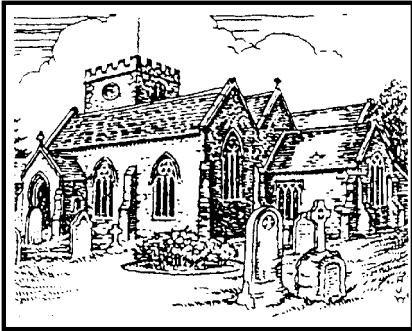
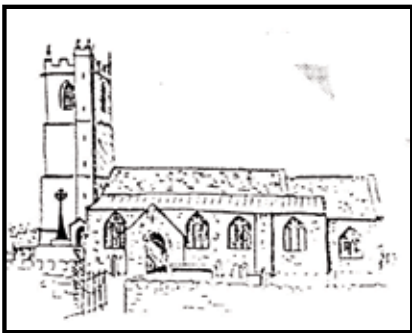


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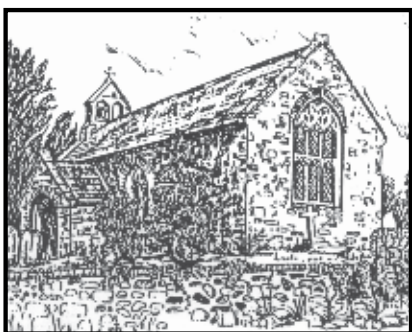
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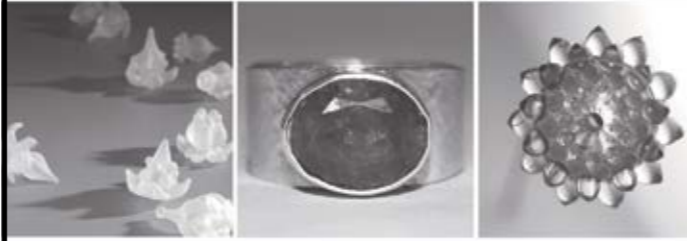
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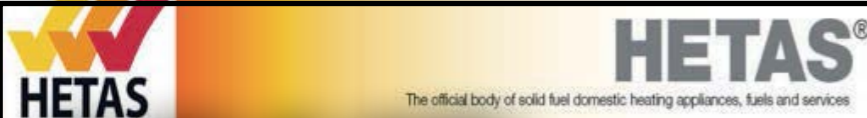
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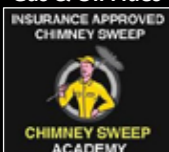
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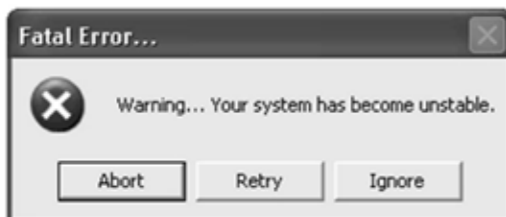
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Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints
Sunday 3 rd April	10.30am FS	No service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC & Baptism of Willow Taylor
Sunday 10 th April	11.15am MP CW	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW	6.30pm EP BCP
Sunday 17 th April	11.15am HC CW	No service	6.30pm EP BCP	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 24 th April	11.15am St George's Day Parade with Scouts	3.30pm EP BCP	3.30pm Rogation Service	10.00am St George's Day Parade with Scouts
Sunday 1 st May	10.30 Rogation Sunday FS	No service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW
Sunday 8 th May	11.15am MP CW	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW	6.30pm EP BCP
Sunday 15 th May	11.15am HC CW	No Service	6.30pm EP CW	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 22 nd May	11.15am HC CW	3.30pm EP BCP	10.00am FS & Baptism of Alfred Alers-Hankey	8.00am HC BCP
Sunday 29 th May	10.30am Joint HC at All Saint's, Culmstock			

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Thursdays - Holy Communion 10.30am at St Mary's, Hemyock.

PARISH PUMP – No. 254 April - May 2016

Rock Fire

Most of us when we go away on holiday come home, not just with souvenirs and a tan, but with some or, (if you are like me) many, photographs. I certainly enjoy looking back over past years, and photographs can be very evocative. Sometimes our photographs evoke more than just memories of a good holiday.

Recently I have framed a photograph I took some years ago on a Scottish beach, and have it in front of me as I sit at my desk. It certainly reminds me of happy holidays on the West Coast of Scotland when the family were younger – but when I took it, and now, it meant and means more than that.

The beach near our cottage was stony – with many different shapes, colours and sizes of stones, arranged haphazardly as you would expect on the sea shore. But my eye landed on a particular arrangement of stones which seemed to reflect something, that at the time was little more than a pleasing arrangement – so I took a photograph.

I have subsequently entitled it "Rock Fire" – as it is a piece of black slate which has split into three narrow and angular pieces, with some red seaweed underneath – suggesting fire. And all around are other stones of varying shapes, sizes and colours.

As I look at this picture again in the light of what lies ahead in the Church's calendar, I see an image of Pentecost, or Whitsun as it is sometimes called. Pentecost follows the season of Easter and focuses on the coming of God's Holy Spirit – "with the sound of a rushing mighty wind and with tongues of fire". (cf. Acts 2)

We read from the New Testament that one of the characteristics of God's Holy Spirit is as a bringer of unity (The fellowship of the Holy Spirit). That, though we are different – in terms of our gifts and characteristics – we are made one through the work of God's Holy Spirit. (cf 1 Corinthians 12)

Even God himself, as Christians understand it, is one – but also understood in three ways – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Rock Fire image has the three stones, which are part of one stone, suggesting the person of God



himself, from which emanates (or appears to) the fire – here the red seaweed. This is surrounded by stones of varying size, texture and colour – but all united around the central 'trinity' stone.

The true work of God, and by extension the calling of all who follow him, is about breaking down barriers – the barrier that separates us from God, but also the barriers that separate us from each other as human beings – cultural, political, national, racial, tribal, linguistic, economic – and a whole range of other divisions, fears, prejudices and hatreds that exist.

For me so often the touchstone of whether God is at work is where I see barriers broken down and bridges are built. And the contrary – where barriers are established and bridges are broken – is not where God leads us.

Whether we are religious or not, we can all work for that which builds up and unites – both locally in our own village and with our neighbours, and, when the opportunity arises, we can influence that process nationally and internationally.

May God bless you,

David

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday was celebrated joyfully at St Mary's Parish Church in Hemyock with the help of Hemyock Primary School Choir. Songs included 'Que Sera Sera' and 'My Mum' to the tune of 'My Guy!' Revd John Stone led the service and we heard about some very special mothering that the prophet, Moses, received from the Pharaoh's daughter and his sister, Miriam. Thanks to Moses' own mother, his life was saved by being hidden in the bullrushes at the edge of the Nile, and he went on to become one of the most important prophets in the Old Testament.

We then had to search the church for pictures of things you normally find at the riverside, with the odd one out being a picture of Moses as a baby in a basket in the rushes. Unfortunately this was the one picture we didn't manage to find until after the service!

Prayer contributions from children thanked God for all the special love we receive from our mothers, and we also remembered the love we receive from other members of our families.

All the women in the congregation received a posy of spring flowers, prepared by the men and handed out by the children. Refreshments included home-made biscuits decorated by the children of Culm Davy. Special thanks to all those who contributed, especially the choir leader, Rachel Cole.

Janice Bawler

Thank you from St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop

We mentioned in the last issue that we would be making our annual donations to other groups at the beginning of February.

This was duly done. We gave some money to the Scout Group towards the costs of the upcoming Hemyock – Tonder exchange visit. It is amazing to think that this association, which began by accident, is looking towards its 50th anniversary. That this is so is surely a credit to the various Scout group leaders over that time. "Skip" Lowman, who started it all would have been very proud of you.

The second group we originally thought was the Part Time Football Association, but it turned out to be the School's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. We obviously missed the Friends slipping into the PTA. Their donation will be spent on outdoor education, giving children the chance to experience nature at first hand.

Given the number of people over the past year using the Cardiology services of Musgrove Park Hospital we wanted to do something in this area of care. Cutting a long story very short we have set up a fund to be able to purchase a Public Access Defibrillator. The experts tell us that the village should ideally have three. We know the Parish Council would like to meet this need when funds allow, so we are going to try to help them get the required items. (And if anybody wants to add to our fund then please contact the Churchwardens or the Charity Shop). It's one of those things which we want to get for the village and which we hope sees little use.

So thanks again to everyone who has supported the Charity in the past year. We look forward to being of use to the village during the next year.

PUMP Triumphant

In the last issue it was mentioned that a few years ago we entered "The Pump" into the National Parish Magazine Awards and it came a very creditable 21st out of 700 entries. Hilary, our Editor at the time, said that she "wanted to be in the top 20 next time."

Last Autumn we entered the magazine in the 2015 awards. Again there was well over 600 entries, some sponsored by Councils, some with paid staff or access to colour printing. So did Hilary get her wish? Well "The Pump" wasn't in the top 20, it was in the top 15. It was placed 14th overall. A pretty good way to sign off Hilary!

