and she was pulled underwater. Thus started her love of swimming, a lifelong pleasure which she would pursue at every available opportunity.

During her time at school Joan was sent to private elocution lessons, which required her to do solo dramatic performances in front of the whole group. At about the age of 17, she went to stay the night with her elocution teacher in Bristol who was taking her to see a George Bernard Shaw play at the Old Vic. She realised that acting was something that she loved doing and when she started work she joined an Amateur Dramatic group. Her most memorable experience was playing Miss Prism in Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of being Earnest". Many years later Joan's Mother told her that during her last year at school her elocution teacher had written to her parents saying that she would like to put her forward to train with the Old Vic youth group with a view to her becoming an actress. Her parents refused to entertain the idea.

From Hemyock Joan moved to London where she studied Domestic Science at college, a combination of cookery and needlework, with a view to becoming a teacher. Although she loved the cooking side of things, she loathed the needlework and this did not change in later life. When it came to the night before the deadline for handing in one of her pieces of sewing which was to be exhibited publicly with all the work from the other final year students, procrastination meant that Joan hadn't finished her dress. In order to get out of completing the project, she sabotaged it, claiming to her tutor the next day that it was a terrible accident. She told me this story at the age of 85 and claimed it was the first time that she had ever admitted it to anyone. Sorry Mum, but your secret is now out.

While she was at college in London, Joan met Gordon. Gordon's father had taken the pastorate in Bishopswood and Gordon was visiting him. Joan was doing her six weeks teaching practice in Hemyock because so many of the London schools were still closed after the war. Gordon's stepmother was due to speak at a young people's squash in Hemyock but was feeling unwell so Gordon stepped into the breach. Joan was at the squash and the rest is history.

In 1949 Gordon moved to the Bristol Aeroplane Company. He and Joan married in May 1950 and bought a house in Clifton. Unable to have children themselves, they adopted Jenny and Martin and Joan resumed her teaching career, working part-time at Clifton High School. She was a very popular teacher and took a great interest in her pupils, many of whom she remained in touch with for the rest of her life. The Cooper family moved to Westbury-on-Trym in 1963. During their time in Bristol they attended a Brethren church where they remained for the next

38 years, until they both retired from their jobs and moved back to Hemyock in 1986 to care for Joan's ageing relatives. Here the couple became dedicated members of Hemyock Baptist Chapel and one of Joans greatest delights was to become a leading light in the village Holiday Camp. Despite the age difference Joan had an affinity with young people and became very involved with youth work always having an open house to them.

More than anything else, Joan loved being surrounded by people. She both sent and received approximately 350 Christmas cards every year! Once she retired to Hemyock she had more time on her hands and unlimited opportunities to pursue both her love of people and her love of food. Joan and Gordon opened their home to all and in particular to young people – Joan planned with Gordon preferring his paper!

Joans life after retirement was not confined to entertaining. She started organising holidays in which the couple travelled the world, visiting interesting places and meeting newly discovered relatives. She was a very intrepid, adventurous individual and tried all sorts of things which nobody in their right minds would ever have considered taking up at her age, including zip wires, parasailing and water skiing. In the late 1990s Joan and Gordon were visiting some of Gordon's family in Canada, a very large family who congregated every summer at a lake for a long holiday filled with socialising, BBQs and watersport activities. Joan wanted to try water skiing but despite her best efforts she just couldn't get herself to a standing position and eventually decided she would just give it one last go. Never one to give up easily she hung on as though her life depended on it, which it nearly did. She ended up in hospital and spent the rest of the holiday in a wheelchair. The Parasailing went without a hitch and there are photos of her suspended above the ocean underneath a very large parachute. Which just leaves the zipwire, sometimes known as a flying fox. In 2010 the couple went on a Christian retreat to Lee Abbey where there is an activity centre on-site which includes a 130 metre zipwire above a wooded valley. Joan signed up for it and was told by the organisers that, at the age of 83 she would be the oldest person ever to have attempted it. Joan was up for the challenge but Gordon thought it was ridiculous and was looking forward to an afternoon's snooze behind his newspaper. However he couldn't settle and ended up convincing himself that the zipwire was one step too far and that he was never going to see Joan again. He became so agitated he made his way to the start of the zipwire, only to find Joan ascending the ladder to get to the Eagle's Nest at the top. She completed the zipwire descent, absolutely loved it and was the proud holder of the on-site record for the oldest participant. But not for long. When she reappeared back at the start point she found, to her astonishment that Gordon was harnessed up and was halfway up the ladder to the Eagle's Nest. To his dying day he had no clear recollection of how he got there. He remembers turning up to say his final farewells to Joan and the next thing he knew he was at the top of a very tall tree and about to jump out of it. Anyway, they both lived to tell the tale and I suspect that Gordon, at the age of 88 may still be the record holder!

Once Gordon died, Joan lived at home on her own until the age of 95 and was determined not to go into residential care. This was all very well but as her health declined she depended more and more on friends. There had been various attempts to increase the amount of help from external agencies but Joan foiled these attempts by locking the door! However, she did eventually, and

very reluctantly, agree to go into Hummingbird Care Home after Christmas. As it transpired she caught an infection a few days before Christmas and the doctor said that she needed to be in hospital. She refused to go. When he resorted to telling her that there was a strong possibility that she would die if she wasn't admitted to hospital she said that was fine.

Hummingbird Care Home welcomed Joan on Christmas Eve. She was given one hour's notice of her impending departure from Newland and was then moved into her new home with remarkably little fuss. Heartfelt thanks go to Esther Needle to whom the main burden of Joan's care fell. Apart from the day-to-day care that she provided, Joan had Esther's number on speed-dial and as Joan became more frail and more demanding, Esther was called on with increasing frequency. Sincere thanks also go to Alison Whiteside, Maureen Aylwin and Margaret Ackland who all provided care in Joan's latter days at home.

