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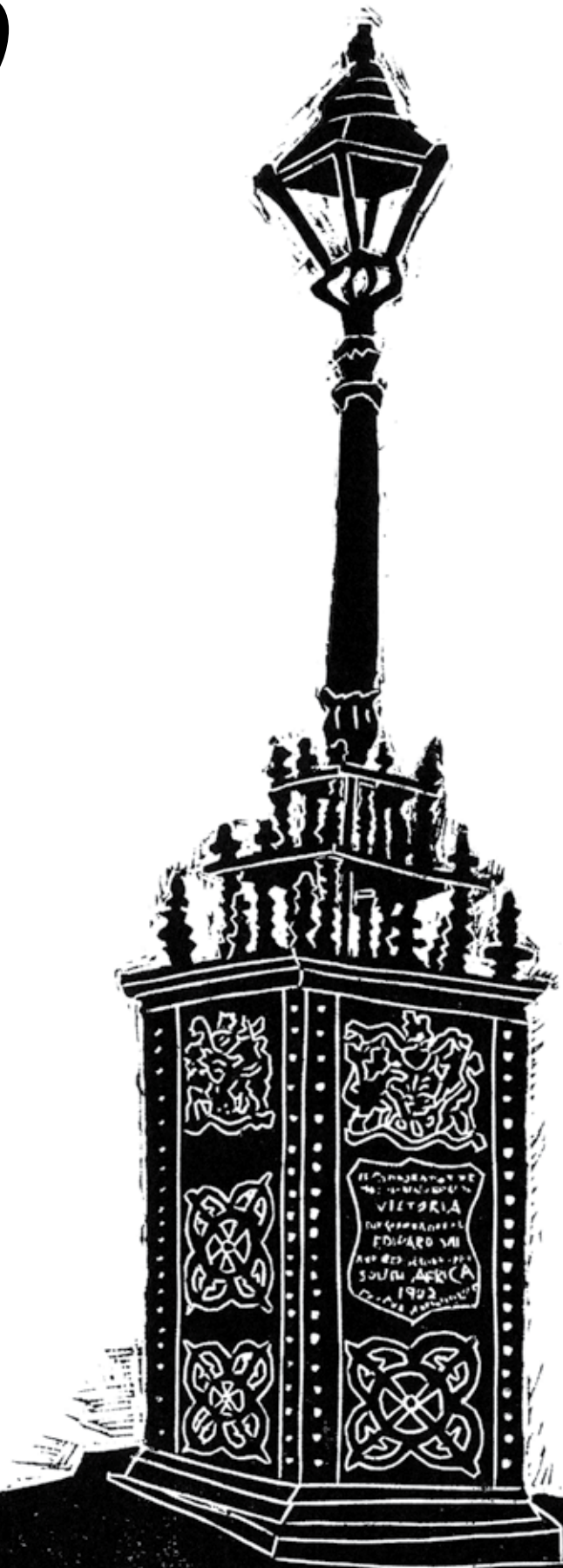
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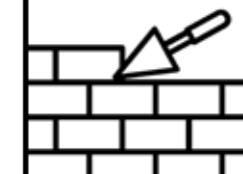
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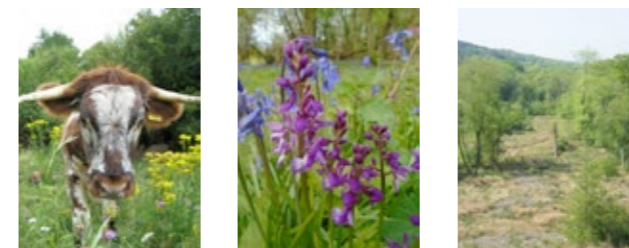
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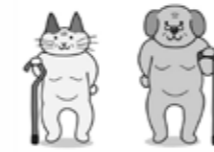
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**SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

	<b>Culm Davy Chapel</b>	<b>St Andrew, Clayhidon</b>	<b>All Saints, Culmstock</b>	<b>St Mary, Hemyock</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	<b>9.00am</b> Communion Service (traditional 1662)		<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service	<b>11.00am</b> Café Church
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> Sunday before Lent		<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship <b>3.30pm</b> BCP Evensong	<b>11.00am</b> Communion Service
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> Ash Wednesday				<b>7.00pm</b> Ash Wednesday Communion with Ashing
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>3.30pm</b> Evening Prayer (traditional 1662)	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship <b>5.30pm – 6.00pm</b> Led Prayer Vigil	<b>11.00am</b> Communion Service

**In addition:** A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (**27<sup>th</sup> February**) 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.

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## SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>9.00am</b> Communion service (Traditional 1662)		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Iona Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday		<b>10.00am</b> Mothering Sunday Morning Worship	<b>10.00am</b> Mothering Sunday Morning Worship  <b>3.30pm</b> Evensong (Traditional 1662)	<b>11.00am</b> Mothering Sunday Communion service
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>3.30pm</b> Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday	<b>10.30am</b> <b>All Saints Culmstock</b> Benefice Communion Service			
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>				
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>				<b>7.00pm</b> New Zealand Night Prayer
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>7.00pm</b> Common Worship Night Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> Iona Night Prayer			
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>St Mary's Church Room, Hemyock</b> Passover Supper followed by Vigil in St Mary's			
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Good Friday	<b>2.00pm</b> <b>St Andrew's, Clayhidon</b> The Last Hour Meditation			
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Easter Sunday	<b>9.00am</b> Easter Family Communion (Traditional 1662)	<b>7.00am</b> Sunrise Service  <b>10.00am</b> Easter Family Communion	<b>10.00am</b> Easter Family Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Easter Family Communion

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### Springtime of the Soul

Most people who know about the Church's season of Lent - the 6½ weeks leading up to Easter - will imagine it as a miserable time; after all, isn't it traditionally the time for giving up things that are nice or fun? While it is referred to as a "penitential" season, and the concept of penitence is tied up with saying sorry for the wrong things we have done or those which make us feel bad, the whole Christian concept of confessing those wrongs and seeking forgiveness is mainly about making a new start. There is certainly no reason for wallowing in self-pity or self-loathing.

*"The name Lent comes from lencten, an Old English word for Spring, which refers to the lengthening of the days, bringing the promise of summer warmth, new growth and the fruits of nature."*

The name Lent comes from *lencten*, an Old English word for Spring, which refers to the lengthening of the days, bringing the promise of summer warmth, new growth and the fruits of nature. I guess fewer of us have a "spring clean" than used to be the case, but springtime was the time to move things outside to expose the dusty cobwebby corners to daylight, and to clean up the dirt and mess that had built up through the winter.

In many ways, Lent is a bit like New Year - an opportunity to resolve to change one's life for the better in a small way. So rather than giving up chocolate because it's naughty but nice, one could decide to do something positive each day - something as small as saying "hello" to a neighbour who often gets ignored, or offering to run an errand for someone who is housebound. Even if such acts of kindness conferred no spiritual benefit, I write this having just

listened to Michael Moseley explaining how doing such acts has been shown to have a beneficial effect, not just on mental wellbeing (the "warm glow" we might expect), but also improving our bodies' immune responses and making us less prone to physical illnesses.

I hope nothing I've said stops anyone from denying themselves some luxury during Lent, as long as it is for a good reason and doesn't just make them miserable; but don't rule out the possibility of taking the opportunity afforded by this season to make some positive change in behaviour that might benefit you as much as those around you. The warm glow you perceive will be down to the "springtime of your soul".

*David Major*

# St Mary's Hemyock

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- A Taste of France
- Gardeners Spring Show
- Hemyock Day
- 100 Mile Sponsored Walk



## Christmas Fayre and Christingle Service

The first weekend in December has for many years been a weekend of celebration at St Marys church Hemyock and this year proved to be no exception. With the Lights Brigade choosing to hold their parade through the village in more recent years on the Saturday evening the entire weekend is now one of fun and joy.

In spite of the bitter cold, St Mary's Hemyock with Culm Davy Chapel had a warm welcome for everyone to their Christmas Fayre last Saturday. In the Church, there was a mixture of stalls with new, nearly new, Christmas decorations, cakes, raffles and lots of tea/coffee/goodies to be enjoyed. In the Church Rooms, the Charity Shop was also open (also open every Tuesday morning) is a little gold mine of (it seems like) everything! A lovely start to December and our Christmas celebrations. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who came along with generous purses - a total of £1300+ was raised towards the running costs of the Church and Chapel. Very much appreciated.

Christingles - an orange representing the world holding a candle being the light of Christ and 4 spikes of fruit & sweets depicting the seasons of the year - were distributed to the congregation at the annual service held at Hemyock parish church. Rev Canon Becky Totterdell led the service assisted by Helen Stone. With the lights dimmed the congregation formed a circle around the pews as the carol Away in a Manger was sung.



## Do you have a collection of unused tools, either from work or maybe a hobby, and you are not quite sure what to do with them?

One of the Charity groups that the Charity Shop has links with is TWAM. - Tools with a Mission. They accept all sorts of tools from a humble spanner to welding kits and generators. Based in Ipswich in Suffolk they aim to put together kits of tools appropriate to many skills from agricultural to industrial sewing. These kits are then sent to Africa where they are given to people who have been trained, but who cannot afford the cost of tools which would enable them to use those new skills to benefit their local village. As their leaflet states they are "empowering people with the tools that create livelihoods and transform lives."

They work through local agents and the Charity Shop has links with the one in Wellington. Contact Brian Samuels if you have any queries.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

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Again, many thanks, David Bawler  
RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Upper Culm Valley

## THANK YOU

The Charity and Coffee Shop has had another busy year and for that we must say a huge THANK YOU to all you who have supported us in so many ways. Whether it was donating, or buying items, having drinks and cakes, making cakes etc to sell or offering to help in either side of the Shop we can honestly say "we couldn't have done it without you".