Brian Samuels

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Everyone is welcome to join us for our
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on Rogation Sunday, when we ask God to bless the people
who live and work in our area



Sunday 1st May, 10.30 am
St Mary's Church, Hemyock
Join us as we go outside for a short walk around
the church. Follow the trail and find the clues!



Singing, snack and more.



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You're not too late!

If you were one of those people who meant to come to the Bellringers Open House in February and then didn't make it, fear not. Training from this will not start till after the School Easter Holidays, so if you are still interested then contact our Tower Captain, Lin Holway (681522) who can give you the details.

Nationally Bellringers are looking forward to being part of the celebrations for the Queens 90th birthday. We expect there will be peals rung in all the Cathedrals, (that's about 3 - 4 hours of ringing with every change (over 5000) different and rung without any aids except memory) but most parish churches ringers will be aiming to do something less demanding to mark the weekend.

Also in England the growing calls by various groups to celebrate St George's Day has also included calls for bells to be rung, and many towers in Devon this call will be answered. Hemyock hope to be one of them.

What have you been up to?

This is a question asked, maybe not in that style, of all Anglican churches about this time of year. It's the time for Annual Parochial meetings. This is where the business of the church over the previous year is looked at, accounts checked and adopted, reports made of the buildings and the joys or problems of the various church groups discussed.

Also at the meeting members of the church council for the next year, and other post-holders, are elected. Along with this meeting we also have the "Annual Vestry Meeting". This very ancient meeting today has just one item on its agenda and that is to elect the Churchwardens for the next year.

Whilst Churchwardens today do not have some of the interesting powers held 150 years ago it is still a vitally important post in the running of the Church.

For Hemyock this meeting will be on **Tuesday April 19th starting at 7.30pm**. You will be welcome to attend.

This is what we did next in the Charity Shop

First of all "Thank you" to all the people who continue to support the Charity Shop by bringing their donations for us to use. And "Thank you" to all those who continue to support us by then buying many of those items. As you will have noted elsewhere this has enabled us to support other groups around the village to total of £2500 since we opened. Obviously there are some things we get which we cannot sell or which do not sell. So what do we do with them?

We try to make sure that we make use of each item. So quite a few items go to the other Charity Shops, usually in Wellington This will include all items with a plug on which go to the Hospice Shop which does have a PAT tester. We have supported appeals for items in areas where various emergencies have occurred. These have included Eastern Europe, Western and Eastern Africa. We are currently supporting an appeal for clothes for Syrian refugees which came to us via the Parish Council. Clothing items which are damaged or not saleable do not go in the dustbin, they get taken to a textile re-cycling bank at Poole.

Slightly more interesting have been specific item requests from places not exactly in the Culm Valley. These have included children's books for English lessons in a school in Brittany, a large British flag for a swimming pool near Lyons and special baskets requested by a Props Buyer working on a film in the north of England.

Extra books have found their way to other groups selling books for a charitable cause. These have included the Wellington Toy Library, and Mencap via the Coop stores. Some Library books have been returned to Devon County Council! Small baby clothes, if suitable, may find their way to the Special Care Baby Unit at Musgrove Hospital.

Also just a couple of items which had particular interest have been offered to, and accepted by, the Museum at Wellington. So why not come along and see what we have to offer? We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Brian Samuels

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Hemyock Singers

Hemyock Singers AGM has been held at the Baptist Chapel The group has enjoyed a successful year which included a Spring concert at the local parish church, a coffee morning and a concert followed by a traditional Christmas meal at the parish hall in December which was attended by the audience as well as members

In the healthy financial report members heard that a donation of £150 had been presented to The Garages (village youth work). This money had come from the retiring collection at the church concert which traditionally is given to charity.

Along with one new member the committee were re-elected en bloc. Chairman Chris Hudson thanked all those who had helped make the year so enjoyable and successful including Matthew Bale, musical director and Nigel Atkinson accompanist

This year's Spring concert will again be held at St Mary's church on Friday 22nd April and include Vivaldi's Magnificat and a number of short pieces including The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God, Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates and the Hallelujah Chorus. It was noted that this year's Christmas concert and dinner would be held on Friday 9th December

Janice Bawler

Hemyock Cricket Club

Hemyock Cricket Club is looking forward eagerly to the new season in Division Three of the West Somerset Cricket League having gained promotion last season. 2015 was the Club's best ever season; they won every match which was played and finished champions of Division Four.

Part of the team's success can be explained by the opening of their impressive new net facility which allowed weekly practices to be more realistic and were consequently better attended.

Preparations for the new season include two indoor net sessions at Uffculme School on Sunday 24th April from 11.00 to 12.00 and on Sunday 1st May from 10.00 to 11.00. The Club's ever popular **Quiz Night** with Quizmasters Tony and Vanessa will take place on **Friday 22nd April** this year in Hemyock Parish Hall. Tickets are available from the Club captain, John Hurley, on **07972 744279**, £30 per team to include food.

Hemyock Cricket Club is always seeking new players. If you are interested please contact the Club Secretary Neil Punnett on neilpunnett@aol.com.

Neil Punnett

WI

Hemyock W.I. have had interesting speakers in the last two months, Dr Gavin Hague in February and David Pugsley in March. Both are experienced speakers with quite a range of topics. Gavin spoke on the 'Trials and Tribulations of a Surgeon'. He needed a bit of help from Judith and Brenda when he was explaining the methods used in some procedures by a certain surgeon he worked with, during his training!

David Pugsley chose to talk about a duel which took place on Haldon Race Course on May 10 in 1833. It was 'The Judge who shot the Doctor'. Dr Hennis was a popular doctor who worked in Exeter. He was challenged to a duel by Sir John Jeffcott. Dr Hennis did not die on the race course but some time later, from complication caused by his injuries. His grave can be found in the Churchyard in Sidwell Street in Exeter.

The President Lyn Taylor was pleased that the Birthday Meal at the Ashill Inn had been much enjoyed. Another meal had been enjoyed at the Blue Ball. The County Quiz was fun, but neither team qualified for the final. Five members had attended the beauty Day at Exeter College. Pat had brought the most interesting money box with Marie and Maureen coming second and third. The March competition was for Easter Biscuits. This was won by Fay with Brenda and Wendy coming next. So, it is Fay who has to make the biscuits for the Group Competition at Uplowman.

Lyn awarded prizes to the members with most points gained in the competitions through the year. Cindy won the flower of the Month and Brenda the monthly competition. The next meeting will be in Forbes Lounge on April 5th at 7.30pm. Karen and Sue will talk about their 'Denman Experience'. The monthly competition is for a photograph of a single flower plus the usual home grown flower. The Meeting on May 3rd is when Heidi Lyon will talk about 'First Steps to Independence for Blind Children'. There will be the usual competition for a flower and one for 'My favourite Vase'.

Visitors are very welcome. Details from Lyn on 680104.

Brenda Calcraft

HEMYOCK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016

Come along and find out what's going on in the parish of Hemyock, what went on over the past year and what plans there are for the future. The meeting involves all sectors of the parish including our clubs and societies.

There will be presentations from Culm Valley Young Farmers' Club, the Parish Council and the Chief Executive of Devon County Council, Phil Norrey.

Join us at 7.30 p.m. on **Friday 29th April** in the Parish Hall, with cheese and wine.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

The rain has stopped at last and the sun is shining!!! At last we can make a start in trying to sort out the garden!! Most of our daffodils are almost over so not sure what, if anything, we will be able to enter in the Spring Show on 9 April. The popular Ploughmans' Lunches will be available on the day from 1.00 p.m. so do come along to see the Show!!

We have also organised a trip to Cardiff for the RHS Flower Show on Saturday, 16 April leaving from the Pump at 08.30 a.m. Tickets are £19 inclusive of coach and entry. If you would just like to go to Cardiff for shopping you are more than welcome to join us and then the cost would be £11. Please call me if you would like to come.

We are all looking forward to our weekend away at the end of June - this year we are going further afield and Jane has found us some wonderful gardens to visit in Kent including Houghton Lodge Gardens, Borde Hill, Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and Chartwell House. For those members unable to make the trip away we are looking at some day trips during the summer months. Info to follow.

Our next meeting is on 13 April when Sally Leaney will be talking about Simple Garden Design.

New members are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you all both at the Show and our next meeting.

Judith Major, Secretary - 680746

Hemyock Bowling Club

As I sit here writing this the sun has been shining all week (so far) and thoughts are turning towards the new bowling season. Hemyock's green opens on April 15th. Many of Hemyock's members play indoor bowls throughout the winter; some play short mat in the village hall and others play full length indoor bowls in Tiverton, Wellington or Taunton all of which have outdoor bowling greens as well. Yet, we all look forward in coming together at Hemyock to play during the summer season. Why, you may ask? Because we have a friendly mixed club which can cater for all ages and ability and competitiveness (love that word).

We have a men's league which requires a team of 16 players who play on Thursday evenings, the ladies have a similar league but we play in a team of 6. We have a men's over 60's league which is played Wednesday afternoon and we also have a mixed East of Exe league which will be played on Monday evenings and amongst all this we have "friendlies" which are one off matches against local bowling clubs - these are great fun and a good way of meeting new and interesting people. Whilst doing all that we have club competitions which are played throughout the season with a finals weekend near the end of the season, oh, and some of us play county competitions as

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well and nationals and we also have players who play for Devon! Go us - whoop whoop!