Although unsettled at first, Joan soon immersed herself in her new life at Hummingbird and took part in many of the activities which were laid on for the residents. At the tender age of 95 she learnt to knit. She loved the weekly quiz and also joined in with flower arranging, cup-cake making and was even a "midwife" when a brood of baby ducklings hatched in an incubator in the living room.

Although her time at Hummingbird was relatively short – she thought the staff were wonderful, the food was fantastic and she particularly liked the constant company of other people. In fact she thrived on the care she received. However the time came when her body gave up and her health declined very quickly. On her daughters final visit, one of the last things Joan said to her was "Life seems to be all about tea, cake and coughing" which probably just about summed it up!

Shortly after uttering those words of wisdom about the meaning of life, Joan drifted off into her own private place and Jenny decided to leave her in peace. She had her eyes closed but suddenly started smiling and laughing. She shouted out "Joan, how lovely to see you" and woke up. I asked her where she was and she pointed to the other side of the room and said that she was in heaven and that Gordon was over there waiting for her.

Joan, a dedicated member of the local Baptist Chapel, passed away with a Christian faith which had never left her.

Joyce Parson like Joan was a lady with a strong Christian faith. She grew up in Kent where she gained her great love of animals. Following her father's early death, the family moved to Harrogate and at Liverpool she qualified as a Pharmacist. For many years Joyce ran the pharmacy at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in Putney where there were a number of WW2 veterans. Moving to Hertfordshire she managed a local chemist and in later life worked at the Hampshire clinic during which time she gained a Master's Degree in fine art from Southampton university which nurtured her interests in antiques and art. Her knowledge of the history of art and antiques was impressive as was that of geography thanks to the extensive travelling she and her late husband greatly enjoyed in later life.

Joyce was a private person who was never happier than being in a supportive role. Her family remembers how she would make a Christmas cake for the 48 boys at her sons Prep school and when older their friends were always welcomed at home when

Joyce would produce meals in the spur of the moment without a grumble. Joyce endured many hospital admissions and care home stays, but her philosophy, grit and determination saw her return home. Her family was without doubt a continual source of joy whilst Joyce had that indefinable quality of grace. She passed away soon after returning from a holiday in Greece on what would have been her 61st wedding anniversary.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of young people have passed through Scouting and Guiding here so no doubt the memorabilia display by the local group - Scouting over the years with Hemyock Scouts - will bring many "Do you remember" comments. I've even dug out some items from my years as a Guide and Brownie Guider!

The Group will be leading the parade from the Parish Hall to St Marys on Remembrance Sunday for the morning service. Anyone who wishes to do so are invited to be part of this. A short time of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial on Saturday 11th - Armistice Day - all are welcomed to attend this very short service. If you have recently arrived here prepare to be delighted with the wonderful display of crafted work by the Poppy Club as the decorate the area with poppies.

With this cost of living affecting so many it is good to see the Community Larder continues to be well supported and used. Whilst contributions to a local foodbank also sees support continuing, items can be left at the Parish Church.

We send warm greetings to those who have recently moved here and hope the Parish Pump will provide interesting reading for you with not only updates and news of forthcoming events but also details of local tradespeople.

Such has been the success of St Marys Summer Fete and Christmas Fair both held at the Parish Church in the past couple of years that it will again be the venue for the winter event on Saturday 2nd December and the following day will see the village **Christingle service** an event enjoyed by both young and old. Perhaps you will join in the celebration.

If you would like to share any of your news please get in touch

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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 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

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What's On October

Sun 1			
Mon 2			
Tue 3			
Wed 4		BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30	Parish Council, FL, 7.30
Thu 5	Taunton FM		
Fri 6			
Sat 7	Tiv, Cull, Yarcombe FM	HBC Harvest Lunch	(Donations) 12.30 HBC
Sun 8			
Mon 9			Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 10			Tues Club, PH, 7.30
Wed 11	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30	Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC	Gardeners' Meeting FL 7.30
Thu 12	Taunton F Market	Mobile Library, PH, 2.15, L.Millh. 3.25	History Group, CR 7.30
Fri 13	Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 10-11.30		
Sat 14	History of Hemyock Scouts		
Sun 15			Baptists' FilmNight HBC 7pm
Mon 16			
Tue 17			
Wed 18			
Thu 19	Taunton & Honiton FM		
Fri 20			
Sat 21	HEMYOCK MARKET, 10-12 Well. FM		
Sun 22			
Mon 23	Devon Schools Half Term	"Gregory Steward", Tenor, F.L, 3pm	Young Farmers FL 7.30
Tue 24			
Wed 25			
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 27			Hallowe'en Party
Sat 28	Mobile Library, PH, 9.55 – 11.35		
Sun 29	British Summer Time ends		
Mon 30	Devon Schools restart after Half Term		
Tue 31			Hallowe'en

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

Sunday	Community Shed	10 – 1 pm	C Shed
Mondays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	9.30 - 12.30	PH
	"Toddler-Time" (free)	9.00 – 11am	HBC (Term time only)
	Mature Movers	11 -12 noon	Garages
	Art Group	10 -12 noon (Sept-May)	FL
	Community Shed	10 – 1 pm	C. Shed
	Badminton	1.30 – 3.30	PH
Tuesdays	Salsa DX Dance Exercise	6.30 – 7.30	PH
	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45	BHLAC
	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 – 12 noon	CR
Wednesdays	Yoga	9.30 – 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 – 7.30 pm	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 – 3.15 pm	PH
	Moirra Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 – 6.15 pm	CR
Thursdays	Chapel Café	9.15 -11.30am	HBC
	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 – 11 am	BHLAC
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 – 7.15 pm	BHLAC
Fridays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3 pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	1.30 – 4.30 pm	PH
	Devon Dance Fit, Gold	10 – 11 am	PH
	Devon Dance Fit	7.00 – 9.30 pm	PH
	"30 Minutes with God"	10 -10.30am	HBC
Fridays	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 – 10.15 am	BHLAC