What all your kindnesses have done over the past 11 plus years is to help a wide selection of charitable groups that either work in the village or do things to help it. That's besides helping to maintain the Church Room and of course the Church Building itself. And at 900 years old those costs add up to rather a lot each month - like £3000 plus.

One of the most pleasing times for the Charity Shop is choosing which groups to offer the part of our income we have promised to give away. Who will give it to this year? Come to our Saturday opening in April and find out!

### Help for Lepers

Looking for a home for used postage stamps? There's one in the Charity shop and another on the counter in St Marys church. Proceeds from them go to aid the Mission to Lepers.

St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop  
As we looked around the shop recently we found:-

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

What will you find?

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## Come and see!

### Upper Culm Valley churches Lent course 2024

Jesus caused a stir wherever he went and people wondered who he really was, what he was really like, and whether he mattered. In the Gospels we find lots of invitations to the curious to 'come and see' for themselves. This Lent course helps us discover and share with others who Jesus is and what difference he can make to us in our daily lives. Everyone welcome.

Compiled by Jeremy Putnam, Mission Enabler for Diocese of Exeter.

When? Wednesday evenings.  
Where? St Mary's Church room Hemyock.  
What time? 6.30pm: Enjoy a hot supper together, £8 pp. Diets catered for (with notice).  
7.15-8.30pm: People's encounters with Jesus.  
Sign up? Please let Liz know, weekly, if you are attending for supper, and any dietary requirements, to assist catering planning: [lizlangdon@langdons.org.uk](mailto:lizlangdon@langdons.org.uk)  
07968 275380.

Dates? 1 21 February  
2 28 February  
3 6 March  
4 13 March  
5 20 March



### Sponsored walk for Crzee Christian Response to Eastern Europe

The parish church of St Marys Hemyock is delighted to have received a Certificate of Merit from Devon's Best Churchyard Competition 2023 sponsored by Devon CPRE, the Voice for Devon's Countryside.

Having reached this milestone (80) I would really like to 'celebrate' my many blessings and walk 100 miles locally in February for Christian Response to Eastern Europe, who do such an amazing job helping so many people in Ukraine and Moldova.

Last year I walked to raise funds for a Generator though the need might be different this time. If you are able to support my walk with sponsorship or simply a donation, it would be very welcome and appreciated particularly by the recipients in Ukraine.

Hopefully, weather permitting I will start on 1st February and keep you updated as to how the miles are progressing.

Thank you for your support and prayers at this difficult time for so many.

Delia

### Message from Hugh Scudder Trustee of Crzee

Since 1990 crzee has achieved a huge amount and helped thousands of people, changed lives for the better and most importantly given hope. All this has only been achieved through the fantastic work of our volunteers and generous donors and at the age of 80, Delia is again trying to help by walking 100 miles.

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### A Voluntary Charity working in Ukraine and Moldova



Since 1990 the local charity crzee has helped thousands of people in Moldova, Romania and, since the war, Ukraine.

crzee has transported and distributed several thousand tonnes of humanitarian aid and financially supported several Soup Kitchens and other projects. All this has only been possible as a result of generous financial support from concerned groups and individuals.



Humanitarian Aid lorries allow crzee to help hundreds of families in a cost-effective way. Articulated lorries filled to the roof hold a huge amount of clothing, medical supplies and other aid which is distributed direct to those in need. These lorries are always eagerly awaited in both Ukraine and Moldova.

Children are the innocent victims of their situation, be it caused by war or poverty, health or education.

crzee helps with many of these problems and gives support through their Soup Kitchens.

These Soup Kitchens not only offer good food for the children but also gives time for other activities; fun and games with their friends as well as help with homework if needed. These are safe places where the children also have the opportunity to speak with an adult confidentially about any problems they may have.

Additionally, food is distributed to the homes of the elderly, the infirm and others in need.



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Breathing sounds of life of Winter resting,  
Light withdrawn to short shivering day of early evening,  
Dry, crisp breaths of cold  
Drift amongst the trees,  
Snowflakes fall through gray Winter light,  
Muffling the airs symphony of silent sound,  
Beating the tempo of  
The woodland Winter colours glow.  
And frost adds it's tinkling line,  
The day complete.

#### ALWAYS YES ALWAYS

Jesus promised to join us while we walk,  
This rocky road through life,  
A way,  
To help and guide us,  
Each day,  
On this road of change and strife,  
No matter what the grief or puzzle,  
May be found upon the way,  
We have a friend to share the journey,  
However long and hard the way.

David Palmer



## HEMYOCK DAY

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

# 07867 243 107

### Hemyock Day! Save the Date!

On Saturday 29 June, we will be celebrating the first ever Hemyock Day! SAVE THE DATE!

With the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations behind us, there is a sense of anticipation and expectation for what community events could be held in Hemyock in 2024 and beyond.

I would like to hear from Hemyock residents as to what they would like to see happening in the community to give us opportunities of further get togethers - young and old and everyone in between – on a regular basis.

Do you want to get involved and join in? Have lots of ideas? Give me a call on 07867 243 107.

Sue Scantlebury

### Mid Devon Singers news – February 2024

As this is our first update of 2024, happy new year! Let's hope that this year brings us all peace, joy & happiness.



Hopefully you managed to catch one of our performances at the Christmas Fayres at Coldharbour Mill and the Hickory Inn.

We're looking at our 2024 performance calendar now, so if you're running a local event and would like to book us, please get in touch via email on info@mids.org.uk - otherwise, be sure to keep an eye on our social media feeds for announcements.

Research shows that singing can be good for you on many levels – releasing endorphins which reduce stress and anxiety levels and contribute to a positive mental state, as well as promoting social bonding, contributing to a sense of belonging and joy. So, why not resolve to try us out this New Year? 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).

We rehearse every Friday evening during school term time at Halberton Village Hall, starting promptly at 7.15pm. The 2024

**FOODBANK THANK YOU**

The Wellington Foodbank have asked us to say a very sincere "Thank you" to everyone in Hemyock and area for their continuing support of our local Foodbank.

We at St Mary's would echo that especially to the Staff and Customers of the Spar Shop in Station Road. Their collection box joins the church's two as places where you can leave any donations.

Should you find that you might benefit from the service you can get information from the Medical centre or drop into the Foodbank centre. It is open 1pm to 3pm on Mondays and Thursdays in the URC church in Fore Street Wellington. This now acts as a drop-in centre and staff there are happy to talk to you re any related problems.

**NEWS FROM HEMYOCK BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Steve Williams 0737 900 9325 [hembcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:hembcpastor@gmail.com)**

Church Secretary **Maureen 680111** Prayer Requests **Chenda 662318**

If you look around, the UK has some very creatively named small businesses – there's even an annual award to celebrate them. Recent winners / nominees include: A one-man gardening business trading as 'The Lawn Ranger', 'Petal Pushers' (florists), 'Pride and Groom' (dog/cat groomer), 'Wish You Wash Here' (dry cleaners), a Suffolk tiling business called 'Grout of this World' and independent coffee roastery, 'Perky Blenders'.

Maybe they should run a similar competition for churches, as there are some unusual titles around. Some choose names from the Bible that are thought to be appropriate. So, you find chapels called Ebenezer, which means 'The Lord has helped us', or Bethel, meaning 'The house of God'. But I particularly liked one from a type of church looking to reach people who might not feel so comfortable in a traditional setting. They meet in a pub in a busy city centre and offer many of the things you would expect to find in a conventional church building. Singing, prayers, teaching, friendship and the opportunity to ask questions are all on the menu offered in warm and friendly surroundings. I love the title: the church in the pub is simply called 'Bar None'. In the words of the advert, it does exactly what it says on the tin.

Some people get the wrong idea about church if their experience of it has been limited. Sadly, for others, their experience of church has given them the wrong idea about God, and instead of being drawn to him they have felt that their failings disqualify them from coming to church at all. Churches shouldn't be exclusive clubs for the initiated but communities that live out the invitation of Jesus to come, bring our burdens to him and exchange them for his rest (Matthew 11:28). I'm sure our local churches echo this sentiment – maybe it's time to give church another try; after all, Jesus came for everyone...









**Pastor Steve**

**SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2024**

- **Sunday 4th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 11th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 18th** 10:30 am **Communion**, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 25th** 10.00 am **KING'S BREAKFAST Family Fun Service**

**SERVICES IN MARCH 2024**

- **Sunday 3rd** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 10th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 17th** 10:30 am **Communion**, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 24th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 31st** 10:30 am **EASTER SERVICE**, Young Church & coffee

<p><b>MONDAYS TODDLER TIME</b></p>  <p><b>MONDAYS - TERM TIME ONLY</b> 9.00 - 11.30 am Open to under 5's, toys, activities &amp; refreshments.</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAYS CHAPEL CAFE</b></p>  <p><b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 9.15 - 11.30 am Join us for tea, coffee &amp; a chat.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAYS 30 MINUTES WITH GOD</b></p>  <p><b>EVERY THURSDAY</b> 10.00 - 10.30 am A silent time of prayer, rest &amp; reflection, our prayer team are on hand to pray with you if you wish.</p>	<p><b>HOUSE &amp; PRAYER GROUPS</b></p>  <p><b>7.30 pm</b> <b>TUESDAYS</b> with Anne (680057) or <b>THURSDAYS</b> with Vivien (680952)</p> <p><b>SATURDAY PRAYERS</b> <b>8-8.45 am</b> please contact Anne</p>
<p><b>FILM NIGHT</b> <b>SUNDAY 24th MARCH</b></p> <p><b>7.00 pm</b> An inspiring family friendly film, open to all. Come along early for a coffee.</p> 	<p><b>MESSY CHURCH</b> <b>FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY &amp; FRIDAY 19th APRIL</b></p>  <p><b>4.00 - 6.00 pm</b> A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children &amp; their adults.</p>	<p><b>KING'S BREAKFAST</b> <b>SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY</b></p>  <p><b>10.00 am</b> Our fun family service with a Cuppa, Crafts, Bacon Roll or Sausage Sandwich!</p>	<p><b>EASTER MONDAY WALK</b></p>  <p><b>Monday 1st April starting 10.30 am</b> Family friendly guided walk meet outside HBC, max hour and a half ready for light lunch back at HBC - all welcome</p>