However, we still need new members so we will be at Hemyock market on April 16th with information and the green will be open from 10:30am if you would like to come and have a go. On May 7th we will be holding a coffee morning in aid of free wheelers and a BBQ in the afternoon which will be a meet and greet session with bowling thrown in if you wish to try - see separate ad or find Hemyock Bowling Club on Facebook for more information or contact me if you wish. As a follow on, we will be holding 4 coaching sessions (a small charge will be made for these which will be redeemable against the membership fee when you join). It is very difficult to explain the effect bowls can have on your life - it is a sport which people of any age and fitness can play together on an even playing field - don't knock it until you have tried it! Oh, and we have a well priced bar and food, sometimes tea and biscuits and sometimes a roast, yum! Sue Risdon 01823 680169 or Barbara Heaton 01823 681420.

Sue Risdon




Hemyock Cricket Club
QUIZ NIGHT
With Quizmasters Tony and Vanessa
on
Friday 22nd April 2016
Parish Hall 7:30 p.m.
£30 per team to include food
(minimum of 4, maximum of 6 per team)
Tickets from Hemyock Post Office
or John Hurley Tel. **07972 744279**
£100 Cash Prize & Raffle

Parish Council Business Update April 2016

Hemyock Parish Council held meetings in February & March. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/00113/FULL - Removal of condition 8 of planning permission 02/01190/FULL relating to agricultural tie. Scotland Farm, Hemyock.
- 16/00183/HOUSE - Erection of an extension, porch, installation of 2 dormer windows, and increasing the size of the existing vehicle splay (Revised Scheme). 42 Station Road, Hemyock.
- 16/00225/HOUSE - Erection of a conservatory and a garage. Avondale, Hemyock.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest and a grant from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund towards the Pump refurbishment.

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, training, refurbishment of Pump, water at the cemetery, footpath works, and repairs to the wall at Hollingarth.

Highways

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

The Garages Youth Project

Please log on to the Facebook page, 'The Garages sports and activities centre', to find out what's going on at the centre.

Police

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

Longmead

The council is finalising the sale of the Old Station Yard site. Once this has been completed the relocation of the BMX track to Longmead will begin. Professional BMX rider Kye Forte and his team have designed and will construct the new BMX track. The council has given permission for Exe Valley Pizza Company to park at Longmead on Friday evenings subject to terms and conditions ensuring the area is left clean and tidy etc.

Annual Parish Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Speakers will include Hemyock Parish Council Chairman, Mrs H Stallard, Phil Norrey, Chief Executive, Devon County Council and others. This is an opportunity for parishioners

to come along and find out what is happening in the parish. Cheese and wine will be available.

Website

The parish council believe that the village website, www.Hemyock.org is a valuable but underused community asset. It has decided that the website should be updated and it is anticipated that a re-launch will coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April. The Parish Council aims to contact all organisations within the Parish to ensure contact details are correct. Pages will be available for organisations wishing to display more information and there will be links to groups which already have their own websites. The Parish Pump will be put online so that all friends and relations will be able to keep up to date with Hemyock news. A new "Did you know?" section will be introduced. If anyone has any memories or anecdotes, large or small, recent or historic, that they would like to share, or any photos which could be included on the website, please send them to: memories@hemyock.org or phone Councillor Penny Lawrence on (01823) 680595. Prints will be scanned and returned.

Clean for the Queen

A small but enthusiastic group of volunteers gathered on 6th March. The main area covered was from the centre of the village to the end of the road at Symonsburrow and a rather horrifying amount of litter was found. Please dispose of empty bottles, packets etc. carefully, via your recycling or black bags; litter is unsightly and a danger to wildlife. If anyone would like to join the list of litter pickers please contact Stephen Major on 01823 680907 or stephenmajor015@gmail.com.

Defibrillator

The parish council has worked with Clayhidon & Culmstock Parish Councils and has bid for funds to put towards the purchase of a defibrillator in each parish. More information to follow.

Salt Spreaders

The parish council has worked together with Culmstock and Clayhidon Parish Councils and has been successful in its bid for funds to purchase salt spreaders which attach to quad bikes. The parish now has 4 salt spreaders which are located in different locations within the parish and volunteers have kindly offered to spread salt on those smaller roads which are not gritted by Highways.

Newsletter

Look out for the new parish council newsletter arriving with the Pump. It is hoped that the newsletter will be issued twice a year.

Hemyock Emergency Plan

Councillor Tim Barton co-ordinates the parish's Emergency Plan. He will be updating the plan later in the year and is seeking Emergency Committee volunteers to join him. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Clerk.

Commons Management Group

The council thanks the volunteers who helped at Shuttleton Common on Sunday 13th March. (Simon Clist, Kathy McNicol, Jane, Ed Hopkinson, Jocelyn Pritchard, Neil Punnett, Donna, Riley & Lottie Evans and Paul Doble). The volunteers under the supervision of Ed Hopkinson, Devon Wildlife Trust, cleared an area of birch. The common will be topped again later in the year to keep the bracken under control. Picture kindly taken by volunteer Kathy McNicol.



At Hemyock Common new shoot stands have been agreed between Culm Vale Gun Club and Mid Devon District Council for this season. It is hoped the new stands will enable the gun club to access the shoot positions without using heavy vehicles/machinery and thus protect certain areas of the common.

Pavements

The parish council is currently pursuing the possibility of installing a pavement in Old School Court to enhance safety and to enable pedestrians to turn the corner and cross the road in front of the Post Office. Watch this space.

Local Tradespeople Wanted!

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, repainting and refurbishing benches, making noticeboards, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges and other general maintenance works. The parish council is keen to use local tradespeople and to that end if you would be interested in quoting for any such works then please contact the clerk giving her your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and she will hold your details on file.

And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6th April 2016. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org and can be found on the two Parish Noticeboards located outside the Spar Shop and in the car park next to the Baptist Church.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN Tel 01823 680968 Email hemyockpc@gmail.com.

Dear Residents

As you will know now, the budget has been set at 3.99%, 2% will be ring fenced for Adult Care and the 1.99% is for Council tax increase, we are restrained from increasing any more without triggering a referendum, which would cost upwards of a £1m. 1% increase in Council Tax will bring in about £3.4m, therefore as a Council, we have our hands tied, which does not apply to Town and Parish Councils. They have the opportunity to increase their precept to raise funds for local amenities.

The Library Service nationally are seeing a drop of 3.9% in take up, while the South West is down by 1.3%. Devon County take up is up by 10% since we have gone to a mutual.

Devon Mineral's plan is now with the Secretary of State who will be holding a public inquiry later this year. As for waste, Devon's recycling rank in the top 5 in the Country at 55%, yet we are second worst producers of waste, 31st out of 32 waste authorities in the Country. We produce 7% more waste than average at a rate of 367kgs per head of population. This adds £3.25m to our collection and disposal costs. Mid Devon produce 397kgs per head. In May 2015 Ofsted made an unannounced visit to Children's Service and found that the service was inadequate. Government Inspectors intervened and a programme was put in place, as from last month Minister of State for Children has lifted the intervention and declared that the service has greatly improved and is now heading for Good.

By 2017, the Education Secretary is bringing in a new funding formula which will have the same basic funding for every child. This should be good for the children of Devon because currently we are £270 per head below the national average.

Education in Devon continues to improve, 87% of primary Schools are good or outstanding and we rank 59th out of 150. Academies have 20% of primary children. With Secondary Schools 85% are good or outstanding and we rank 47th out of 150 schools. Academies have 60% of the children. See what we could do with better funding.

Finally I would mention that the TAP funding will again be available as will the locality budget for another year. This next year there will be additional funding available coming from unspent funds from the Investing in Devon Budget. If there are any potential community projects that could do with a few hundred pounds, please contact me.

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor, 01884 820000



What's On at The Healthy Living Centre?

Riverside Hemyock EX15 3SH

Cameo Club	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older people. Contact Tracy Howe for details on 01823 680687		
Bookworms	Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies and toddlers. Contact Angela Dawson on 01823 680687		
Phoenix Group	On the first Tuesday of every month 10am – noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)		
Brightside	Every first Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who want to get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information and to book on 01823 680687		
Memory Cafe	On the second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone affected by memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information and to book on 01823 680687		
Classes	(Call 01823 680687 for class dates and info or see our website www.bhllac.org.uk)		
Monday	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Keep Fit	10 – 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Thursday	Dance	7.15 – 8.15pm	Ruth Bell
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Lea-Ann Furphy
	Tai-Chi	1.30 – 2.30pm	Andrew Blaby
Therapies	Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Homeopathy, Hypnotherapy Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment		

Around Hemyock

If you take one of the local papers you may have already read recently of an honour bestowed on one of our residents.

The citation reads - D-Day veteran **Tom Devonshire** of 22 Eastlands has been appointed by the President of the Republic of France, the rank of Chevalier in the Order National de la Legion of Honour. This highest Honour medal is in recognition of his acknowledged military engagement and steadfast involvement in the liberation of France during the Second World War.