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

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

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

What's On November

Wed 1	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30 – 2.00		Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 2			
Fri 3			
Sat 4	Tiv, Ch'Ford, Well. FM, Charity/ Coffee Shop, CR 10 -12		
Sun 5	BONFIRE NIGHT		
Mon 6			
Tue 7	Charity/ Coffee Shop		
Wed 8	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, FL 12.30,	Empty Spaces, BHLAC 2.20 – 4pm	
Thu 9	Taunton FM,	Mobile Library, P.Hall 2.15	History Group CR, 7.30
Fri 10	Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00, BHLAC		
Sat 11	Armistice Day		
Sun 12	Remembrance Sunday		
Mon 13			Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 14	Deadline for "Pump"	Charity & Coffee Shop, CR, 10 – 12	Tuesday Club PH, 7.30
Wed 15			
Thu 16	Honiton and Taunton F.M.,		
Fri 17			
Sat 18	HEMYOCK MARKET (PH) Well.Farmers'Market		
Sun 19			
Mon 20			
Tue 21	Charity/ Coffee Shop		
Wed 22			
Thu 23	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 24			"Messy Church", 4pm, HBC
Sat 25	Mob. Lib, P.Hall, 9.55, Hemyock Repair Café, PH		
Sun 26			
Mon 27			Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 28	Charity/ Coffee Shop		
Wed 29			
Thu 30	Taunton Farmers' Market		

Forthcoming Events 2023/24

Dec	
04	Michael Vaughan, Antiques Valuation 1.30pm – 4 pm, FL
7, 8, 9	Valley Arts, Panto
18 – 29	Devon Schools Christmas Holiday
Jan 2024	
2	Devon Schools Spring Term starts
Mar	
28	Spring Term ends.
29	Good Friday

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 History Group

Peter Fisher gave a very interesting talk on the Battle of Rorke's Drift, which was a battle in the Anglo-Zulu War and represented the successful British defence of the mission station of Rorke's Drift, under Lieutenant John Chard of the Royal Engineers, a local man, when a large contingent of Zulu warriors broke off from the main force during the final hour of the British defeat at the day-long Battle of Isandlwana on 22 January 1879, diverting 9.7 km to attack Rorke's Drift later that day and continuing into the following day.

Just over 150 British and colonial troops defended the station against attacks by 3,000 to 4,000 Zulu warriors. The massive but piecemeal attacks by the Zulu on Rorke's Drift came very close to overwhelming the much smaller garrison, but were consistently repelled. Eleven Victoria Crosses were awarded to individual defenders, along with a number of other decorations and honours. Lt John Chard is buried locally.

On 9 January 1879, the British under Lord Chelmsford, arrived and encamped at the drift. On 11 January, the day after the British ultimatum to the Zulus expired, the column crossed the river and encamped on the Zulu bank. A small force was detailed to garrison the post, which had been turned into a supply depot and hospital. On 20 January, after reconnaissance patrolling and building of a track for its wagons, Chelmsford's column marched to Isandlwana, approximately 10 km to the east, leaving behind the small garrison. A large company of the Natal Native Contingent (NNC) under Captain William Stevenson was ordered to remain at the post to strengthen the garrison. This company numbered between 100 and 350 men including civilians and wounded. The Royal Engineers, commanded by Lieutenant John Chard, had arrived on the 19th to repair the pontoons that bridged the Buffalo. Chard rode ahead of his detachment to Isandlwana on the morning of 22 January to clarify his orders, but was sent back to Rorke's Drift with only his wagon and its driver to construct defensive positions for the expected reinforcement company. Chard was left in temporary command and he rode down to the drift itself where the engineers' camp was located. Soon thereafter, he heard the news of the complete defeat of Chelmsford's main force at Isandlwana and that a part of the Zulu impi was approaching the station.

Upon hearing this news, the force at the drift decided the best course of action was to remain and fight, since a small column, travelling in open country and burdened with carts full of hospital patients, would be easily overtaken and defeated by a numerically superior Zulu force. Chard and Bromhead directed their men to make preparations to defend the station. With the garrison's men working diligently, a defensive perimeter was quickly constructed out of mealie bags, biscuit boxes and crates of tinned meat. This perimeter incorporated the storehouse, the hospital, and a stout stone kraal. The buildings were fortified, with loopholes (firing holes) knocked through the external walls and the external doors barricaded with furniture. With the defences nearing completion and battle approaching, Chard prepared the men available to him. Chard posted the British soldiers around the perimeter, adding some of the more able patients, the 'casuals' and civilians, and those of the NNC who possessed firearms along the barricade. The rest of the NNC, armed only with spears, were posted outside the mealie bag and biscuit box barricade within the stone-walled cattle kraal. The approaching Zulu force was vastly larger. Most Zulu warriors were armed with an assegai (short spear) and a nguni shield made

of cowhide. Some Zulus also had old muskets, antiquated rifles, and some captured Martini-Henrys as used by the defenders, though their marksmanship training was poor, and the supply of powder and shot was low, and of poor quality. Even though their fire was not accurate, it was responsible for five of the 17 British deaths at Rorke's Drift.

At about 4:00 p.m., Surgeon James Reynolds, came down from the Oscarberg hillside with the news that a body of Zulus was fording the river to the southeast and was "no more than five minutes away". At 4:30 p.m., the Zulus approached the south wall and the Zulu vanguard of 600 men attacked. The British opened fire when the Zulus were 460 metres away. The majority of the attacking Zulu force moved around to attack the north wall, while a few took cover and were either pinned down by continuing British fire or retreated to the terraces of Oscarberg. There they began a harassing fire of their own. As this occurred, another Zulu force continued to the hospital and northwestern wall.