**A TASTE OF FRANCE!**

Celebrate Spring with a delicious meal, bring your friends and enjoy a dinner party without the washing up

**4 Course French Meal**

**£20pp**

- French Onion Soup
- Dijon Chicken
- Cheese Board
- Tarte au Citron

**Hemyock Parish Hall**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**6.30 for 7pm**

**Pay Bar**

To book ring Karen Pinder 01823 681034 or email: [kazapinder@hotmail.com](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com)  
Hemyock & Upper Culm Twinning Association



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**SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN AT HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**BIRTHDAY THANKS**

I would like to thank all who wrote cards and called on my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, it all helped to make it a very happy day

Ruth Tartaglia

*The Violet Chapman Trust*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COULD WE HELP YOU?**



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

- Riverside Club** Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9.30am – 3pm. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687
- Community Shed** Sundays and Mondays most weeks of the year, 10am – 1pm. The Shed is a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending in a social setting. Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687
- BSG Lunch Club** First Wednesday of every month at 12.30pm, come and enjoy a low cost, nutritious and freshly-cooked two course meal. Contact Blackdown Support Group (01823) 681036
- Stay & Play Hub** Wednesdays term-time 9.30am – 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for babies and pre-school children. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories. Health Visitor clinic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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

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

HEMYOCK GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

**PLANT SALE**



**Afternoon Tea**

**Wednesday 10 April**

**Hemyock Parish Hall  
2.30pm**

Tea, Coffee, Cake & Plants For Sale

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

**Spring Show 2024**



Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Viewing and Ploughmans  
from 12.30pm



Take Part, Laugh,  
Enjoy & Live Life



Two-course  
lunch

Fun-filled day  
for older people



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

Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock

Ring 01823 680687 for further info.



Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock

Squish Scoop  
Squelch Spray  
Spin Shake  
Squeeze Splash

**Blackdown Stay & Play Hub**  
Sensory Sessions

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

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS

**BLACKDOWN Support GROUP**  
Things get solved if you get involved!

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEER VISITORS**

Help support important services  
Be part of something  
Meet new people  
Give back to your local community

**Make 2024 your Year to Volunteer**

We are actively looking for volunteers across the Blackdown Hills area.

- Flexible and local volunteering opportunities
- Fully supported by an experienced staff team
- Mileage expenses paid

tel - 01823 681 036  
website - <https://blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk/>  
email - [d-icb.bsgadmin@nhs.net](mailto:d-icb.bsgadmin@nhs.net)

valley arts  
Presents

*Alice in Wonderland*

By Tom Walley

Tickets available 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 from Hemyock Post Office  
Adults £10 Children £5

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

**PLANT OBELISK WORKSHOP**

Learn how to make a beautiful woven plant obelisk, perfect sculptural support for any climbing vegetables or flowers in your garden!

**SOPHIA CAMPBELL-SHAW**  
Experienced willow basket and coffin maker

**OLD DUNKSWELL VILLAGE HALL**  
Sunday Feb 25th 2024  
Two options:  
• 9:30am - 12:30pm, £45  
• 2pm - 5pm, £45

To book, email [wovenfarewell@gmail.com](mailto:wovenfarewell@gmail.com) or text 07904 454227

**BEGINNERS' BASKETRY**

Come along and make a beautiful willow basket, and learn a host of basketmaking techniques for beginners in this fun and friendly one day workshop!

**SOPHIA CAMPBELL-SHAW**  
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**OLD DUNKSWELL VILLAGE HALL**  
Saturday Feb 24th 2024  
9am - 5pm, £75

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**HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)**

HPHMC meet every two months to manage the asset that is the Parish Hall and associated recreation field. A number of the groups, clubs, and societies that make regular use of the facilities might like representation on the committee. If you feel that your association should have more of a voice, and be able to influence how the facilities are managed, then please contact those in charge and ask them to nominate and send someone along to future meetings. Those on the committee are a friendly bunch and can assure new members and / or trustees of a warm welcome.

The committee is still looking for someone to help with the monthly Saturday Market. Heather Stallard has been the co-ordinator and driving force behind the market, and many folk throughout the Parish look forward to shopping at the stalls, grabbing a cup of tea or coffee and a bacon roll, or just stopping in for a natter. It would be great to find someone to help Heather in her work, so if you can spare just a few hours per month and think you could help, then contact the secretary of HPHMC - details below.

Over the last couple of years, much has been achieved to improve the hall facilities, for example, upgrading the fencing to the recreation field, LED lighting throughout the hall, replacement external doors throughout, new comfortable chairs, and provision of round tables more suited to formal functions and parties. There is still much left to do, for example, the heating system, the playpark, and as you may imagine always a number of maintenance issues, but there is a balance to be had between modernising and tradition, and the committee are determined to continue the good work.

The next meetings of HPHMC trustees will be March 18th, May 20th, and the AGM on June 17th - All in the Forbes Lounge @ 7.45 pm

Bob Hawkes (Sec)  
([bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com))  
07540 435149

**Hemyock Christmas Club**

Hemyock Christmas Club would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for coming to support us again in December. Thanks to your generosity, not only did children and grownups alike have a brilliant couple of evenings, but we also managed to raise a wonderful £513.30. This will be split evenly between our two charities, Devon Air Ambulance and The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital.



A really big thank you to all of our supporters, especially Somerset County Cars for the loan of the truck and Connetts Farm for donating the Christmas tree. After our two nights of touring Hemyock, the elves were able to pass the tree onto Musgrove Park to use in their Children's ward.

We hope to be back later in the year with a fundraising event, so keep your eyes peeled on update from us in the Parish Pump and on our Facebook page.

**Valley Arts**



We enjoyed an excellent Christmas Meal at the Catherine wheel, thank you very much to Geoff and his staff for their hospitality. This year's pantomime Alice in Wonderland will be on the 7th 8th & 9th FEBRUARY 2024. We are very grateful to our Box Office, Hemyock Post Office. Tickets have been on sale to the public since 13th Jan 2024, they are selling well, there are a few left on Weds and Thurs.

Stuart Summers is our Director and Zelda Gray is our Musical Director and we are delighted that we have a large cast of regulars and four new members. Rehearsals are underway and going very well, we have an excellent creative and technical behind the scenes crew, making sure that Wonderland will be spectacular.

We are busy learning songs with Zelda; she has chosen a good mix to suit a variety of tastes. We are enjoying singing them and they include; Welcome to wonderland, C'mon Everybody, That's Entertainment and many others. We are learning the dances with Adele and Miki these have been great fun.



Stuart has had a difficult task this year with so many talented members, he finally came up with a cast list which is:- Alice-Emily Caldicott, Knave of Hearts-Kevin Stone, Cheshire Cat-Sonia Moggford -Abbot, Sister-Elsie Flowers, White Rabbit-Vikki Daley, Duchess-Andy Pulman, Caterpillar-Miki Hussey, Tweedle Dum-Sue Bennett, Tweedle Dee- Ben King, Mad Hatter-Geoff Taylor, March Hare-Lorraine Marsh, Dormouse-Alison Robson, Mock Turtle-Chris Poole, Queen of Hearts- Caroline Pinder, King of Hearts & Knobby -Mark Dyke, Three of Hearts- Sally Cartledge, Seven of Hearts- Elaine Bates, Ace of Hearts- Becky Doble. Opening poem- Sue Bennet. CHORUS Becky Doble, Elaine Bates and Val Slabbert.

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

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)





## Hemyock Parish Council update

**W**e hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year. Some fantastic news to start the Year is that the Community Larder is moving to the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre from 8th January. It will be based in one of the rooms in the Centre, this will allow the Larder to also have a fridge and a freezer unit as well as the normal non-perishable items. This will help to reduce food waste, so please use the Larder- take what you need and if you are able to donate please do. We are grateful to Jake from Foodsave who organised the funding of the units. The Larder is still in need of volunteers for both food collections and for increasing the opening hours so if you are able to help please sign up on line <http://foodsave.org.uk/volunteer/>

### Christmas Lights

Wow Hemyock does it again! Our judge Natasha Bradshaw was simply blown away by the wonderful displays all around the parish. What an amazing display of lit-up houses and gardens. There were so many beautiful looking homes over the Christmas period, it is very difficult to judge the top few. From a very long short list the following few were selected as they stood out as striking for different reasons.

1st prize to the Church/Beacon Lights for the striking spectacle of pink trees in the churchyard, which were really stunning, unusual and enjoyed by everyone passing by.

2nd prize to St Ivel House for a clear wintery display of blue and white colour co-ordinated lights that were prominent entering Hemyock from the south at the bottom of Combe Hill.

3rd prize is split between two of the most creative displays that really show the Christmas spirit; a beautiful pink and white doorway at Pophayes near the bottom of the High Street and the Mill House at Whitehall for a beautiful white window display.

4th prize goes to 24 Eastland for a traditional Father Christmas themed cosy-looking house.

Well done to everyone who took part. We are really looking forward the next competition. Please would the prize winners contact the clerk [hemyockpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com) with their bank details.