Tom, now 92 years, was amongst those who went ashore at Sword Beach. He said the weather was so bad the ships were unable to land for 24 hours and they were told they were supposed to reach Caen in 3 days but the fierce fighting meant it took 3 weeks. Two months later Tom was shot in the lower leg and returned to England. His later military life saw him in Berlin protecting an airport and also being part of the guard at Spandau Prison where war criminal Rudolph Hess was jailed.

He said "I was over the moon when the medal arrived. I wear this medal for those who did not return from D-Day including my cousin who had landed on another beach"

Tom and his wife **Beryl** will celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary during April and we send them many congratulations.

Congratulations also to **Chris and Shirley Dracott** who saw a special anniversary earlier this year when they celebrated their Diamond Day (60 years) in February whilst **Stewart and Monica Smith** married at St Mary's 50 years ago in March.

If you have a special event you would like mentioned in future issues of the Pump please let me know – details below.

The problem with not writing down things when given information is that sometimes it is forgotten and this is what happened on hearing of the birth of **Heidi Eleanor to Richard and Louisa Donkersley** in January, a sister for Noah. Congratulations to them and apologies for omitting it from the last magazine.

Roy Perrott, Kim Smith, Jennifer Sheppard, Anne Salter, Leonard Salter and Des House are amongst those who have recently died and we send condolences to their loved ones.

The Pump has received the following from families:

Richard David Barton was born at Gloucester Royal hospital on 1st November 1988. He grew up in many places across the country including Castle Cottage and Bean Close in Hemyock and spent 3 blissfully happy years in Cyprus when he was young. He attended Blundell's School in Tiverton and left in 2006. After spending a gap year travelling around South America including Machu Piccu and the Galápagos Islands he spent three years at Durham University studying earth sciences and gained his degree. He took off to Australia via an extensive tour of India to find work as a geologist. Richard secured himself a wonderful job as an exploration geologist with an Australian mining company, both exciting and adventurous it was his dream job. He met his wonderful girlfriend Paige there and they set up home whilst planning their future together. Sadly he became ill very suddenly with leukaemia and passed away three days later on the 11th January whilst in hospital in Perth Australia undergoing treatment. He had a small private funeral service at Dunkeswell Abbey church on the 12th February and was laid to rest in Hemyock Cemetery beside his father. He was 27.

Robert, **Kim Smith's** husband writes, Kim loved life, was full of energy and always wanting to try new things. On holiday she discovered archery and would always get me booking the next lesson. Kim loved baking; her Lemon Drizzle cake was always welcomed by my colleagues at work. In the last two years she found new passions in two particular areas, photography (particularly her instamatic camera) whereby she would assail anyone Kim could find, including anyone down at the post office. Kim's other passion was the drums. I got the chance to buy Kim a drum kit as a surprise, Kim had always told me how she would have loved to learn to play the drums and one day I called Kim to the door where upon Kim discovered five very large boxes. The memory of Kim that day is one I will cherish forever. Myself and our family would like to thank everyone for their support. We miss her so very much and loved her dearly.

Royston (Roy) Perrott was born in 1928 at Bradford Cottage near Willand. The family moved to Hemyock in 1935 farming at Prings Farm, Madford. Royston later married Rosemary after which Roy and Kay were born and they moved to Eastlands.

Royston worked initially as a farmhand later driving for Smalls who were based at Culmbridge Mill. He then moved to the milk factory working on the churn lorries finally ending his working days in the cold store still at the St Ivel site. On his retirement Roy continued living at Eastlands moving to a bungalow after losing his wife in 1999. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Leonard (Len) Salter had been employed by Hart's of Station Road all of his working life. He died after spending 3 weeks at Musgrove Park Hospital on 9th March aged 88 years. Leonard had been a keen football and cricket player in his younger days and continued to support our local teams. Most weeks during the seasons he could be found watching games with friends sat on the bridge between South View and Eastlands and along with his late wife Phyllis frequently supplied cups of tea to those with them. Leonard was also a supporter of the local Scout Group where his wife was one of the Cub leaders often joining them for camps.

The couple lived at Eastlands for 66 years and had two children, Raymond and Juliet. Leonard leaves them along with 4 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren.

We remember all those who have been or are unwell thinking especially of **one of our GP's Mark Couldrick, along with David Palmer, Don Attlee, Diane Bradbeer, Audrey Lowman, Mavis and Brian Clist and Helen Hartland.**

By the time this issue reaches us our clocks will have been moved forward an hour and we will have celebrated Easter. Thanks to the hard work of a band of willing helpers our church and chapels will have been beautifully decorated. At St Mary's lilies, in memory of loved ones, are always part of the decorations.

During the summer our Scout Group will once again be welcoming Danish friends but before then they, along with the Brownies, will be parading from the Parish Hall to the Parish Church to celebrate St George's Day during the morning service. If we were from Ireland, Wales or Scotland there would be much greater celebration whether with a Guinness, and shamrock; daffodils and national dress or with a swirl of bagpipes and kilt but England seems to do very little. So if possible do go along and support our young people and celebrate our national saints day (I write as a Cornish Maid who celebrates St Piran's Day, in March!)

To the people who have recently moved to the area we send warm greetings and farewell and all good wishes to this leaving the parish.

Many people were saddened to hear that due to health reasons Dr Mark Couldrick has retired from The Blackdown Practice. It hardly seems possible that it was 25 years ago he joined the practice to become one of our well liked and respected GP's. We wish him well in his retirement.

Please do get in touch if you have news you would like to share. Either drop a note into 4 South View or email jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

Fri 1	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00	Hemyock Pre-school Bingo
Sat 2	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Wellington and Churchinford Farmers' Markets
Sun 3		
Mon 4	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 5	Reminiscence Learning FL 10.00-12.00	Phoenix Carers BHLC WI FL 19.30
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 7	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 8		
Sat 9	Hemyock Gardeners' Spring Show PH 14.30	Mobile Library PH Cullompton, Yarcombe, D'well FM's
Sun 10		
Mon 11		
Tue 12	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLC 10.30 Tues Group FL 19.30
Wed 13	Hemyock Gardeners' FL 19.30	Hemyock History Group CR 19.30
Thu 14	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 15		
Sat 16	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 17		
Mon 18	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 19		
Wed 20	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 21	Honiton and Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library
Fri 22	Hemyock Cricket Club Quiz PH 19.30	
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Lights Brigade Spring Dance PH 19.30
Sun 24		
Mon 25		
Tue 26	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 27		
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 29		
Sat 30	WI Sausage and Mash Lunch	

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2nd and 4th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) Arthritis Group
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	9.30-12.30 Reminiscence Learning every 1st ends Aug 2017 7.15-9.45 WI every 1st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2nd 7.30-9.30 Family History Group every 3rd	Pre-School (PS) Brownies (CR) Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1st 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1st 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2nd 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3rd	Pre-School (PS) Cub Scouts (CR) Chapel Café (BC) Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) Primary School Coffee Morning 1st
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) St Mary's Choir (SM) Walk & Talk (VH) Bell Ringing (SM) Clayhidon Friends 2nd History & Archiving 2nd Clayhidon History Group 3rd
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (every Fri before Market)		Pre-School (PS) Seekers (BC) Scouts (GS) Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3rd		

Sun 1		
Mon 2	Bank Holiday	
Tue 3	Reminiscence Learning FL 10.00-12.00	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10.30 WI FL 19.30
Wed 4	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 5	MDDC Police & Crime Commissioner Election PH	Taunton FM History Group CR 19.30
Fri 6	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00	
Sat 7	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Mobile Library
Sun 8		
Mon 9		
Tue 10	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLC 10.30 Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 11	Hemyock Gardeners' FL 19.30	
Thu 12	Taunton Farmers' Market	History Group CR 19.30
Fri 13	"Auction of Promises" Friends of St Mary's PH 19.30	
Sat 14	Cullompton, Yarcombe and Dunkeswell Farmers' Markets	PUMP Deadline
Sun 15		
Mon 16	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 17		
Wed 18	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 19	Honiton and Taunton Farmers' Markets	Mobile Library
Fri 20		
Sat 21	Hemyock Market	Somerset & Avon Police Choir Concert SM 19.30
Sun 22		
Mon 23		
Tue 24	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 25		
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 27	'Pre-school' Quiz Evening	
Sat 28	Uffculme Farmers' Market	
Sun 29		
Mon 30	Spring Bank Holiday	
Tue 31		

PH - Parish Hall
 FL - Forbes Lounge
 CR - Church Rooms
 SP - see page
 RS - Riverside
 BC - Baptist Church
 SM - St Mary's
 SA - St Andrew's
 BHLC - Blackdown
 Healthy Living
 Centre, Millhayes

Forthcoming Events

June	
Tue 07	Reminiscence Learning, FL, 10 - 12
Sat 11	Birthday Street Party, C.Hidon, V.Hall
July	
Sun 03	"The Organ Builder Entertains", Michael Farley, St Mary's Church
Tue 05	Reminiscence Learning, FL, 10 - 12
Fri 08	Blood Donors, Hemyock P.Hall
Sat 09	St Mary's Church Fete, Rec. Field
August	
Tue 02	Reminiscence Learning, FL, 10 - 12
Mon 08 - Fri 12	Holiday Club
Sat 27	St Andrew's Church Fete, C'Hidon, Church Field
September	
Sat 10	Gardeners' Autumn Show, P Hall

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 sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date.