Those British on the barricades were soon engaged in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. The British wall was too high for the Zulus to scale, so they resorted to crouching under the wall, trying to get hold of the defenders' Martini-Henry rifles, slashing at British soldiers with assegais or firing their weapons through the wall. At places, they clambered over each other's bodies to drive the British off the walls but were driven back. Chard realised that the north wall, under near constant attack from the Zulus, could not be held. At 6:00 p.m., he pulled his men back into the yard and decided to switch to revolvers. One of his men made a hole big enough to get into the next room, occupied only by a patient who he dragged through. The last man out was Hook, who killed some Zulus who had knocked down the door before he dived through the hole. After 50 minutes, the hole was large enough to drag the patients through, and most of the men were now in the last room, defended by Privates Robert Jones and William Jones. From here, the patients clambered out through a window and then made their way across the yard to the barricade. Of the 11 patients, nine survived the trip to the barricade, as did all the able-bodied men. The evacuation of the burning hospital completed the shortening of the perimeter. As night fell, the Zulu attacks grew stronger. The cattle kraal came under renewed assault and was evacuated by 10:00 p.m., leaving the remaining men in a small bastion around the storehouse: Zulu attacks began to slacken only after midnight, ending by 2:00 a.m., and replaced by harassing fire from Zulu firearms until 4:00a.m By that time, the garrison had sustained 14 dead. Two more were mortally wounded and eight more – including Dalton – were seriously wounded. Almost every man had some kind of wound. They were all exhausted, having fought for the better part of 10 hours and were running low on ammunition. Of 20,000 rounds in reserve at the mission, only 900 remained.

As dawn broke, the British could see that the Zulus were gone. Patrols were dispatched to scout the battlefield, recover rifles, and look for survivors, many of whom were killed when found. At roughly 7:00 a.m., an impi of Zulus suddenly appeared, and the British manned their positions again. No attack materialised, however, as the Zulus had been on the move for six days prior to the battle and had not eaten properly for two. In their ranks were hundreds of wounded, and they were several days' march from any supplies. Soon after their appearance, the Zulus left the way they had come. However, the force turned out to be the vanguard of Lord Chelmsford's relief column.

At the end of the fighting, 400 Zulus lay dead on the battlefield. Only 17 British were killed, but almost every man in the garrison had sustained some kind of wound. After the battle, 351 Zulu bodies were counted, but it has been estimated that at least 500 wounded and captured Zulus might have been massacred as well. A total of 11 Victoria Crosses were awarded to the defenders.

The October meeting will mainly be a discussion of forthcoming events, a report on past events and a statement of our financial position. In our AGM. Members will be able to discuss our forthcoming talks and suggest interesting topics. The November meeting will be a talk by David Pugsley on the death of the famous Dr Peter Hennis, the hero of the Exeter cholera outbreak, during a duel.

Golden Wedding Thanks

We would like to thank all those who helped make our Golden Wedding anniversary in July such an enjoyable occasion. We were able to share cake (thanks to Rachel of Crosses Icecream & Karen Pinder) and wine with the congregation (catering team) following a service at St Marys during which we received a blessing from the Rector. We also had the joy of hearing music played (Lawrence) and singing hymns used at our wedding and seeing flowers similar to those from 50 years ago (Monica) The same afternoon we welcomed family and friends from a wide area - more cake and wine! - to enjoy time with us at home. We were especially glad to welcome Rev Tony Grosse who led our wedding service. A special thank you to our family for giving us a wonderful day on the actual anniversary date and for all their work on the Sunday. Finally a very warm thank you to those who made a donation to Christian Response to Eastern Europe which raised £220.

Thanks to one and all.

David and Janice Bawler

Longmead

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

Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour

MUGA - £15.00 per hour

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

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Annual Membership of Hemyock Gardeners is just £10 per person. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Interesting and entertaining speakers are invited to speak on diverse horticultural subjects and visits to gorgeous gardens near and far are arranged during the Summer months. Admission to meetings is just £1 including refreshments and guests are most welcome to attend our meetings.

It was a tricky summer but with the recent heatwave, gardeners are reaping the benefits of their hard work. Meetings resumed in September with an informative talk on Nerines. Jonny Hartnell brought along lots of plants and seeds to sell and they flew off the shelves, snapped up by members. Our Autumn Show on Bank Holiday Saturday had more entries than usual resulting in the Parish Hall looking absolutely stunning. It was a rainy afternoon but many people turned up for Ploughman's Lunches and teas and to view the exhibits. Congratulations to everyone who entered and especially those who won trophies:

- William Pike Cup Awarded for the most points in classes 1-58 inclusive
Kathy Jones
- St Ivel 'Gold Cup' Awarded for the most points in Vegetable classes
Kathy Jones
- HGA Shield Awarded for the best exhibit of Perennials Classes 43/44
Jane Smith (class 44 – vase Herbaceous perennials)
G & P Pring Rosebowl Awarded for the best exhibit in Rose Classes
Kathy Jones (Class 40)
- Carnival Salver Awarded for the best exhibit in Dahlia Classes
Hazel Partridge (Class 30 – Dahlias Ball)
- William Griffiths Cup Awarded for the best Pot Plant
Val Hyland (class 55 – Flowering pot plant)
- Clayhidon W.I. Trophy Awarded for the most points in the Culinary Classes
Christine Vaughan
- Eden Cup Awarded for the most points gained in the Floral Arts classes
Caroline Anderson
- Gwen Lowman Cup Awarded for the best exhibit in the Floral Arts Classes
Monica Smith (class 60 – inside outside the box)
- Tony Spiller Trophy Awarded for the Best Vegetable in Show
Trish Slater (Class 7 - Trug)

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11 October when Julie Steed will be speaking on garden pests and diseases. Hemyock then take a trip to Sampford Arundel Gardening Club on Thursday 12 October. They are hosting The Pottinger Cup annual Quiz. Let's hope Hemyock's team do well! November's meeting is the AGM which all members and anyone else may attend. Some dates for 2024 – **Spring Show - Saturday 6 April. Autumn Show - Saturday 7 September.**

Susan Scantlebury
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Dear Residents

The month of August is always very quiet, not much happening at all, The next few months we will be working on next year's budgets, will be a challenging time. Neither have I got anything to report for our areas particularly, although there must be, if you have anything, please let me know.