### Vacancy

Unfortunately Kevin Andrews has decided to step down as Councillor and we thank him for his contribution to the Council during his time. We therefore have a vacancy to join the Council. If you feel that you are able to spare some time to help your local community please send your C.V to the Clerk.

The dishwasher unfortunately stopped working in the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre at the beginning of December, and the Council were happy to pay for a replacement and fitting.

Please be careful when walking on the footbridge, it is very slippery at the moment and we are aware that some repairs are required. Unfortunately these repairs cannot commence until the weather improves.

### Planning

Residents may view and comment on planning applications submitted to Mid Devon District Council on their Planning Portal.

[www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning/public-access-search-and-comment-on-planning-applications/](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning/public-access-search-and-comment-on-planning-applications/)

The Parish Council is a consultee on planning applications submitted for Hemyock and neighbouring parishes. The Planning Department or the MDDC Planning Committee make the decision on each application. The Parish Council seeks to give local knowledge to the Planning Department for each application and comments in line with planning policies and material planning considerations. Where the Parish Council feels that an application does not comply with planning policies, or the application could affect residents under material planning considerations, they will make their objections/comments known to the Planning Department. Where the Parish Council feels that an application complies with planning policies and residents would not be affected under material planning considerations, they will give their support but might ask for conditions to be added to the Decision Notice for the betterment of residents.

### Applications considered:

23/01673/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a roof over silage clamp

Location: Land at NGR 312725 113570 (Westhayes Farm) Hemyock Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 312762 / 113575

23/01021/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear and side extension

Location: Canters Culm Davy Hemyock Cullompton

Grid Ref: 312332 : 115059

23/01820/FULL

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of a redundant agricultural barn to dwelling and associated access, parking, landscaping and garden areas

Location: Land and Building at NGR 313373 114248 (South of Park Cross) Withy Lane Hemyock

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313373 / 114248

23/00511/FULL

Proposal: Erection of 5 affordable dwellings following demolition of existing garages with associated parking, landscaping and works

Location: Land and Garages at NGR 313963 113447 Eastlands Hemyock

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313961 / 113446

23/01955/HOUSE, 23/01957/LBC

Proposal: Erection of garden room; internal alterations to the granary and its fenestration; repairs and alterations to barn and its eastern outshot including photovoltaic array and formation of swimming pool

Location: Whitehall Manor Whitehall Hemyock Cullompton

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The Council receive a weekly newsletter - Devon Home Choice, which lists available council and housing association homes. This is posted on our facebook page, please visit this for information on the properties and how to apply.

The wet weather over recent weeks have enlarged the existing potholes and have opened new ones please be careful when driving around the village and please continue to report these on the Devon County Council website, the more they are reported the more likely they will be repaired. If you see that they have already been reported, please ensure that you add your name to the report.

The Council provides and maintains the Public Conveniences in the Village for the use of all residents. Unfortunately the anti-social behaviour and vandalism have increased over recent weeks which has cost the Parish a considerable amount of money. By having to continue to pay to keep the toilets in a good state of repair prevents this money being used for providing other amenities to the Village. It is unfortunate that the group concerned continue to cause damage despite regular requests for this to cease. If you do see anything suspicious please do report this to the Police.

Volunteers are needed for the early Flood Early Warning System for the Hemyock Catchment area. Connecting the Culm are setting up and testing an early flood warning system for small rural communities. Hemyock Parish Council agreed to set up a Flood Group at the last Parish Council meeting. The group will be a number of councillors and any other members of the Community that would be interested and willing to be part of this project. Between 5-10 local residents will be asked to sign up to test the system and get involved in feedback on the design of the system. A meeting will be held at the end of January - if you would be interested in being part of this group then please contact Sue our Clerk ([hemyockpc@gmail.com](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com)).

The Council have also discussed having a live webcam by the footbridge/river for up to date information about flooding. It was agreed that this would be very useful for residents to be able to plan their journey's safely during bad weather. We are hopeful that this can be set up soon.

The Community Land working group continues to work with Cavanna to ensure that the seven acres plot is handed over to the Village in the best possible condition. The working group plan to meet shortly at a date to be set to discuss next steps. Please keep an eye on the website, Facebook page and the notice boards around the Village for dates.

Details of Parish Council meetings, agendas and copies of the minutes are posted on our website and facebook page and on the notice boards around the Village for your information. The Public Forum during the meeting is an opportunity for you to bring ideas or voice your concerns to the Council so please come along – we look forward to seeing you.



## 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

The Blackdown Support Group contact:

01823 681036

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

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

## Around Hemyock

**I**t was interesting to read how many people put Christmas decorations up in their home at the beginning of December, or even earlier, and pack away very soon after 25th. I remember as a young child when living in Cornwall one year we had a tall fir tree decorated with beautiful baubles. It is a memory I cherish and whilst not always practical we always opt for a real tree as tall as possible and use some of the remaining very fragile decorations my parents bought over 70 years ago, which stay up until 12th night. This year with a 1-year-old grandson toddling about our tree was, we thought, safely cordoned off but he still managed to grab some of the newer decorations which are thankfully shatterproof!

The decorations around the village over December have once again been a wonderful sight and thanks must go to all those involved. Whether it's a simple wreath on a door or a large colourful display all add to the festive feel and attracts many visitors. The month also sees a group of friends who have managed to attract Father Christmas and his elves to the village over recent years collect for charities close to their hearts. The joy on children's faces when seeing them is indescribable.

Despite all the coughs, colds and Covid circulating in recent weeks most have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations but there are those feeling the loss of a loved one remembering, in particular the families of the late **David Wiltshire** and **Philippa Langdon**. Many will also remember **Ros**, the first wife of Tony Grosse, who died recently. The family of **Maud Johnson** has informed us that she passed away in mid January at the age of 101 years. Many will remember her with great fondness. Through the Pump we send condolences, love and prayers to their families and friends.

The family of David Wiltshire, known to all as Dave, have written:

David was born in Penzance at his grandmother's home in Daniel Place on 20 July 1944. He was the eldest of 3 sons, his brothers Kim and Stephen came along later, and the family relocated to Hampshire for work when Dave was 16.

For many years he travelled back to Cornwall to visit family and when he was in his late teens met Andy. They married and lived in Tongham in Hampshire when mum was 17 and dad was 21. They enjoyed 8 years travelling around Europe and had many happy holidays in Cornwall before their son Damien came along followed a few years later by Emma. Sadly, Damien passed away at the age of 11. The family made the decision to move to the west country and that's how they came to be in Hemyock.

Dave spent his working life travelling all corners of the world from South America, Asia to Australia and all over Europe, so when he retired, he enjoyed staying around the village and walking the dogs and meeting friends for the odd pint in the pubs nearby. He visited 54 different countries so was very well travelled.

Over the last almost 40 years we settled into our new lives and found peace in the village meeting so many wonderful friends. David was heavily involved in the Blackdown Hills Skittles League and was treasurer for the last 40 years enjoying many social occasions in the pubs around the hills. He was also a driver for the Cameo Club and Blackdown Practice and was very well loved by many of the people he used to drive to appointments and clubs!

After looking after his wife whilst she was going through cancer treatment sadly David was diagnosed with an auto immune

condition that made him susceptible to infections so in the last few months, he had a number of admissions to hospital to treat these, but he unfortunately passed away on 26th December.

Emma continues that she and her mum, Andy, have been inundated with messages and support for which they are truly grateful and that have brought them great comfort at this difficult time.

Through the Pump all good wishes are sent to those who are unwell or recovering from accidents including John, Ruby, David, Chris, Meg, Alan, Mo, Sally and Becky.

Hemyock's Little Library at 39 Eastlands goes from strength to strength and thanks go to Frankie Watters whose idea it was. It has recently received a grant from MDDC allowing new lighting, carpet, seating, new bookshelves and books. The library, as you would expect, carries a wide range of books for both children and adults so do call in and have a browse.

The Community Fridge, located at the Healthy Living & Activity Centre is also being extremely well used as well. Thanks go to all the volunteers who help run it.

Valley Arts are nearing showtime once again and will no doubt thrill their audiences with fun and laughter. Whilst much local news is shared on the internet there are those with no internet connection so the Parish Pump is a welcome delivery for them. If you have anything you may have posted on social media and would like published please get in touch. Easter comes early this year so all good wishes from the Pump to you.

Janice  
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.



**Free tree giveaway!**

Tree hub location: Longmead Pavilion

Date & time: from 10am 18th February, '24

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

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

Logos: Saving Devon's Treescapes, Devon Wildlife Trust, Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum, HERITAGE FUND, ONETREEPLANTED, WOODLAND TRUST

### HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)

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

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## the LIGHTS BRIGADE

### Hemyock Lights Brigade: Stomping good fun!

**T**hank you so much to all of you that took part in, or came out to see December's Lights Parade. We hope you enjoyed the giant lantern oak leaves, fungi, woodland creatures and talking trees, in celebrating our local 'woodland'. This year the lighting of the star featured the story of Mus, an excitable Hazel Dormouse and Morel, a talking 'beacon' oak tree, who simply(!) extended a 222-metre-long branch up to the top of the church tower so that little Mus could leap and light the star!

We owe a massive thank you to all our helpers, participants, stewards, committee and onlookers for making this our eighth annual Lights Parade, and Christmas Lights switch on a wonderful, if cold, success! Special thanks must go to our sponsors, without whom we wouldn't be able to stage this annual tradition - you really did us proud: Thank you to: Making Life Easier; Josh Essex; Tilhill Forestry; Clayhidon Parish Council; Hemyock Parish Council; Huws Gray, Wellington; Langford Lakes; Cavana Homes; Alex Hill; Devon & Somerset Sweepers Ltd; The Blackdowns Music Trust; Geoff Taylor at the Catherine Wheel; Robin Porch; Community Shed, Hemyock; and all those that kindly donated their electricity to light up the village.