**Parish Pump Deadline
 June - July issue: 14th May**

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Brightside!

Having enjoyed several fun, interesting and informative activities over the last few months, brightsiders are now beginning to get that spring into their step. Our April-June programme is in circulation, with lots of entertaining, different and exciting things planned. Amongst them we have a visit from the ever popular 'Wildside' team who will be presenting a slide show of the great snows of the sixties and seventies! A jigsaw extravaganza, centre treasure hunt and a talk about bee-keeping with honey tasters no doubt!

Add to this our April trip to Taunton museum and you have just a small sample of the activities to be enjoyed over the next three months. A tasty 2 course lunch is always available with special diets catered for. Transport can be arranged if needed.

If you would like to spice up your life and be part of the action, enjoy congenial company and make friends, join our merry bunch on the first Friday in the month from 11am-3pm. Call The Blackdown Healthy Living Activity Centre in Hemyock on 01823 680687, Mondays and Thursdays.

Janet Elworthy

Times of Mobile Library (See "What's On" for dates)

Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

Clayhidon crossroads 1.15 - 1.45pm
Hemyock Parish Hall 1.55 - 3.00
Lower Millhayes 3.05 - 4.20

Saturdays (once a month, Week 2)

Hemyock Parish Hall 9.45 - 12.15

Also found on: www.devon.gov.uk/libraries



There are two events that are coming up for Valley Arts. The first is the AGM at The Catherine Wheel on 1st of April at 7.00pm, followed by a meal

at 8.00pm. Please order your meal before the meeting. The second is a games evening on Sat 30th April in the Parish Hall. We are starting to plan next years show now and we always welcome extra help and new cast members, if anyone would like to learn any technical roles e.g sound, set design and construction, lighting, black gang, please let us know by contacting Gillian: gllian.hawkes@btinternet.com or Caroline: cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk

Caroline Pinder

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SECTION 53

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

Devon County Council
(Footpath No. 21, Hemyock)
Definitive Map Modification Order 2013
and will attend at:

**Hemyock Church Rooms, Cornhill ,
Hemyock, EX15 3RQ**

**On Thursday 14 April 2016 at 10.00am
To hold a public local inquiry into the Order**

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by: **ADDING** Footpath No. 21 Hemyock, which starts from Conigar Lane adjacent to the northern end of Bridleway No. 22 Hemyock and proceeds generally westwards through woodland to exit onto Tedburrow Lane.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at the offices of Devon County Council at PROW Room ABG, Lucombe House, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD between the hours of 9am-5pm Mon-Thurs and 9am-4:30pm Fridays. Contact Mrs T Weeks on 01392 382833 to make an appointment.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/J1155/7/111

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate:

Helen Sparks, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing,
Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 5PN. Tel: 0303 444 5646 Email: helen.sparks@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Hemyock Tennis Club

New Membership Half Price Offer

This year we are again offering HALF PRICE membership to all new members. The HALF PRICE fee for new adult members is £40 and for a couple £60. For new junior members the HALF PRICE fee is £10 with any additional siblings £5 each. For further details and application forms please see the www.hemyock.org website.

Open Evening

We will be holding an open evening on either 19 or 26th May (date to be confirmed and advertised in the Spar and Post Office). The club will be open for anyone to come and join us. Rackets and balls will be available and the club ball machine will be in action. We will be delighted to see new people. Refreshments will be available.

Coaching

Coaching is available through the club coach Dan Sizer. Coaching sessions for the juniors are on Thursday afternoons:

Reds (under 8's)	from 4.15 - 5.00
Ambers (under 11's)	from 5.00 - 5.45
Juniors (under 16's)	from 5.45 - 6.45

Adult coaching sessions will be run if there is sufficient interest but in the meantime private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>.

Easter Camp

There is an Easter Camp being run by Dan at the club on 5th, 6th and 7th of April. There will be sport specialist coaches attending who will be delivering tennis, football, cricket and hockey for the children. The cost is £25 per day (9-3pm) or for the three days £65. Places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out. Children will need a pack lunch and suitable clothing for all weather. There is an indoor facility if the weather is bad. Please contact Dan as above.

Club Sessions

The club weekly sessions are:

Thursday:	Mixed Club Night from 6.30pm onwards
Saturday:	Mixed Club morning from 10.30am onwards
Sunday:	Mixed Team Practice (higher standard, by invitation) 10.30am onwards

Non-Members and Visitors

The courts may be booked by non-members at the Spar shop in Hemyock. Charges are £8 per hour for seniors and £4 per hour for juniors. Tokens for the floodlights are available at £2 for each half hour. Visitors to the area please note the HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFER - £25 for a family, playing as often as you wish, avoiding club activities (check in the Spar).

Suzy Besant (secretary) suzannebesant@btinternet.com 07857 747979 or hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com

The Lights Brigade Presents...



We had a fantastic turnout for the Lights Parade last Christmas, and loads of good feedback from people who enjoyed seeing Christmas lights around the village. So now we're planning our next bit of fun (and fundraising) so we can do it all again next year!

Saturday 23rd April will see the hugely popular Tankus the Henge rolling up in Hemyock for an evening of up-tempo, upbeat and very danceable music. We've been lucky to get them to stop off here on their "Smiling Makes the Day Go Quicker" tour. So we'll be dressing up the village hall, loading up the beer barrels and mixing up the cocktails for a great night out!

Tickets are £12.50 from Spar (thank you Spar staff for helping out) - get yours before they go!

If you want to see what it's all about, visit our website: <https://lightsbrigade.wordpress.com/> or check in to our Facebook page: The Lights Brigade Hemyock. For other queries (or if you don't do that there new-fangled internet thingy) call Liz on 680351.

Clare Sibley

The Lights Brigade, Hemyock presents *The much anticipated 2nd Spring Dance*

TANKUS The HENGE

on their 'Smiling Makes The Day Go Quicker' Tour

Live Music
Fully stocked Bar
and NO Raffle

plus
DJ PHIL the ROOM

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL
Sat 23rd April 2016
Doors open 7.30pm

TICKETS: £12.50 from Spar, Hemyock
Info: 01823 680351

www.lightsbrigade.org.uk The Lights Brigade Hemyock

Thanks

Judy and Sarah Barton and their family would like to say an enormous thank you to all the wonderful people who sent messages of condolences, cards, offers of help and support and delicious food during the past months after the devastating and sudden loss of Richard. We appreciated everything from the prayers to the hugs and want you to know that everything you all did gave us enormous strength and courage to face such sad and difficult days following our loss.

Our enormous thanks too to the Reverend Rik Peckham from Dunkeswell who conducted Richards service, Carol Quinain for the flowers and making the church so beautiful, Martin Pring for his kindness and truly excellent funeral service, Paul and Jackie Redwood for their great generosity in providing transport to and from the abbey church, Geoff at the Catherine Wheel for making us all so welcome in his wonderfully warm and homely pub and the bearers from the Blackdown shoot for their strength and support on the day.

We are so very grateful and thankful to live in such a wonderful community.

Judy and Sarah Barton

Cheyenne's coffee morning

I would like to say a very warm thank you to all those who supported my market stall and coffee morning as well as all who made generous donation to my recent fundraising including the Post Office Stores who donated the biscuits for the coffee morning. I needed to raise £500 to cover the expenses involved in gaining my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and Hemyock/Danish Scout camp. Thanks to your support I am delighted to say I have reached my target.

One of the DofE sections is residential which you must not attend with anyone you know. Part of the money raised will go towards 5 days at an activity centre in South Devon during the college Easter holiday. Whilst there I will be taking part in, and learning such activities as sea kayaking, rock climbing and abseiling, bush craft, problem solving, survival skills, team building and leadership. During the summer I will be spending a week on the Brecon Beacons with the rest of my DofE group.

The Scout camp, when once again we will be welcoming our Danish friends, will take place on Exmoor during the summer.

Cheyenne Jordan

History Group Report

The March meeting started with an AGM when the Chairman provided the audited financial report together with information on the previous year's activities. The Group is in a healthy position both financially and with its on going activities and has successfully completed projects over the last few years. Several new names were appointed to take the group on to the next stage of development. John Butterwith was appointed Secretary, Marion Churchill and Tony Bennett will look after the monthly collections and report on the financial situation and Jon Henville will look after the blackdownarchives.org.uk web site. Additional names are still required to allow the Group to become involved in new projects that will benefit the community.

Mike Cooper has been chairman now for 9 years and will be retiring in the next year to allow the Group to continue with its development. Following the AGM, a very interesting and informative presentation was given by Paul Steed on "Milling and the Mills in the Culm Valley. In the Domesday Book, it would appear that there were five water mills situated at Culmstock, Whitehall, Culm Pyne, Gorwell and Hidon. At the peak time, Paul informed that there were eighteen mills. Thanks were expressed to Paul for sharing his knowledge with us, and these were demonstrated by the presentation of a bottle of wine from the members.