This is a time of significant change and opportunity for English local government as a whole. Despite the government increasing funding for councils over recent years, a combination of high inflation and rising demand has left local authorities facing some of their toughest budgetary decisions to date. Our Director of Finance Angie Sinclair revealed that the authority finished the 2022/23 financial year £156,000 in the black on a revenue budget of almost £630 million. But she warned that – in common with councils across the country – Devon continued to face tough financial challenges. The year since last June has seen all of us gain a better understanding our financial position, stabilising some area of the business which frankly were out of control, when they could/should have been in our control. Surges in service demand, not least in Adult and Children's services make the task more difficult to predict and model financially, but the 'new' corporate Leadership team are clearly all 'rowing' in the same direction, despite events like the cost of living and Ukraine war impacting us, but with no influence over those events.

Last summer Angie Sinclair, Financial Director, warned councillors that Devon faced a £30.5 million overspend with a potential further £10 million on top because of soaring inflation. She called for urgent action to be taken across the authority to curb costs. Council leaders set up a group of senior officers from every department to go through the budget line by line and identify savings.

An overspend in 2022/23 has been avoided through an organisational-wide response that resulted in a rigorous in-year savings programme. We currently provide financial support to organisations helping people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless even though we do not have a statutory responsibility to do so. The proposal to cut the discretionary spending was originally made to help us balance our books in response to soaring demand for our statutory services. Our contracts with providers will now be extended until the end of March 2024. In the meantime we will continue to talk to Devon's eight District and City Councils, working together to agree a way forward that ensures ongoing homelessness support across the county.

Councillor Hart made the announcement having listened to members of the public speak passionately of the impact that the proposed cuts could have on them and others at a special scrutiny committee meeting. Donna Manson, who is meeting regularly with District Councils' housing services to discuss a way forward.

Our Trading Standards service is reminding businesses, such as takeaways, sandwich bars, care homes and retailers who supply certain single-use plastic items, that a ban comes into force this October, and that they should start thinking now about alternatives and where to source them from. The ban includes all single-use plastic cutlery, trays, plates, bowls, and balloon sticks, as well as banning the use of certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers used to supply food that is ready to consume.

Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Devolution Deal

The Government has agreed to conclude a devolution deal covering Devon, Plymouth and Torbay this year. The deal will, subject to consultation, see the establishment of a Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Combined County Authority. It will not require a directly-elected Mayor nor costly reorganisation of existing councils. Devon's District Councils will have representation on the CCA as will representatives from the business and education sectors. The CCA will have new powers and additional funding from Government to tackle priorities such housing, public transport, jobs, training and skills. Functions and resources of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership will be folded into the CCA

Regards, Ray Radford
Devon County Councillor
Willand & Uffculme Division
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HEMYOCK TENNIS CLUB

LONGMEAD, LTA NO: Dev 418

As we move into the Autumn months, and mornings are cooling down and daylight receding ever earlier, it's good to reflect upon the past season. Thankfully, at long last our courts had a much needed respray and it certainly looks a really good job this time and should last for quite a good few years.

The work was carried out with the minimum of inconvenience to league fixtures, holiday clubs, or bookings so a big thank you to our contractors for their cooperation.

Dan Sizer has run two holiday clubs (Easter and Summer) - both well attended and junior tennis continues to see good numbers thanks to Dan and his work with the youngsters due to the enthusiasm with which they look forward to the coaching sessions.

League tennis has seen an interesting season, and at the time of writing this there is just one fixture remaining which could have a significant outcome on next season. Hemyock A have been hovering mid table in Division 3 for most of the season, but must play a play off match with the team (Wellington) that hold 2nd place in Division 4 to determine the final promotion / relegation spots. Hemyock B were pipped into an automatic promotion spot in Division 5 by just half a point and played a play off against Elms from Division 4. Elms ran out winners in a spirited match, but Hemyock B should be proud of their progress this season. A great deal of thanks go to all who

have played in the league matches but especially to Karen and Malcolm Steer who have done a great job captaining the teams.

There has been interest from other tennis clubs trying to get a winter league up and running, but for a variety of reasons this has not proved possible for 2023 / 24. However, we hope to arrange a number of friendlies against local clubs, and more information will follow when dates have been finalised.

On 27th August, we held our traditional Strawberry Tennis Event. Thanks to Julie Steed, who made all the arrangements, we had a wonderful afternoon, lots of good tennis, plenty of strawberries with cream of course, and not forgetting bubbly refreshment. Thank you to all those who took part and made cakes or biscuits and kept up a supply of tea and coffee, and well done to the winning finalists, Chris Benn and Karen who narrowly beat Jerry and Nina in a well fought contest.

Social tennis sessions continue to be held on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings following junior coaching. It's still a good idea to book courts when playing outside of these times, to avoid disappointment, in case a match or other event has been arranged, and also a good idea to check court availability when using the courts as a non member.

Finally, don't forget that there is the opportunity to play midweek, usually Wednesday or Thursday mornings. A 'four' is usually arranged beforehand with one eye on the weather and the other on availability. a few of us have played a very enjoyable set or two, punctuated very often by a bit of conversation. Play when you can, and if you're not on the Whatsapp group let me know and I'll sort it out.

Bob Hawkes

Chairman. hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com or bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com. Phone 07540 435149.



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello everyone, welcome to the new school and scout year. We are well prepared and looking forward to a year of great, enjoyable and safe scouting.

Firstly I have to report that our Group Scout Leader, Josh Archer has had to resign from that position due to other commitments. We are sorry to see him relinquish this position but understand his time constraints. Anyway thank you Josh for the effort that you have put in for us during your reign in the GSL role. On a happier note, we have not lost him completely as he intends to continue with the group in his old role as assistant cub scout leader. Time for an advertisement! Anyone out there who could help us with the role of Group Scout Leader? It can't be too arduous as Rikki was in this position many years ago. If we can find a new GSL it will also help Tiverton District too as the District Commissioner or her assistant will have to look after us and of course they are also busy with other commitments.