And now... to our next event... the Spring Dance!! In April this year, we will be hosting honky-tonk, boogie woogie, hillbilly hooligans, 'The Swamp Stomp String Band' plus support.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 20th April. 7.30pm until midnight, at Hemyock Parish Hall. Tickets go on sale from Hemyock Spar at the beginning of March. This is our big fundraiser to help pay for the 2024 Parade, and for maintaining and replacing the village lights. See you in Spring!

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

## Strand Stores Update

We wanted to write and let you all know of some exciting plans ahead. Since losing our chef back in early 23, we have tried tirelessly to find a suitable replacement, and have actually recruited three new chefs in that time, all of which sadly let us down at the eleventh hour.....We have done our best to continue to provide hot meals in our cafe, but appreciate the selection has been limited, not particularly exciting and somewhat inconsistent.

So, with that in mind, we are excited to tell you that from Friday 2nd February, we will have a new cook, and will have a brand new Breakfast and Lunch menu, which will be served everyday of the week! You can expect lots of wholesome, hearty, home cooked classics throughout the winter months, and we are already working on our Summer menu! A selection of the menu will also be available to takeaway if you're in a hurry.

Our ethos has always been very village focused and we love being part of such a fantastic community. We have lots of other plans coming up that we hope you might like, from senior citizens deals, kids eat for less in school holidays, regular takeaways and of course the occasional pop up events.

Information on upcoming events can be found in the shop notice board and going forward we will try to publish them in this magazine also.

We believe the store is here to support the community as it always has, to that end we welcome any feedback you may have, good or bad. Any suggestions of things we could do differently, or things we should have in stock that we don't currently. Please feel free to let us know by emailing [Hello@thestrandstores.com](mailto:Hello@thestrandstores.com) or calling 01884840232.

We appreciate the support from you all and hope to be able to continue to serve the village and surrounding community for years to come.

Don't be shy, pop in and say hi

Ellie & Emily

Ps. We also now welcome dogs in our cafe, but prefer them pre river dip!

### Upcoming Events @ The Strand

**Feb 13th - Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes! 9am - 2:30pm**

**Feb 14th - Valentines Seafood Platters to eat in or takeaway. Preorder only.**

**Feb half term - kids eat for less Monday - Friday 9am - 2pm**

**Feb 23rd - Feel Good Friday Wine Bar from 6pm - come and see how our cafe transforms for our evening events! A good selection wines and craft beers.**

**8th March - Takeaway event ( Details tbc )**

**10th March- Mothers day lunch special**

**22nd March - Feel Good Friday Wine Bar from 6pm**

## What's On February

Thu 1	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 2			
Sat 3	Tiverton, Ch'ford,Well FMs		
Sun 4			
Mon 5			
Tue 6			
Wed 7	"ALICE in WONDERLAND", Valley Arts, Parish Hall	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30	PC, BHLAC Meeting 7.30
Thu 8	Taunton Farmers' Market		"Alice in Wonderland", H.Parish Hall
Fri 9		4pm Messy Church, HBC	"Alice in Wonderland", H.Parish Hall
Sat 10	Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmers' Market		
Sun 11			
Mon 12	Devon Schools Half Term until Feb. 16	Young Farmers, FL, 7.30	
Tue 13	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)	Tuesday Club, FL,7.30	
Wed 14	Valentines Day	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, R Lane. Chapel 12.30,	Empty Spaces, 2.30 - 4pm, BHLAC
	Lent Course starts,	Gardeners' Meeting, PH, 7.30	
Thu 15	Poppy Club,	Taunton, Honiton Farmers' Markets	History Group, C.R, 7.30
Fri 16	Empty Spaces 10 - 11.30 BHLAC		
Sat 17	HEMYOCK MARKET, Well. FM		
Sun 18	First Sunday of Lent. "TREE HUB", Longmead		
Mon 19	Return for Devon Schools		
Tue 20			
Wed 21			
Thu 22	Taunton + Honiton F.M.		
Fri 23	King's Breakfast 10am HBC		
Sat 24	"Nosh & Knowledge"Quiz, PH		
Sun 25			
Mon 26	Young Farmers, FL 7.30		
Tue 27			
Wed 28			
Thu 29	Taunton Farmers' Market		

### 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	FL (Sept-May)
	Community Shed	10 - 1 pm	C. Shed
	Badminton	1.30 - 3.30	PH
	Salsa DX Dance Exercise	6.30 - 7.30	PH
	Yoga	6.15 - 7.45	BHLAC
Tuesdays	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 -12 noon	CR
	Yoga	9.30 - 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 - 7.30	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 - 3.15	PH
	Moirra Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 - 6.15	CR
Wednesdays	Chapel Café	9.15 -11.30am	HBC
		(closed 27th Dec and not Aug restart Sept 6)	
	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 -11 am	BHLAC
	Tai Chi	10am -12 noon	PH
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 - 7.15 pm	BHLAC
	Lent Course (starting Feb 14th for 5 weeks)		CR
Thursdays	Riverside Club	9.30 - 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	1.30 - 4.30 pm	PH
	Devon Dance Fit, Gold	10 - 11am	PH
	Devon Dance Fit	7.00 - 9.30	PH
	"30 Minutes with God"	10 -10.30am	HBC
Fridays	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 - 10. 15am	BHLAC
	Tap Dance	4.15 - 5.15pm	PH
Saturday	Saturday Prayer Time	8.00 - 8.45	HBC

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 March

Fri 1			
Sat 2	Ch'ford + Well. FM		
Sun 3			
Mon 4			
Tue 5			
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30	Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30	
Thu 7	Taunton FM		
Fri 8	Empty Spaces, 10.30 - 12 md		
Sat 9	Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmers' Markets		
Sun 10	Mothering Sunday		
Mon 11	Young Farmers, FL 7.30		
Tue 12	Tues Club, PH 7.30		
Wed 13	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12.30, Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 2.30 - 4		Gardeners' Meeting
Thu 14	Taunton FM		History Group, CR, 7.30
Fri 15			
Sat 16	HEMYOCK MARKET	Wellington Farmers' Market	
Sun 17	St Patrick's Day		
Mon 18			
Tue 19			
Wed 20	First Day of Spring (Spring Equinox)		
Thu 21	Poppy Club, 10-12md Taunton and Honiton F.M,		
Fri 22			
Sat 23	Uff. FM.	Bl'down Repair Café (10am - 1pm)	T'nton Vale Harriers, Easter Bingo, PH
Sun 24	PALM SUNDAY		Free Film Night, 7pm, HBC
Mon 25	Young Farmers FL 7.30		
Tue 26			
Wed 27			
Thu 28	Devon Schools break for Easter until April 12th Taunton FM		
Fri 29	GOOD FRIDAY		
Sat 30			
Sun 31	EASTER SUNDAY, British Summer Time begins		

### Forthcoming Events 2024

April  
 01 EASTER MONDAY, Baptist's Easter Walk & Lunch, 10.30  
 06 SPRING SHOW + Ploughmans' Lunches  
 10 Plant Sale & Afternoon Tea 2.30 - 5.00pm NB change of time  
 15 Devon Schools Summer Term begins  
 18 Poppy Club  
 20 Lights Brigade Dance  
 21 London Marathon  
 23 St George's Day

May	June
06 May Bank Holiday	08 Coffee Morning in aid of Devon
09 Ascension Day	Air Ambulance, 1, Penn Cross View
16 Poppy Club	(10 - 12)
19 Whit Sunday	16 Fathers' Day
25 Repair Cafe	19 Summer Solstice
27 Spring Bank Holiday	20 Poppy Club

July 24 - Aug.11 Olympic Games (Paris)  
 July 26 Devon Schools End of Term

Sept 07 Autumn Show

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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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!)

## Hemyock History Group

**M**r Peter Fisher gave a talk to our December meeting about a mysterious death in 1869 in what used to be the Merry Harriers. At the time the Somerset Yeomanry would meet in a field overlooking the Vale of Taunton for their annual exercises. Using tents and outside kitchens to look after the men they would parade up and down looking splendid in their uniforms. The field kitchen with its red brick structure can still be seen in the field on the north side of the top road towards Blagdon and Corfe. This is of interest in that the son of the man who died was in the Yeomanry and stationed at the camp.

The unfortunate father had brought his daughter with him and entered the Merry Harriers on a mission which he never accomplished having travelled from their home in eastern Somerset by train and foot. One can imagine the goings on in the public house which the yeomanry would have been excluded from by order of their officers. The unfortunate man was known as an itinerant umbrella trader. Was he hoping for a sudden downpour to catch the locals out so that he could supply his products in sudden demand? Or was he intent on acquiring more products by nefarious means as he walked through the pub's cloakroom. The documents that Peter has researched do not give a definitive background to the story. Suffice to say that the unfortunate man died, his daughter was looked after and his son continued to serve in the Yeomanry and another man served a few months in jail for manslaughter.

We were pleased to welcome a South Korean TV crew for the entire day on the 14th December when they filmed various History Group members talking about the importance of learning about our history, preserving historical documents and important images for our community. In fact one of the important reasons why they came to Hemyock was that they wanted to show their public back home how our community involve all ages in activities. In fact many of our local residents in their 70's and 80's, if not older are involved on almost a full time basis protecting our community assets, bringing groups together and getting everyone involved in intellectual, musical, Christian and other varied interests to the benefit of those people who become involved and for the benefit of our community. The film they have produced is being edited back in South Korea and will be available at some stage this year. The TV group also went to a village in Hampshire and Chippenham in Wiltshire.