The February meeting was a talk from Peter Fisher, one of our members, on John Wood an agricultural labourer of Clayhidon who enlisted for unlimited service with the 40th Regiment of Foot at the age of 16 in 1805. He was involved with the Army in South America, North America, Portugal and Spain ending at the Battle of Waterloo. The details of his talk will be available to members from the archives. The next meeting appropriately will be by Colin Spackman on the Duke of Wellington and his visit to Wellington Monument. The May meeting will be given by Julian Hewitt, an amateur archaeologist, on his field work in the South West with his finds of historical artefacts from the last 3 thousand years.

Mike Cooper

The Phoenix Group

The Phoenix Group will meet again on Tuesday, 5th April, when Sue Lambert will be our guest for the morning. She will help us with some physical exercises to keep us as strong as we can be for the caring role we need to do. On the 7th June, Clare Moughton from Devon Carers will join us to tell us about the work she does in the Blackdown Hills area and more about the service Devon Carers can provide.

We meet at 10.00 - 12 noon at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre. Please call me if you require further information or just come for a coffee and see what we are about. Diana Cooper (Tel: 01823 680175).

Diana Cooper

Thanks

We would like to say a big thank you to all who have supported the fund raising for Paul Moralee's snow boarding fund. We raised £500 on the Christmas raffle and over £1000 at the quiz in January. The village hall was packed with a great turnout.

Paul is currently racing in Europe and will be back in Hemyock in April. He hopes to return to the GB team in the autumn.

Please note

Our next event is on Saturday 14th May when we will be having a garage sale at 34 Hollingarth Way from 10am to 2 pm. Coffee, tea and cake available. Lots of great bargains.

On July 2nd we will be holding an auction of promises and things in the village hall.

Please contact Elaine on 01823680119 or email elaine@nem.org.uk if you can help.

Elaine Moralee

Community Activities Update

We are already half way through our Big Lottery-funded programme of monthly activities! Where has the time gone?

In March the theme was 'Feasts and Festivals'. It was lovely to welcome back familiar people and some new faces.

March has been a busy month for special days and everyone had a good time discussing St David's Day, Mothering Sunday, St Patrick's Day and Easter.

We shared some lovely memories and reminisced about Mother's Days and Easters long gone. There were topical word searches and Welsh and Irish recipes to take away. We also tucked into hot cross buns and mini eggs, and had a go at making Easter cards or decorating Easter bonnets.

In April the theme will be 'Spring' and in the spirit of the season we're planning to sow flower and veg seeds. It will be interesting to see who will have cultivated the best show later on in the summer... the pressure is on! Remember our monthly activity is always free of charge and runs for 2 hours from 2pm to 4pm on the second Thursday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in with our friendly chat, refreshments and crafts! I hope to see you on 14th April. Reminiscence Learning (call 01823 668676 for further information).

Ruth Conley

Hemyock Family History Group

The second meeting of this new group was held on the 15th March in the Forbes Lounge. We appear to have worked out a format for this informal group which includes chatting about various topics to do with tracing your family history and how our ancestors lived, asking for advice from Mary, who runs the group, and getting research done using the very handy wifi in the Forbes Lounge.

It should be stressed that this is not a formal course, you do not have to sign up for anything, and there is nothing complicated about it!! We welcome anyone who cares to turn up whether they have previously done any research into their family history or not!

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were all interested when Dave brought in some information concerning online courses run by Strathclyde University. One of the Mary's was highly delighted when she made a discovery about an ancestor with the lovely name of Emerson Pickering. Talking about names and in this lovely spring season, my favourite has to be DAFFODIL EASTER!!

If you are interested do join us on the THIRD TUESDAY of each month in the Forbes Lounge, bring an iPad or laptop if you have one, or otherwise you can share with someone. There is a modest charge of £2 to cover the hire of the room, and there are free refreshments as well!! Details from Mary Hyland (evenings) 01823 680991.

Mary Hyland

YOUTH DANCE

Come learn routines to the latest music at The Garages Sport & Youth Centre, Lower Millhayes Hemyock.

All abilities are welcome and its FREE admission to all Youth Club member's.

Sessions will be starting after Easter holidays, please check out The Garages Sports & Activities Centre Facebook page for updates.



From the Rev. Eustace to his ordained nephew

Excerpts from a tongue in cheek article printed in a church magazine found in Cheshire

My dear Darren,

So, you have received your first letter of complaint which you must now learn to accept is an integral part of ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, as I have had, you will in time have enough letters to fill many bound volumes.

Anonymous ones often written in green ink can be safely consigned to your waste paper bin. Ones marked urgent, from whatever source, can also go the same way. Letters complaining that you did not pray for someone in hospital will of course have nothing to do with the fact that you knew nothing of this along with the one complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital - when they wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

There will be those complaining that your sermons are too long or too short and that the church clock hourly striking is seldom correct and too noisy. Replying that the PCC are considering exploring the possibility of it striking the quarter hours often stops these letters. The ringing of bells prior to morning services will of course bring letters of complaint saying the slumbers of parishoners having a lie in have been ruined. Services seen as too traditional or too modern will also bring regular letters of complaint.

As the year progresses you will, without fail, get letters saying the church is either too hot or too cold for prayer. In Spring some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, whilst others say it should be less frequent as it ruins the habitat for wildlife. Harvest will see you getting letters complaining they did not receive a gift from the church which really was unforgiveable as their grandmother had once sung in the choir albeit 50 years ago.

The only letter of complaint I really treasure, Darren, is from the bishop, rebuking me for not attending any meeting when he was present! It hangs on my study wall.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Janice Bawler

Police and Crime Commissioner, Tony Hogg

Monthly report

We are often asked how the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is making a real difference in Devon and Cornwall.

We have put together a film highlighting some of the key achievements from Tony Hogg's term as the first Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The key achievements of the OPCC are:

- The work across alcohol, including with Best Bar None and the Drinkaware Club Hosts pilot;
- The work within the Strategic Alliance with Dorset, which is helping to reduce costs and improve the resilience of operational policing;
- The creation of the Victim Care Unit and the Victim Care Network, a network of over 60 organisations who provide support to victims of crime;
- The Fair Funding campaign, which, with your support through our petition, halted a £15 million funding reduction for Devon and Cornwall Police.

You can view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IT9FUG7Kpo>

Tony Hogg



Culm Valley
A Sure Start Children's Centre

Babies!

Are you aged at least six weeks but not yet crawling?
Would you like "baby massage" at a venue in your locality?

Soothing and relaxing
Improve sleep patterns
Relief of constipation and colic
One to one quality time with parent

Five week course: £2.00 donation

If there is enough interest we may be able to set up a group in your village:
Blackborough Bradninch
Hemyock Kentisbeare Plymtree Uffculme
Uplowman Willand

Contact your Sure Start Children's Centre in the Culm Valley: 01884 35993



Piano for Sale

Eight years ago we bought an electric piano and stool for one of our foster children who passed exams to grade 5. She has now moved to another placement where, unfortunately, there is no room for it. As as we do not play we would like to sell.

If interested please contact David on 07773579809 for further details.

BBC Children in Need



BBC Children in Need will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 7th April from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Sunningmead Community Centre (Lazenby Road, Tiverton EX16 4AL)

Meet local grants officer Juliet Williams to find more about BBC Children in Need grant making programmes, how to apply for a grant and what makes a good application.

To book your place please email
juliet.williams1@bbc.co.uk
Or to find out more, phone Juliet Williams on
01752 234 588
Thank you



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1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello to you all. It looks as though Spring has arrived at last, so we can enjoy our outdoor activities even

more! All sections of the group are active in their Spring programmes and with Easter early this year summer programmes are currently being planned.

Something a bit different this year for all sections is the involvement with Blackdown Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We have been in touch with James Maben of the AONB-they are based at the old St Ivel milk factory offices down at Millhayes. All sections will be involved, during their weekly meetings with some or probably all of the following; bat detecting, moth trapping (we wont harm them), bird and bat box making, river dipping to identify freshwater invertebrates, bug hunting in the long grass, botanical ID, bug hotel making (Rikki hasn't a clue what that is so will definitely be attending that meeting!), reptile hibernacular making (Rikki ditto!). That looks jolly interesting and should be fun for all. I must add that thanks must go to the Rector and Church Warden David as quite a lot of this programme will take place in parts of the Churchyard.

As you read this report we will be getting close to St Georges Day Parade and Service which we are looking forward to holding with you all for the third year on Sunday 24th April. We will be parading from the Parish Hall at around 10.00am to join you for the service in St Marys. Rikki is honoured to be allowed to chat with you again and although we may have an Elephant dance, I promise that I will not tie you all in knots like last year!

Last time we had a bit of history on the group. This time a bit about our Danish friendship with the scouts of Tonder. It all started in 1972 (apologies from Rikki, I said 1971 last time). Hemyock attended a Jamboree in Torbay and were expecting to host a group of twelve scouts from Morocco, for whatever reason they did not arrive. So instead we looked after 40+ scouts from Tonder in Denmark- and that is how it all started. I must add that this was the first time that boys and girls had camped together. This was so new that a report of the Jamboree was printed in the News of the World Sunday paper, what fame! We got on so well together that in 1974 48 scouts from Hemyock sailed to Denmark to visit our new friends. We camped with 18,000 at an International camp. 1977, 63 of our Viking friends came to Hemyock and we camped in the Cambrian mountains of Wales. 1980 again 48 Hemyock scouts travelled to a camp with 7,000 others at Stevninghus. This was quite a wet camp with water running through the tents. However we still enjoyed it and the wonderful hospitality of the people of Tonder. More of our friendship in future reports. We now look forward to our joint camp in the summer up on Exmoor.