All sections are now getting stuck into their Autumn term programmes with outdoors being the emphasis as always at 1st H. In particular lets tell you about Squirrels. Two years ago our youngest section was Beavers which gave six/seven year olds a

chance to enjoy scouting before moving up to the cub section. Then HQ decided that we should start a section for four to six year olds and so Squirrels were born. HQ have just told us that having celebrated the two year anniversary there are now over 1000 Squirrel Dreys. 1st Hemyock is one of them.

Claire who leads our Squirrel Drey is known as Baggy. Why Baggy you may ask. We can blame our Founder Robert Baden Powell who used Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. He used the animal names for the scout leaders. This is why I am known as Rikki in scout circles- which was short for Rikki Tikki Tavy the Mongoose. Any the wiser? Probably not! For further Information refer to Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book. I digress, Baggy is short for the name of one of the animals in the afor mentioned book. Baggy is pleased to report that the Hemyock Squirrels celebrated their first anniversary last term. She finds it hard to believe that its a year gone by. Well done to them all. They said goodbye to the last one of their 'pioneers' who were there from the beginning and now move on to Beavers having experienced scouting from the age of four. Maybe that Squirrel will be our GSL in twenty years time. Baggy tells us that the section is thriving but is kept small at around 10-12 young people at a time as this makes sure that they can move through all our group sections but also means that each one gets full attention and can learn what it is to be a scout. This term will see them working on the air activities staged badge, seeing if we can learn the phonetic alphabet and make brilliant paper planes. So, from the youngest to the oldest of our sections they are all having fun. And in one of the many Emails we receive from HQ they say that they are preparing for the new scout year with emphasis on safety and enjoyment. Well, they must have been spying on 1st Hemyock as that is exactly what we have been doing since 1960. What a compliment!

I am sure that you saw the advert in the last Pump for our Get Together next month. Just a reminder from Old Rikki 'Scouting over the Years with Hemyock Scouts' Saturday 14th October from 10.00am til 2.00pm at the Parish Hall. Do come along and see us and have a chat and a coffee and a bun. Look forward to seeing you.

Then on to November. We will be joining you for the Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service on 12th November. Parade from the Parish Hall to St Mary's for the Service and laying of wreathes with the two minute silence at 11.00 am.

That's about it for this time, but a quick finally. Those old African Proverbs- not many left now. There are many colourful flowers on the path of life but the prettiest have the sharpest thorns. A small house will hold a hundred friends. Life is as you yourself make it. In the moments of crisis the wise build bridges, the foolish build dams. I have exhausted them, thank goodness I hear you say. So it will be back to Camp Fire Yarns next time. Oh dear I hear you say. If you have any ideas for 'finallies' come and tell me at the Parish Hall on 14th October.

As always. Be Prepared for Life.

Old Rikki



The CINNAMON TRUST

At the beginning of 2023 I decided to walk 100 miles each month for a different charity as a new year challenge, and in June my walk was for Cinnamon Trust. I only knew about Cinnamon when two friends of mine, now retired, walked dogs for people around the area for several years. Their great friendship was also formed by their dog-walking volunteer activity.

When deciding who to walk for in June I contacted Cinnamon and asked whether they would like to use my walk to raise funds for their work, as always providing they can do their own publicity, to which they replied that they would be very pleased to.

I have been so impressed with them, all their staff are very helpful and pleasant and they have been so supportive and encouraging. (They are a national charity, but it was started in Hayle, Cornwall, who I have been working with). Just before I started walking on the 1st June, they had it up on their Facebook page, and the donations started rolling in which was so amazing.

Their volunteers do an excellent job of helping elderly and/or terminally ill people and their pets and so I felt I wanted to bring attention to Cinnamon and the amazing work they do, to the local area.

Quote from their leaflet - 'It is now widely acknowledged that pets can positively benefit the well-being of elderly owners. For many elderly people living on their own, their pets are their reason for living.'

If you know anyone who is anxious about not being able to take their dog out for walks or any other 'pet problem', do look on the Cinnamon Trust website <https://cinnamon.org.uk/> or contact them by phone - 01736 757900. There are other ways they can assist, but also of course they are dependent on volunteers, so you may be interested in this area of volunteering for which they would be very grateful.

Delia
June 2023

Poets Corner

CHANGE OF YEARS (Unfinished poem)

A hard time for this present Age,
To see through mists of years,
What future days will hold,
When this present Age is old,
And those not yet born are still to be,

In the forest shade many seeds sprout,
But few see light,
And die but become the soil,
That feeds times growth,
Dead leaves of captured sunshine drift to forest floor,
All of Created times buried deep,
When mountains moved
Years there's ever been,
And hid in black fields the energy of life,
Now this World's as it is,
The one we've got God's gift of creation,
Use thoughtfully, prayerfully,
thankfully.

David Palmer

Nature's Philosophy

Nocturnal birds in sibilant causerie
Forest creatures in distant revelry
While nature's blanket dims their rivalry
And stills the air to peaceful reverie

How brief is this tranquillity
As hostile meetings in darkened shrubbery
Remind, if only momentarily
That man alone enjoys in camaraderie.

Victor Timmons

Flanders Fields

Here on Flanders field I lay,
At the end of another horrendous battle-filled day.
Now my breath is becoming ragged and rasping,
As my hold on life I know I am futilely grasping.
All around are men, wounded and dying,
The call from their lord they are bravely defying.
Not for me this war of fallible men,
A far tortuous, miserable, pain filled cry from when,
Our homes were meadows, sweet and green far, far away,
From where ten thousand of us were led, one dismal morn, wet
and grey.
Closer come the sounds of guns crunching and thumping,
Men's shouts abound, full of helplessness and crying.
At the end of life, strangely, they call for their sweetheart or
their mother,
Mourning the day that their young lives will not see one
another.
Myself, I try, one final time, to lift my four legs from the mire,
To raise my sweat sheened bod. But the situation is too dire.
A life releasing shudder, and then a ghastly rattle,
Just one more horse, in many, to not survive the Human's
battle.