Charlotte Bacon from SW Water gave a very interesting talk at our January meeting about the workings and finances of the Water Company, which has recently acquired Sutton and East Surrey Water and Bournemouth Water in addition to Bristol Water. They are responsible for 860 miles of coastline round the SW and have an objective of reducing spillages to a level of 10 per annum per asset by 2040. There were 27 spillages recorded last year. Of the £900M spent by SW Water last year £700M was provided by the customer invoicing. SW Water has strong finances paying out 8% of their total expenditure in dividends and 8% in loan interest.

Customers use on average 145l of water per day and SW Water can supply many useful tools to help customers reduce their consumption such as a 4minute shower timer, a buffalo plastic device to reduce water usage per flush. They will also supply a water butt free of charge that can save surface water for use around your home and garden. They have 655 water treatment plants across their area and are regulated by Ofwat, and the Environment Agency. Their plan is to have designated clean bathing facilities on the coast within 1 hour of any residential area in the SW. They also have plans to develop 9 desalination plants converting sea water into clean drinking water.

The February meeting on 8th February is a talk by Peter Walter on Vestry meetings and the March meeting on 14th March is a talk from John Young on 'The Vicar of Broadhembury, AM Toplady (1740-78)'.

## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

**A**fter all the wet weather of 2023, the beginning of 2024 brings calm, sunny but cold days. Time to take stock of the garden, order seeds and enjoy watching the birds foraging the seed heads or gathering noisily round the bird feeders.

Our January meeting was our annual Social Evening with members enjoying each others company, a Bring and Share Supper and a glass of something nice. Subscriptions are due in January – £10 per person. Members receive a membership card which on presentation at local garden centres garners a discount. Most importantly everyone gets the chance to enter the Shows, go on garden visits, near and far and meet up to hear entertaining speakers.

Our talks are on during the winter months from September to May, second Wednesday of the month. Our programme this year up to our Summer break includes:

Wednesday 14 February – “Lift the Latch – another new start” – a talk by David & Pauline Wright

Wednesday 13 March – “A look at Growing to Show” – a talk by the very entertaining Claire Hart

Saturday 6 April – Spring Show 12.30-4.00pm in the Parish Hall with Ploughman's Lunches, Raffle

Wednesday 10 April – Plant Sale & Afternoon Tea 2.30pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 8 May - Wivvy Carnivorous Plants – a talk by Alex & Jamie Crump

Thanks to Karen Pinder who once again has come up with some excellent speakers for us to enjoy.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings. Admission to talks is £1 with complimentary refreshments. If you would like to join the Association and receive benefits as above, give us a call on 01823 681393 or follow Hemyock Gardeners' Association on Facebook or our website [www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk](http://www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk)

Susan Scantlebury  
Secretary, Hemyock Gardeners' Association



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

**H**ello and hopefully we will all have a super year. We received our Christmas message from Bear Grylls our Chief Scout back in December.

Here are some bits from him. He mentions the Coronation back in May 2023. Scouting was very involved front and centre, including within the Big Help Out role. We had the World Jamboree in Korea with 4000 scouts from the UK participating. It was very challenging (extremely bad weather) but everyone adapted and did well in spite of the conditions. He went on to say that alas the world is currently troubled by war and conflict, but it is good for us as scouts to play our part in promoting understanding, reconciliation reflecting our values of care, respect, cooperation and belief. We must, everyday, show kindness to each other. He signed off by giving a big thank you to all leaders and wishing us a great 2024 year of scouting. Hear hear.

Moving on, I have seen some of the Spring term programmes. They look good. Here is a flavour of what they are up to. Scouts: Wide Game up at Culmstock Beacon, in the dark of course! Indoor pioneering, Lego night with the cubs. Creative models. That is happening in February, so I will try to find out what they achieved for next time. A campfire night at Churchstanton Quarry, archery and badgework, cook night at Sandpits (one of Rikki's favourites back in the day), night hike and no sleep sleepover. The Explorers are also busy. Shelter building, Burns Night cooking at Great Falls Snowdrift Expedition (glad to see this one continuing, twas a favourite of Skip Lowman and Rikki, so you can tell that it is a winter activity going well back into the last century), stave whittling (another good activity), 1st Aid, Nerf Wars (not sure what that is, I shall find out). Games Night at Hembury Fort for cubs and scouts.

I see an excellent theme of activity and outdoors, together with the various sections of our group working as one. Scouting that our Founder, Robert Baden Powell would approve of.

We have also received a Tiverton District Diary for this year. Some of the events as follows: Explorer Leader Get together, Cub Challenge Day, Scout Challenge Day, All Section District Camp at Watcombe, Torquay ( you probably remember that was the site where we first met our Danish friends from Tonder in 1972 and camped there again with them on our 50th Anniversary in 2022. That camp had our Akela Julie as one of the organisers. She is now Tiverton District Commissioner, so perhaps no coincidence that we are going to Watcombe!). Then we have a Sixer and Seconder camp at Bampton, Squirrel and Beaver Fun day and a Patrol Leaders camp in October. I have spoken with Julie's assistant DC, Margaret and said what a fine programme they have for 2024. It all looks like FUN.

We receive lots of e mails from HQ at Gilwell in Essex. Here is a flavour of one of them. A Guide to Winter outdoors and in 2024 we shall be concentrating on being outdoors. They must have been peeping at our programmes. We have only been doing this for over sixty years!

Having looked back over my Winter reports from many years (yes I know I am a horder) they are usually shorter and this one is no exception, so finally: Earth is the Queen of beds, what you help a child to love can be more important than what you help them to learn, if you observe attentively you will even find wisdom in shadows and finally there can be no peace without understanding.

Lets pray that there is lots of understanding in the World this year to solve the many conflicts.

Old Rikki



## 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](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com).

## Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Our second Repair Cafe event in 2024 will be held on the Saturday 23rd March in the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1pm.

Please do all come along and have your items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs, enjoy some refreshments in our tearoom cafe. Please note, that we are also able to take on extra, larger and more extensive repairs at our local Workshop.

**Repair Café events for the whole of 2024  
All on Saturday's from 10am to 1pm**

**23rd March, 25th May  
27th July, 28th September, 23rd November.**

Stephan Lehner,  
Blackdown Hills Repair Café Coordinator  
[sfelehner@aol.com](mailto:sfelehner@aol.com)

**Dear Residents**

Yes, we are well into another year, so I hope you all had a good Xmas and this year will be good. We are now into the time when we have to prepare for the next coming Council's budget. As always it will be difficult to arrive at a balanced budget, which we have to present to Full Council on 15th Feb. As the budget has not been agreed yet, I can't tell you what the Council Tax increase will be, DCC together with the Police and Fire Authority have to submit it to the MDDC who will then send out the Council Tax request.

The Senior Leadership Team has worked extensively with the service leads and finance officers to forecast costs and to develop plans to manage net service costs within affordable financial targets.

At Month 8 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by £4.5 million, comprising the £2.9m of in-year additional savings still to be identified plus net £1.6m in other variances. This is an improvement of £9.1 million compared to the Month 6 forecast.

This report provides a brief update on progress in this regard and presents the proposed service budget targets for 2024/25 totalling £743.4 million, a net increase of £43.8 million or 6.3% compared to the 2023/24 adjusted budget.

In terms of the Budget for 2024/25, inflationary pressures continue to be felt across the economy, local government and our partners and social care is particularly impacted by increases to the national living wage. Within the proposed Service Targets, it is proposed to allow for £22.8 million in total inflationary pressures. The rates of inflation used depend on the activity and any anticipated contractual obligations.

The inflation rate has continued to fall, and in November was 3.9%. The National Living Wage increase also drives an inflationary impact on our costs.

In the Autumn Statement, announced on 22 November, the Government confirmed the National Living Wage will increase by 9.8% to £11.44 per hour. The Target Budgets set out below include £25.7 million for this additional cost. Despite the rate of inflation falling in recent months the impact of inflation on cost of living, business and service delivery costs places sustained financial pressures nationally, and this contributes to the ongoing impact in terms of price and demand pressures on the Authority's budget.

This is reflected in the proposed Target Budgets with investment of £48.5 million to cover inflation and national living wage plus £44.9 million to cover demand and other spending pressures and priorities. To enable the authority to set a balanced budget, savings, alternative funding and additional income of £49.6 million have been identified. Overall, there is additional funding of £43.8 million or 6.3% for services next year.

It is not currently planned to support the proposed budget targets by using general reserve balances. This reflects a strategy of 'living within our means' and as such to set service budgets that are affordable within anticipated income and funding totals for next year.

The proposed service revenue budget targets for the 2024/25 financial year are set out in the table below:

2023/24 Adjusted Base Budget Inflation and National Living Wage Other Growth and Pressures Savings, Alternative Funding and

Additional Income 2024/25  
Target Budget Net Change 2023/24 to 2024/25

	23/24	Inflation	24/25	Net Change	% change
Integrated Adult Services	340,245	29,887	360,746	20,501	6%
Children & Young People	206,278	9,795	227,785	21,507	10.4%
Public Health & Communities	21,678	533	289	(755)	-3.5%
Corporate Services	49,255	2,160	48,495	(1,310)	-2.6%
Climate, Environment & Transport	81,619	6,144	85,482	3,863	4.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>699,575</b>	<b>48,519</b>	<b>743,382</b>	<b>43,807</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

Please be aware, these are only provisional budget figures, yet to be agreed by Cabinet and then Full Council.