Rikki has been persuaded (arm twisted?) by the Group Executive to write a bit of a history of the group since 1960. This will be fun. I have compiled a list of lots of old friends

1ST HEMYOCK SCOUTS, CUBS AND BROWNIES

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

PARADING FROM THE PARISH HALL AT 11 AM
TO ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH FOR
A SHORT FAMILY SERVICE.
ALL ARE WELCOME

FOLLOWED BY 1ST HEMYOCK SCOUT GROUP
FAMILY BBQ AND AGM
AT
THE GARAGES, MILLHAYES
AT
12.30
ALL INTERESTED WELCOME

and colleagues who I will be contacting for some input. If anyone reading this has something I can add to the history, please contact me : 01884860817, 07889686738, john.northam@mypostoffice.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you!

Old Rikki

And finally from Camp Fire Yarn no;15, Animals, specifically insects. Insects are very interesting animals to study, watch or photograph. Also a scout should know about fish too and which insects they like to eat. The usual insects about which a scout ought to know something are: moths, grasshoppers, glow worms, gnats, ants butterflies bees, wasps and beetles. Over to James Maben and the scouts and cubs to find them in their summer programmes. Good luck!

Neighbourhood Watch

New telephone scam

People are receiving phone calls saying that their property has been placed in the wrong band for the Community Charge. You may be told that there is now a charge between £60 - £350 to correct this. This is a scam so do not give out any details. If you can please phone the Police (101) to give any details you have.

St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

Lent is the most sombre time of the Church calendar but there has been a weekly meeting for members, discussing the 10 commandments. There was also the lovely Sunday known as Mothering Sunday. Delightful posies of flowers were distributed to so many mothers and grandmothers by the children who so enjoy this service. The glorious Easter Sunday will be taking place around the time that you receive the Pump. The early morning sunrise service round the fire will be at Gollick Farm instead of at the top of Greys Lane.

Rogation Sunday is another outside service as we progress through the Half Moon, on into our car park, further on to the Old Rectory and finally back into the churchyard. It will take place on April 24 at 3pm. Brenda will play the accordion to accompany us. Perhaps you would like to join us.

Ann Salter was an enthusiastic choir member when she lived here. Since her move to Uffculme she has sadly died but is in our churchyard with her husband. We send our sympathy to her family.

It is with great sadness that we record that dear Joan Harris also has died. For such a long time, she fought against cancer but knew that she would be overcome by it eventually. Her ashes will be put to rest in the churchyard on 19th March. Once more we send our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.

With the coming of Spring, we look forward to more activity and good health among the people of the parish and welcome you to services and events which will be published on the church notice board at the gate.

Pam Reynolds

St Andrew's Flower Rota

A very belated Happy Easter to everyone, and a huge thank you for flowers.

For Sunday: April

3rd	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith
10th	<i>As above</i>
17th	Nicola Bendle and Susan Annett
24th	<i>As above</i>

For Sunday: May

1st	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
8th	<i>As above</i>
15th	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
22nd	<i>As above</i>
29th	Saranna Cogswell and Julie Bullett

For Sunday: June

5th	Saranna Cogswell and Julie Bullett
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News Around Clayhidon

The gremlins were busy again, so last month's Report and the Cleaning Rota did not appear. I am sorry.

Richard and Kathleen Kallaway are the proud grandparents of Kira Elise, daughter of Susie and Carl Purbrick.

Casey Blackmore was in the news, having been awarded the Best Wedding Stationer in the South West.

I also mentioned in the last Report that the Friday Film night is proving a pleasant night out. The films shown are unusual and interesting. Ice-creams in the interval are popular! The History Group enjoyed the usual Christmas Party and January meal.

The Blackdown Support group, soon to celebrate 25 years in existence had a Cream Tea Get-Together in Dunkeswell.

Sadly, two of our number have died. Ann salter, who lived for a time at Culm Davy (but came to Clayhidon Church) and then at The Court in Wellington.

Also, Joan Harris, who had battled for many years with her illness, but on enquiry always said, "I'm fine." She had become the unofficial historian of Clayhidon, with files on every family. They are both being much missed.

The Big Breakfast was very popular again. A lot of time and energy goes into the planning, but the result is a happy smooth-running event, much enjoyed, and raising a lot of money for cancer research.

Margaret Blackmore

St Andrew's Cleaning Rota

March	29 - 2	Mrs Persey
April	4 - 9	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones
	11 - 16	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew
	18 - 23	Mrs Scott and Mrs Roberts
	25 - 30	Mrs Persey
May	2 - 7	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones
	9 - 14	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew
	16 - 21	Mrs Scott and Mrs Roberts
	23 - 28	Mrs Persey
	30 - 4 June	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones

News From Clayhidon

Clayhidon clear-up bags litter mountain

A team of around 20 volunteers recovered a vast amount of litter from the lanes, ditches and hedgerows of Clayhidon in March. Beer cans, soft drinks bottles, cardboard coffee cups, presumably chucked out of cars, plus masses of plastic and bizarrely a large pile of used tea bags have been stuffed into sacks and sent to the tip. Someone even found a soggy £10 note – and donated it to the Big Breakfast in aid of Cancer Research,

Not absolutely everywhere was covered but organiser and parish councillor Alison Weekes estimates a good 80 per cent of the parish has been cleared. “And most of these lovely volunteers are prepared to do this on an ongoing basis, which they should be thanked for. However we all wish people would just realise how selfish it is to chuck a can or sweet wrapper out of their car window,” said Alison.

Worryingly, several bits of cardboard look as if they were lost from the recycling lorry.

The hardest place to find volunteers was the Bolham valley, but luckily parish councillor Alex Hill spent hours between Shackles Cross and Whitedown Cross. We are still missing someone to help out in the odd Lemons Hill corner of the parish. Other volunteers were Sandra and Rosie Aldworth, Maureen, Nicola and Caroline Bendle, Yvonne Roth, Geoff and Jenny Stevens, Judy Hutt, Caroline King, Anne Langford, parish councillor Sue Hay, the Redwood family from Hidewood Farm, Susan Annett and Richard Brown, Val and George Slabbert, Gareth Weekes and The Wellington Scouts (thanks to Nicky Woodgate).

Alison commented: “I want to say a huge thankyou to all of them on behalf of us all in Clayhidon.”

Kate Winslet stars in a batty black comedy

Clayhidon's Film Night on Friday 8 April is *The Dressmaker* (certificate 12A), based on the best-selling novel by Rosalie Ham. Depending on your point of view it's either a bittersweet comedy-drama set in early 1950s Australia or “a loud, batty, fancy-frocked, sashed-and-stockinged revenge story”.

Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet), a beautiful and talented misfit, after many years working as a dressmaker in exclusive Parisian fashion houses, returns home to a tiny middle-of-nowhere town to right the wrongs of the past. Armed with her sewing machine and incredible sense of style, she transforms the women of the town and in doing so gets sweet revenge on those who did her wrong. The film starts at the later than usual time of 8pm, with doors at Clayhidon Parish Hall opening at 7.30. Tickets £6 or £20 family (2 adults + 2 children). Tel. 680607 or lucyball132@btinternet.com.

You can watch the trailer on the parish website <http://www.clayhidon.org.uk/village-hall-news/film-nights/the-dressmaker>.

Dallahan: folk band plus jazz, pop, funk and classical

Dallahan, one of the fastest rising forces on the international folk circuit, are playing at Clayhidon Parish Hall on 13 April in a gig sponsored and promoted by Villages in Action.

Heavily rooted in traditional Irish music, but with hugely diverse backgrounds and influences, Dallahan call on their mixed Irish, Scottish and Hungarian heritage to create a unique and seamless musical montage, drawing in influences from jazz, funk, pop and classical music.

In December 2015, they were shortlisted for ‘Album Of The Year’ as well as a nomination for ‘Folk Band Of The Year’ at the Scots Trad Music Awards. Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2 said Dallahan were “Some of the most exciting trad musicians to emerge in recent years”.

Tickets £8 (£6 concessions). For tickets and to pre-book a light supper (£5) call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouselle@btinternet.com. There will be a licensed bar.

You can read more and watch a video on the parish website <http://www.clayhidon.org.uk/village-hall-news/dallahan>

Joan Harris, history group founder

Many people will be sad to hear that Joan Harris died on 19 February aged 89, writes Pam Reynolds. She lived in Clayhidon for more than 30 years and became well known for the quality of her patchwork, but also as one of the founders of the Clayhidon Local History Group.

Over the years she has done an incredible amount of research about Clayhidon and its families. People used to contact her from all over this country and also from abroad to discover details about their ancestors, often information which could not be found online.