Lynda Ridout



1st Hemyock Scout group invites you to come and celebrate

'Scouting over the years with Hemyock Scouts'

Refreshments with cake, bacon butties and more

Camp fire

Axe throwing

Whittling

Photos and Memorabilia collected over the years

Free Bacon butty / slice of cake with any piece of your old scouting (or guiding) uniform (Pre 1990) brought

DATE: Saturday 14th October 2023

TIME: 10 am – 2pm

VENUE: Hemyock Parish Hall

If you have any memorabilia you would like to display, please contact Karen on 07747668055

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe Our Next Event in November is on **Saturday 25th at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1.00pm.**

Please do come along and have all your broken items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs enjoy some refreshments in our tearoom café. (We are now able to take on extra, larger and more extended repairs due to us now also having a workshop facility)

Many thanks and kind regards,
Stephan Lehner

Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

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.

Let's Talk Mid Devon: Your New Community Engagement Hub

Mid Devon District Council has launched a new website designed to encourage open discussion, idea-sharing, and active community participation.

With Let's Talk Mid Devon, residents, businesses, and organisations throughout the district have the opportunity to help shape the future of their community. The website serves as a hub where residents can come together, express their thoughts, contribute ideas, and engage in meaningful conversations that directly influence the work of the Council.

Through Let's Talk Mid Devon, community members can actively participate in surveys, polls, and discussions that address a wide range of local issues, initiatives, and policy decisions. Whether it's suggesting improvements to Council services, offering insights on the future of Mid Devon through its local plan, or sharing ideas to tackle climate change together.

David Wulff, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure, said: "We believe in empowering the community and giving everyone a voice. Let's Talk Mid Devon is an exciting step forward, providing a digital space where we can connect, listen, and collaborate. We encourage every resident of Mid Devon to sign up and actively participate in shaping our shared future."

Visit the website at letstalkmiddevon.gov.uk and join the conversation today.



Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

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

£2
per adult

Hemyock Parish Hall



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


Facebook – Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group



IS LISTENING EASIER THAN READING?

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

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

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

Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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Mondays to Fridays					Saturdays					
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)		0900	1200	1500	1700		0900	1200	1500	1700
Seaton, opp Health Centre		0904	1204	1504	1704		0904	1204	1504	1704
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)		0908	1208	1508	1708		0908	1208	1508	1708
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)		0913	1213	1513	1712		0913	1213	1513	1712
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)		0920	1220	1520	1718		0920	1220	1520	1718
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn		0929	1229	1529	1726		0929	1229	1529	1726
Honiton, Waterleaf Avenue (SW-bound)		0935	1235	1535	1732		0935	1235	1535	1732
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735
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St Andrew's Clayhidon

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St. Andrew's Church News

We have had a long summer with such good weather that the children in particular could enjoy during their school holidays. Sunsets have been interesting and I am told that the sunrise have also been spectacular sometimes.

We were delighted that the wedding of Helen and Kevin could take place at our church on a dry, sunny day amid great excitement. We do wish them every happiness for their future which they so deserve.

During the last couple of months we have had various celebrations including the Local History Group's display, this time on coronations. What a magnificent floral spectacle Bridget and her helpers arranged. Never before have we seen such an array of the most beautiful flowers arranged in red, white and blue in every corner of the church, with a backing of flags and bunting that was quite spectacular and so memorable.

The Sunday service that weekend was timed so that we could all go out onto the field and enjoy a wonderful BBQ arranged by Maurice and helped by many people. We can only offer our grateful thanks to so many people for a wonderful weekend and for the delight and companionship of it all.

The second Sunday of September was our traditional Horse Riders' Service. There were fewer horses this year but for those who came there was a short traditional service followed by superb refreshments for all.

Sadly, a dear friend of the church, Nicola, has died. She was always someone who would help in any situation and smile about all circumstances. We send our deepest sympathy to John and the family and remember them in our prayers.

October is the month for our Harvest Festival service which is at 6.30 on Friday 6th October. Helen Stone will be the speaker telling us about 'Chat' where she works in Tiverton. The Harvest supper will follow at 7.45 in the Parish Hall. The family service will welcome all the family on Sunday morning at 10am to enjoy our harvest celebration. Communion services take place on 15th and 22nd at 10am with refreshments to follow.

November is the month for the Remembrance Service at 10.15 in church with Remembrance at the War Memorial taking place at 11.00 when everyone is welcome. A worship service takes place on Sunday 19th.

St Andrew's Patronal Festival takes place on November 26th at 10.30. All the benefice of Hemyock, Culm Davy and Culmstock are most welcome to the Communion service with celebratory refreshments to follow.

We remember several people who are in hospital at present or are ill at home and we send them our very best wishes for their recovery.

As we approach the autumn and winter months we look forward to joys of continued friendship and community which our neighbourhood has to offer and thank God for the happiness which we have enjoyed.

P.Reynolds. PCC

Pump Delivery and Newspaper bills

Owing to Richard Jeffries death, is anyone in Clayhidon NOT receiving a copy of the Pump? If so, please inform Michael Osmond or Judith Ward.

ALSO, no-one to whom Richard delivered papers on a daily basis has come forward and paid for their February or March papers – I know that you don't receive a bill, but it can't be impossible to work out an approximate amount that you owe – there are about 40 of you!

I also cannot find the remaining Telegraph vouchers – so you may take that amount off the bill. Richard's bank account is quite badly overdrawn – also contact Judith Ward 01823 680168.

CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL BIG BRUNCH THANKYOU

Everyone who came on Saturday enjoyed a very tasty Brunch. They met old friends and hopefully made new ones.

Our thanks go to Martin Batchelor for the eggs; Tim Potter for a good deal on the delicious sausages and bacon; and the lovely milk generously donated by the Blackmore family from Palmer's Milk Stand.

Also Judy Barton, Katherine West, Pete and Sue Clark, and Nickie and Lexi for volunteering to do anything they were asked to do;

This all enabled an enjoyable morning for everyone

Thank you too to Jake Whitcomb and Rupert and Oscar Tancock for so ably assisting with the raffle and helping to clear up afterwards.