We are trying to get on top of the pothole/defect position, the weather has not helped. To give you an understanding of the current level of resources, at present there are up to 26 defect gangs across the County undertaking pothole repairs, supported by 2 additional sub-contractor gangs. With regards to serviceability repairs, we currently have around 8 internally resourced Milestone gangs carrying out larger scale repairs across the County. In addition to this they are being supported by two externally resourced gangs and further work is underway as we speak in potentially bringing in one or two further sub-contractor gangs. Lastly, all four dragon patching gangs are on programmed work this week and will continue whilst the weather remains favourable

Regards,  
Ray

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Honiton's Community & Arts

February 2024

**DEAR ENGLAND: NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE**  
**Thu 1 Feb - 7pm. Tickets: £16, £13 Student**  
 Joseph Fiennes plays Gareth Southgate in this gripping examination of both nation and game. Has he brought hope back to the England squad? With the nations expectations upon his shoulders, what happens when football doesn't come home?

**NEXT GOAL WINS (12A)**  
**Fri 2 Feb - 6pm. Adults £8, U16's £7, Family x4 £27**  
 With the World Cup Qualifiers approaching, the team hires down-on-his-luck, maverick coach Thomas Rongen (Michael Fassbender) hoping he will turn the world's worst soccer team around in this heartfelt underdog comedy.

**THE INSEPARABLES (U)**  
**Sat 3 Feb - 4pm. Adults £8, U16's £7**  
 Based on an original idea by the Oscar-nominated writers of "Toy Story", The Inseparables follows the misadventures of Don, a puppet with a boundless imagination and, DJ Doggy Dog, an abandoned animal toy in need of a friend, as they cross paths and pair up against all odds for an epic adventure of friendship.

**ROYAL BALLET: MANON (U)**  
**Thu 8 Feb - 7pm. Adults £17, Students £11**  
 Torn between her desire of a life of splendour and riches and her devotion to her true love Des Grieux, the feckless and capricious Manon pays the ultimate price. This season celebrates the centenary of Nicholas Georgiadis. combining the thrill of the fairy tale with spectacular dancing. Running time 3hr15min -2 intervals.

**SWEET SUE (15)**  
**Fri 9 Feb - 2pm with optional lunch & 7.30pm**  
**Tickets: Adults £8, U16's £7 + Lunch £5.**  
 A woman back on the dating scene embarks on a relationship with a mysterious biker at her brother's funeral, whose son turns out to be a social media influencer.

\*All details correct at time of print. Please check website for updates. Ticket prices include a £1 admin fee.  
 The Beehive • Dowell Street • Honiton • EX14 1LZ  
 Box Office: 01404 384050 www.beehivehoniton.co.uk Charity 1162412

Honiton's Community & Arts

February 2024

**Honiton's Community Theatre Presents Robin Hood.**  
**Tue 13 - Sat 17 Feb - 7pm. Adults £14 & Children £11**  
 An original pantomime. When Robin Hood returns to Honiton from the Crusades, things are not how he left them! As Charter Day approaches, it's down to Robin to stop the Sheriff's evil plans. Will Robin win his title back and save Offwell forest?

**THE BEEHIVE'S ACOUSTIC NIGHT**  
**Wed 21 Feb - 7.30pm. Free entry.**  
 Open Mic Night in The Beehive Café. Hosted by Terry Stacey. Everyone is welcome, whether it is to come along, have a beer and listen or to play and sing. All styles of music. Doors open at 7.15pm.

**VANYA: NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE**  
**Thu 22 Feb - 7pm. Tickets £16, £13 Student**  
 Andrew Scott (Fleabag) brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephens' (The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time) radical new version of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya. Hopes, dreams, and regrets are thrust into sharp focus in this one-man adaptation which explores the complexities of human emotions.

**FERRARI (15)**  
**Sat 24 Feb - 7.30pm Tickets: Adults £8, U16's £7.**  
 Set in the summer of 1957, with Enzo Ferrari's auto empire in crisis, the ex-racer turned entrepreneur pushes himself and his drivers to the edge as they launch into the Mille Miglia, a treacherous 1,000-mile race across Italy.

**PAINTING THE MODERN GARDEN**  
**Exhibition on Screen. Thu 29 Feb - 7pm**  
 Follows the works of Monet & Matisse & many more great artists from the major exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts to the gardens that inspired the works. **Tickets £13.**

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Honiton's Community & Arts

March 2024

**As SHE Likes It -**  
**Fri 1 Mar - 7.30pm. Tickets: £13**  
 A piece of theatre inspired by the story of #MeToo pioneer Patricia Douglas, that combines multimedia, verbatim, cabaret and drag. It peeks behind the cigarette smoke and passionate embraces of Old Hollywood through the eyes of its archetypes.

**THE ELTON JOHN SHOW**  
**Sat 2 Mar - 7.30pm Tickets: £26**  
 The Elton John Show is the UK's newest and most exciting Elton John tribute show to hit the stage.  
 From Rocket Man to Tiny Dancer, The Elton John Show brings "Young Elton" back to the stage at his energetic best.

**FIFI LA MER**  
**Thu 7 Mar - 7.30pm - Tickets £18**  
 Parisian Chanteuse and accordionist Fifi La Mer will play with Oliver Wilby on the tenor saxophone, clarinet and piano accordion for their live performance. You will be transported to Paris where you will hear works from Edith Piaf, Charles Trennet, Django Reinhardt and Serge Gainsbourg.

**THE GARY MOORE BLUES EXPERIENCE**  
**Sat 9 Mar - 7pm Tickets: £14**  
 Gary Moore wrote and produced a wide range of music in his lifetime. The band reproduces the authentic essence of the blues and the power of the blues rock. Also included and accurately rendered are the many famous and unparalleled ballads such as Empty Rooms, Midnight Blues and Parisienne Walkways.

**FROM GOLD TO RIO**  
**Fri 15 Mar - 7.30pm. Tickets £24**  
 For the very first time the music from two of the UK's most iconic bands will be celebrated in one power packed show with an 8 piece live band! With over 20 top 10 hits, the show will feature 2 hours of non-stop, classics from Spandau Ballet and Duran Duran

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Honiton's Community & Arts

March 2024

**BASKERY**  
**Sat 16 Mar - 7.30pm. Tickets: £17**  
 The queens of banjo punk, three Swedish sisters by the name of Baskery, play a combination of classic 'roots music and Americana' with a twist of rule breaking punk turn this much loved style of music on it's head.

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: MADAMA BUTTERFLY (U)**  
**Thu 28 Mar - 7pm. Adults £17, Students £11**  
 When the young geisha, marries American Officer Pinkerton, she believes she is entering a real, binding marriage for life. Forsaking her religion & community, she learns all too late that for Pinkerton their marriage is merely an illusion, with tragic consequences.

**A COUNTRY MUSIC SONGBOOK**  
**Fri 29 Mar - 7.30pm. Tickets £26**  
 A brand new, country music theatre production. A unique collection of songs, carefully illustrated with projected imagery, together with a band of seasoned players, and an intimate, engaging & emotional musical journey through the past ten decades of country music's wide-ranging history and heritage.

**THE ALL SEASONS**  
**Sat 30 Mar - 7.30pm Tickets: £18**  
 Scintillating vocals & incredible harmonies. Bringing to life the music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, The All Seasons present a show that will wow fans of the Jersey Boys sound.

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

**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

### 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
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)			0900		1125			1425		1726
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)			0911		1136			1436		1736
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)			0920		1145			1445		1745
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box			0924		1149			1449		1749
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729		0930		1155			1455		1755
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738		0939		1204			1504		1804
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741		0942		1207			1507		1807
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743		0944		1209			1509		1809
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749		0950		1215			1515		1815
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753		0954		1219			1519		1819
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0756		0957		1222			1522		1822
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803		1004		1229			1529		1829
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)		0820		1020		1245		1545	1841	
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)		0824		1024		1249		1549		
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)		0830		1030		1255		1555		
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)		0839		1039		1304		1604		
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)		0846		1046		1311		1611		
Colyford, opp The Elms		0850		1050		1315		1615		
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)		0852		1052		1317		1617		
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)		0857		1057		1322		1622		

#### Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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				
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)			0900		1200			1500		1700
Seaton, opp Health Centre			0904		1204			1504		1704
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)			0908		1208			1508		1708
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)			0913		1213			1513		1712
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)			0920		1220			1520		1718
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn			0929		1229			1529		1726
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)			0935		1235			1535		1732
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938		1238		1538		1735		
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712		0951		1251		1551		1746	
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719		0958		1258		1558		1753	
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722		1001		1301		1601		1755	
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725		1004		1304		1604		1758	
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733		1012		1312		1612		1806	
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735		1014		1314		1614		1808	
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738		1017		1317		1617		1811	
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748		1027		1327		1627		1820	
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753		1032		1332		1632			
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757		1036		1336		1636			
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806		1045		1345		1645			
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813		1052		1352		1652			
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831		1105		1405		1705			

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## Opening Times

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Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

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Wednesday and Friday 8.30-12.30 (closed in the afternoon on these days)  
Weekends - closed.

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Weekends - closed

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## HEMYOCK - TIVERTON

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HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0915	TIVERTON, Bus Station	1315
HEMYOCK, Castle Park	0917	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1324
HEMYOCK, Square	0919	CHETTISCOMBE, opp Post Box	1327
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0926	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1329
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0927	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1339
BURLESCOMBE, Rail Bridge	0934	STAG MILL, Cross	1342
WESTLEIGH, Bus Shelter	0938	<b>HUNTSHAM, Shelter</b>	<b>1350</b>
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0942	HOCKFORD WATERS	1354
<b>HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Frog Lane</b>	<b>0945</b>	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1356
HOCKWORTHY, Village Hall	0950	HOCKWORTHY, Village Hall	1358
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0955	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, opp Whitebrook Terrace	1403
HOCKFORD WATERS	0957	<b>HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Frog Lane</b>	<b>1406</b>
<b>HUNTSHAM, Shelter</b>	<b>1001</b>	WESTLEIGH, Bus Shelter	1410
STAG MILL, Cross	1009	BURLESCOMBE, Rail Bridge	1414
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1012	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1421
CHEVITHORNE, opp Church	1022	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1024	HEMYOCK, Square	1429
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1027	HEMYOCK, Castle Park	1431
<b>TIVERTON, Bus Station</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes</b>	<b>1433</b>

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# St Andrew's Clayhidon



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## St. Andrew's Church News

**W**e hope you have all enjoyed the happiness of Christmas time brought to us by the birth of Jesus Christ. We wish you all a very happy New Year 2024.