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Summer has been an exciting and busy season within the church. During the month of August members of Rosemary Lane Chapel were involved in Summer Camps, holiday clubs, a Big Picnic at Wildside and the commencement of a 'New Songs Worship Evening' hosted at Hemyock Baptist Church on the 17th September. At Rosemary Lane itself, we were joined by David Coffey (Upton Vale Baptist) and David Herring (Quantock Ministries) over the summer, both of whom offered much encouragement as they opened God's Word among us.

As we headed into September and the commencement of a new school year, our regular activities resumed. Our Toddler group (Friday 9.30-11.30) welcomed back families from the surrounding communities. Our primary age kids club, Venturers, welcomed back children from the surrounding area to an evening of games, craft and other fun activities (see the attached flyer for details of upcoming Venturers dates). September is also the month that we celebrate harvest. Allan Blake (Chard) joined us to take our Harvest All-Age Service as we gave thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy, and the opportunity that we have to share with those around us. This year's food collection was, as in previous years, sent to support the great work carried out by the Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT) based in Tiverton. On 20th September we hosted our annual Ploughman's Praise evening at Chapel during which we had opportunity to hear directly about the impact CHAT have in their various areas of work.

October and November look no less busy within the church. Looking ahead, we are already anticipating visits from London City Mission to hear about their work in our nation's capital. We also look forward to welcoming Tirza Jones for the first time as she tells us more about the work of United Beach Missions and some of the events that took place around England and Wales this last summer. Finally, we also hope to host our annual Fireworks Display in early November. If you want to know more about what's coming up then search 'Rosemary Lane Chapel' on Facebook, or get in touch to join our mailing list.

In this season of harvest, life is busy within the church, and it is busy within the field. In fact, so much of what happens in the field, so much of what the farming community are committed to, teaches us a great deal about faith. It shouldn't surprise us that Scripture encourages us to look to the farmer as an example. When Paul encourages Timothy to be strong in the grace of Christ, he points his young friend and co-worker in the gospel toward the hard-working farmer (2 Timothy 2:6). When Paul encourages the Galatian churches toward endurance and perseverance, he speaks of the perennial planting and patient waiting for an inevitable harvest (Galatians 6:9).

Commitment and long-term faithfulness in each season brings forth a fruit of joy for the farmer. In these few years on the hills I have witnessed a contentment in the farmers work and a thankfulness in seeing what is produced over the years. The farmer is a picture to us of the secret joy of trusting in God's providence and experiencing his goodness. The farmer cannot afford to focus on the fruitfulness of tomorrow, only the faithfulness in today. To work in faith is all we are asked to do. And it's really all we can do. Our lives, like the farmer's, are ongoing and various exercises in learning to trust God despite what we can see today. Perhaps the greatest joy for those trusting in God, is the realisation that He who is the Lord of the harvest is indeed faithful. And so, I close with the words of the Psalmist:

*Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

PSALM 36:5-9

Jonathan Hillman
On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel
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Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

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Editor, James Winrow, pump@lickam.co.uk

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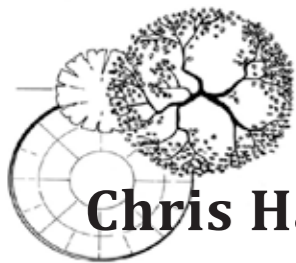
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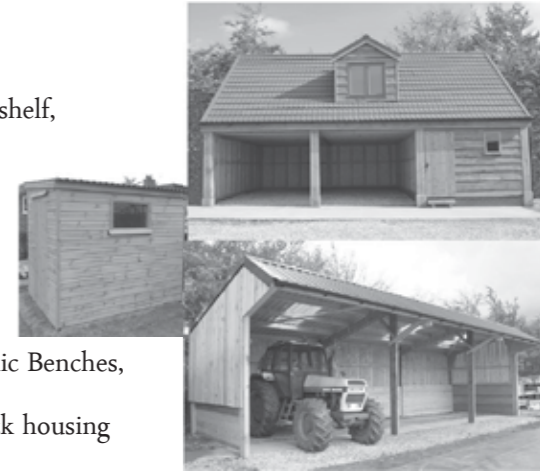


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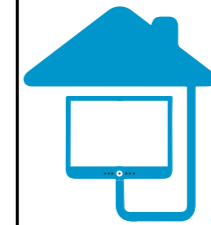
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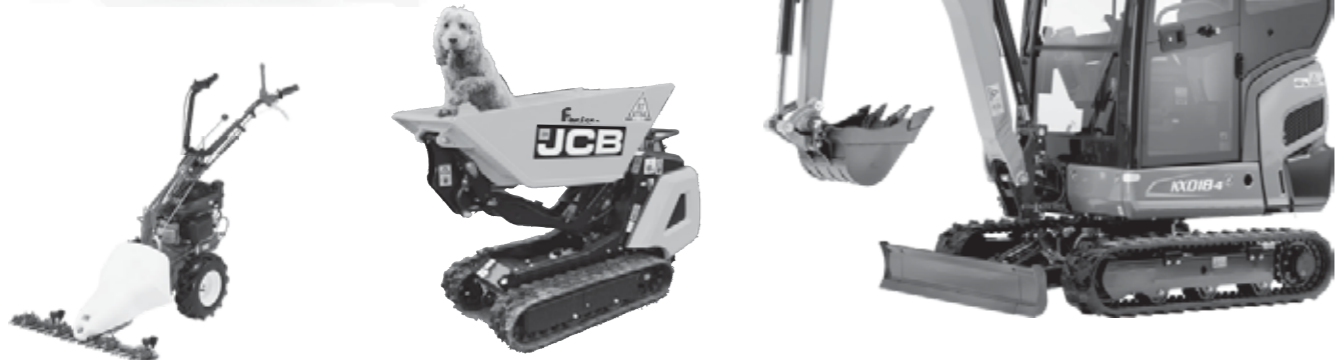
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