Here at St Andrew's, we have had many occasions to experience happiness and laughter in the company of many who have come to join us on special occasions during the last months of 2023. At the end of November we celebrated St Andrew's Day and people from Culmstock, Hemyock and Culm Davy joined with us for our memorable service.

At the Christingle service which was held in candle light, many children were present to enjoy the enchanting atmosphere and growing excitement of approaching Christmas. Helen Stone gave us all an interest talk at the afternoon service describing what all the different parts of the Christingle represent. Everyone then departed with their orange and its candle.

There was a most delightful Carol service later in December when a quartet of beautiful voices sang some of the carols with accomplished organ accompaniment. Various people did the readings and after each one lit another candle to accompany the Advent candle. Our final carol was "Hark, the herald angels sing" which was so appropriate at that stage, before the blessing and the warm refreshments which followed.

On Christmas Eve there was a benefice service of Communion for many to participate which was completed with mince pies to follow. The joy of love at Christmas was very apparent and our hope was that all the community could share in the spirit and delight that the shepherds felt when they were called to the stable for the birth of Jesus.

Very soon it will be Lent and the weeks leading to Easter which seems to come early this year. There will be some special arrangements and services during this time and notices will be displayed on the notice boards across all the parish as well as at the church. We look forward to seeing our regular worshippers and also anyone who is new to the parish or anyone who would like to join us. Everyone is most welcome.

In this cold season we wish everyone good health and our prayers will be for young and old to be safe and also to enjoy some of the beautiful sunsets which are occurring at this time.

P.Reynolds. PCC



## CLAYHIDON FILM NIGHTS

Friday February 16th  
THE GREAT ESCAPER(7.30pm)

Friday March 15th  
THE MIRACLE CLUB(7.30pm)

Friday April 19th  
ONE LIFE(8.00)

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# BIG BREAKFAST

for CANCER RESEARCH

## CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL

DATE: SATURDAY 9th MARCH  
9am - 1pm



Full English Breakfast	£8
Continental Breakfast	£4
Children under 5	free

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email address: [cjbendle@outlook.com](mailto:cjbendle@outlook.com)

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## Get Ready to Move and Groove with The Bird Dogs in Clayhidon on Friday 22nd March!

Join us for an unforgettable night of live music and dancing featuring this sensational band.

- Clayhidon Village Hall
- Friday 22nd March
- Doors open at 7.00pm
- Tickets £12
- Delicious food available for £7
- Fully Licensed Bar (accepts cash or card)

Playing great music from bands including The Hollies, The Beatles, Crowded House, Fleetwood Mac, Oasis, Eagles, Manfred Mann, Steely Dan, CCR, Kaiser Chiefs, Neil Young Monkees, Lindisfarne, Blink182, Cheap Trick, The Undertones, The Kinks, The Byrds, The Rolling Stones and many more...

The Bird Dogs last gig was sellout, so secure your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Caroline on 01823 681 047 or by emailing [cjbendle@outlook.com](mailto:cjbendle@outlook.com).

## News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

**L**iving in a rural setting and serving in a local church very often reveals just how important community really is... a sense of belonging, a connectedness to others, relationship. A toddler group can be the building blocks for little ones to socialise and parents to connect with other families locally. A kids club can create a safe space for children to develop friendships. A prayer group can provide the opportunity to find support. And a lunch club can provide opportunities to tackle isolation and bring people together.

Indeed, for these reasons and many more besides, it made celebrating 30 years of the RML and BSG Lunch Club all the more poignant. And that is what we did in the month of December. We celebrated 30 years of our Lunch Club; a collaboration between Rosemary Lane Chapel and the Blackdown Support Group in providing a warm, welcoming space for people to meet, socialise, reconnect and enjoy the blessings of friendship. With the chapel and the tables dressed for Christmas, we watched on as the building filled up and the sound of community in action filled the room. Some of the attendees have known each other much longer than the 30 years that the club has run, others are getting to know one another for the very first time. Whatever the story, the relationships are treasured.

Maybe community is so important because we were made to be in relationship; it's who we are and it's how we are wired. To be connected with other people, and, I believe, to be connected to God, the creator and sustainer of all things.

When we go all the way back to the beginning in the book of Genesis we find a picture of God walking with his people, we see

a picture of people made to be in relationship with the God who loves them. When our sin enters the equation that relationship is fractured, but because of God's deep love, he does not give up on us. God has always had a plan to deal with our fractured relationship, to make a way for us to come back into his presence and enjoy the fulness of a living relationship with One who loves us, One who will never leave us or forsake us.

Recent weeks have reminded us of God's great plan for our salvation and restoration. God sent his Son who was to be given the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin (Matthew 1:21). He came to deal with the very thing that brought about our separation from God. He came to bring us back into relationship. He did this by dying on a cross to bear upon himself the sins of the world. Rising on the third day he now lives, the Good Shepherd, leading his people into the presence of God.

But how are we to understand this relationship? Why is this relationship so greatly treasured by so many, myself included? Well, Jesus teaches us the answer to this question in his own life and ministry. In each of the Gospel accounts, when Jesus speaks about God, he characteristically refers to him as his Father. And when Matthew, Mark, Luke and John provide an insight into the prayer life of Jesus, we hear him addressing God as Father. This was more than a term of endearment. As Jon Bloom writes, 'God as his Father was a fundamental relational reality to him.' Perhaps nowhere is this more clear than in the Garden of Gethsemane when, with the brutality of the cross before him, he cries out, "Abba, Father" (Mark 14:36). The Son loves the Father and the Father loves the Son.

We are invited through the Gospels to see the love that exists within the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But astoundingly, Jesus' heart is not only for us to see this love, but to know and experience it for ourselves. It is the deepest heart of the Father and of the Son, for us to share in this love. And so, when Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, he invites them to pray like this, "Our Father in heaven" (Matthew 6:9). Jesus invites us to know and experience and enjoy the Fatherhood of God over our lives, and he makes this possible through dealing with all that once separated us from this most treasured relationship. The Lord God Almighty, King of Kings, He who is Holy, Holy, Holy and dwells in unapproachable light, this God invites you to know and experience and enjoy his Fatherly love through Jesus the Son.

God made us for relationship, to love one another and to love God. To know and experience and enjoy his Fatherly love. John, in his Gospel account and in his letters, was deeply taken by this most wondrous gift. I pray that his words, inspired by the Spirit, may stir our hearts to consider God's great love for us, that he longs for us to be his children and know him as Father.

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*  
1 John 3:1

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane  
Jonathan Hillman  
www.rosemarylanechapel.com

**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

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

**NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL**

The Museum, Cafe and Shop are open for event days and for pre-booked group and school visits. To see our 2024 event days, and to book: click the 'Events' tab on the Mill website: [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk)



For information about group and school visits, click the Visit tab on the Mill website.

To book a group visit for adults or schoolchildren, please contact [visitorservices@coldharbourmill.org.uk](mailto:visitorservices@coldharbourmill.org.uk)

**Advance notice:  
EASTER STEAM DAY**

Monday 1st April 10.30am - 4.30pm  
Book online in advance to receive 15% off your ticket price, or become a Coldharbour Mill Member and enjoy every Steam Day - and all other events - FREE for a year!

**CRAFT WORKSHOPS AT THE MILL**

**4-hour workshops: 11am - 3pm** (inc. 45 min lunch break), **£20 each**. If you like to do crafts using yarns or textiles, do join one (or more!) of our popular Craft Workshops! All materials supplied. Places are limited so do book soon! To book online go to: <https://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/workshops/> or phone the Mill office (see contact details below).

**Friday 9th February: Valentine's Needle Felting Workshop**  
Create a bunch of needle felted flowers for a loved one with the help of our expert crafting volunteer Julia.

**Saturday 2nd March: 'Easter Wreaths' Workshop**  
Get in the Easter spirit by creating a spring wreath.

**VOLUNTEERING**

The Volunteer Programme at Coldharbour Mill was recently given the King's Award!

If you have a spare half day or full day (or two?) each week to join one of the volunteer teams at our unique heritage site, please contact us by phone or email (see contact details below) for more info and an informal chat, and to arrange a taster session.

We currently need people to help our small staff team with a variety of administrative tasks and computer-related initiatives. Some of these can be done at home as well as in the Mill office. For example a marketing volunteer could help with putting events and info onto social media, and on the Mill website. For all the volunteering opportunities available, see [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/volunteer/](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/volunteer/)

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For copies of this leaflet in other formats, please contact us on 01884 242099

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**Come and play cricket !!!**

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

For more information please contact :

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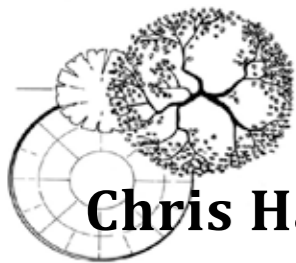
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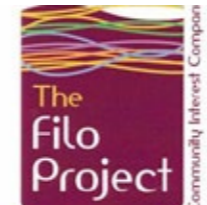
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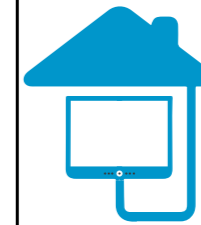
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