Joan was always the first person to greet people when they arrived for the annual ‘Big Breakfast’ held annually in March, for Cancer Research UK. A memorial service was held at St Andrew's Church on 19 March.

Busy start to parish hall year

It has been a busy start to the year at Clayhidon Parish Hall with a programme of live gigs and Film Nights, which look like becoming an established part of the calendar between September and April. A selection of entertaining and thoughtful films has attracted audiences of between 30 and 55.

In February The Thunderbridge Bluegrass Band were a storming success, with over 80 people enjoying a demonstration of just how beautiful bluegrass music can be. In March Devon folk singer Jim Causley gave us an evening of wit, local relevance and variety and was rewarded with an enthusiastic reception from an audience of 50.

Gareth Weekes

Clayhidon Parish Hall

Saturday 11 June 2016
2 - 4 pm

ROYAL STREET PARTY to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th birthday

All welcome - especially families

To reserve a place call Nicola Bendle
on 01823 680541

Clayhidon Local History Group

The History Group has had a good start to the year, after its AGM in February. Our most interesting speaker in March gave an illustrated talk on Easter and its customs. Next month the speaker is from Nynehead. In May, June and July we have visits arranged to a variety of places and possibly in August, we may have a conducted tour of a more remote area of Clayhidon, where the majority have not visited.

Speakers have been organised for September and October back in the Church Room which is our usual meeting place. Any new members wishing to join us will be very welcome at 7.30 on the third Thursday of the month.

Sadly, Joan Harris, our founder member thirty three years ago, has recently died. She did an incredible amount of research about Clayhidon and its people. She will be greatly missed.

Pam Reynolds

Cancer Research UK

Thank you very much indeed to all those people who came to the ‘Big Breakfast’ event at Clayhidon Village Hall on Saturday 12th March. It was wonderful to see so many enjoying their food and the sociable occasion suitable for all ages.

For those volunteers who worked so hard for four hours, it was good to know that it was for such an important charity which is of benefit to all families some time in their life.

Once more we were delighted to raise more than £1000 and in fact our total at present stands at £1090. Excellent. One of the most surprising donations was given to us that same afternoon, when two people who had been clearing litter from the parish verges, brought us a dirty £10 note which they had found lying in a hedge! Whoever had lost it, will be pleased to know that it went to a wonderful cause. Thank you all again and we wish you Good Health.

Pam Reynolds

Clayhidon Friend's

February meeting

The Blackdown Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock is well known from regular newspaper reports over the years, but members were privileged to experience an in-depth presentation by Angela Dawson, manager of the Centre, and Helen Farrell, therapist in counselling, regarding its present contribution to the local population.

Everyone was astonished at how many activities are offered to all age groups, and since its opening in 2010, the Centre has grown to include, for the elderly, isolated and infirm, the Cameo club, Brightside and a memory cafe. There are a number of exercise classes, Tai Chi being the latest addition, and Bookworms for the young. A comprehensive range of complementary therapies are all on offer, and regular Art exhibitions among other activities. Rooms are also available for private hire. Go to www.bhllac.org.uk for full information! This was an interesting and informative meeting with two speakers who have heart-felt commitment to their work, and many members signed up to be a “friend” of the Centre. Our grateful thanks to Angela and Helen for coming to enlighten us on this valuable community resource.

March meeting

We were delighted to have a welcome return of Jude Zebebe who gave an illustrated talk on the completion of her round the world journey on a bicycle. Her first trip in 2012 took her from the UK across Europe and Asia, then after a flight to Anchorage, down through the USA and two thirds of South America.

Jude's second leg began in Santiago, and with knowledge of some Spanish, sallied forth on her trusty bicycle, Norma, for Cape Horn. The roads she travelled varied between long, straight, empty motorways to rocky tracks, many depicted in Jude's photos. We also saw magnificent mountains, glaciers, places and buildings of interest, and some unusual spots where Jude pitched her little tent at night. She experienced wonderful hospitality from local people, and made friends with other touring cyclists. The occasional time-off to visit “tourist” attractions added to her trip, and once Jude reached Tierra del Fuego, the southern most tip, she took advantage of the last available ticket for a boat trip to Antarctica for 10 days. Once again, beautiful photos showed amazing snow scenes, calving icebergs and lots of penguins. Jude even borrowed the ship's bike so she could take a ride on the snow.

The final stretch of Jude's adventurous journey was up the east coast of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil to Rio de Janeiro where a day on Copacabana beach was a must, and a trip up to the huge statue of Jesus which overlooks the city. Once again, we were amazed at Jude's fearless spirit, and the physical strength required to complete such a fantastic journey. Huge thanks to Jude for an absorbing evening.

Anne Langford

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel



As we write our present news we are told, by one reckoning, that we are now into Spring. BBC Devon reports this morning of floods and roads closed due to trees blown down by high winds! Well at least we can hope for better days to come.

Far more encouraging however are the recent activities either at the chapel or by folk from the chapel. On Friday, 4th March, some of our ladies attended the Womens World Day of Prayer Service at Hemyock Baptist Church where the focus was on Cuba. Then on Sunday morning we had a visit from a Baptist pastor from Suceava in Romania, Catalin Croitor and his wife Paula. Being Mothers Day he told the young people about Jochebed, the mother of Moses and her intriguing and ingenious love and care before going on to share with us the challenges of witnessing for Christ in modern day Romania (see pic of Chris Menzfeld interviewing the couple) – the work is in partnership with the Slavic Gospel Association.



At our BSG Lunch Club in March we celebrated Margaret Blackmoor's 90th Birthday – she was one of the founder members of the club, 22 years ago. Afterwards we had a surprise entertainment by a girls choir from Hemyock

Primary School (see pic of the children singing). We are also looking forward to the starting up again of the Tea club later in the month. Then on Sunday morning, 13th March John Salter, the area representative for Tear Fund spoke and showed videos of the work helping rural communities especially with water, supporting action against child exploitation and help in refugee camps. This was followed by our traditional 'Hunger Lunch' of bread and cheese (see pic in our church hall). The final session of our Winter Bible Studies is due later in the month when Tom Smith from Chard concludes thoughts from 1 Corinthians 1 v 1-9 on the theme 'Standing in the Blessing of God'. Also on Saturday 19th March some of our folk are hoping to go to Paignton for the South West Conference of the Torch Fellowship for the Visually Impaired.

By the time you read this the period of Lent will have passed as well as our Easter celebrations with Derek Cleave from Bristol who will be with us for both Good



Friday and Easter Sunday. Apart from his other ministries Derek serves at the Chaplain to Bristol City Football club.

Following Jesus' resurrection the early disciples were challenged some time later on the day He ascended back in Heaven. He told them, and it is for us also, "You are my witnesses - - -" and the angel assured them that He would come back again. Ascension Day is 5th May this year and may we be faithful and ready for that great Day of His return.

On behalf of the RML Leadership Team.

Geoffrey Dearlsey

Clayhidon Parish Council Update April 2016

Clayhidon Parish Council held meetings in February & March. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/00302/FULL – Erection of a rural worker's dwelling. Land and Buildings at NGR 315838 114830 (Cornerways) Rosemary Lane.

Finance

Income - included rent, VAT reclaim and grant monies.

Expenditure - included laptop, scanner, rent, subscriptions and donation towards Queen's 90th party.

Highways

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

Police

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

Wiltown Green

The wall and gateway at Wiltown will be repaired and some bird boxes are to be erected.

Salt Spreaders

The parish council has worked together with Culmstock and Hemyock Parish Councils and has been successful in its bid for funds to purchase salt spreaders which attach to quad bikes. The parish now has 4 salt spreaders which are located within different locations in the parish and volunteers have kindly offered to spread salt on those smaller roads which are not gritted by Highways.

Annual Parish Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for the parishioners to come along and find out what is happening in the parish. Tea & cake will be available.

Queen's 90th Birthday celebration

The Parish Council has contributed £200 towards the Queen's 90th birthday celebration event planned for Saturday 11th June. The event is being organised by Nicola Bendle & Gareth Weekes. More information will be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th April.

Litter Pickers

The parish council would like to thank the team of around 20 volunteers who recovered a mini-mountain of rubbish from all over the parish. Someone even found a soggy £10 note – and donated it to the Big Breakfast in aid of Cancer Research. Not everywhere was covered but organiser and parish councillor Alison Weekes estimates a good 80 per cent of the parish has been cleared. Most of the volunteers have kindly offered to do a litter pick on an ongoing basis. Alison still needs someone to help out in the Lemons Hill corner of the parish. Please contact her if you are able to help. Many thanks to parish councillor Alex Hill, Sandra and Rosie Aldworth, Maureen, Nicola and Caroline Bendle, Yvonne Roth, Geoff and Jenny Stevens, Judy Hutt, Caroline King, Anne Langford, parish councillor Sue Hay, the Redwood family from Hidewood Farm, Susan Annett and Richard Brown, Val and George Slabbert, Gareth Weekes and The Wellington Scouts (thanks to Nicky Woodgate).

And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th April 2016. (A planning meeting will be held at 1.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings can be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel: 01823 680968. Email: clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Friends of Coldharbour Mill

The WORKING WOOL MUSEUM and MILL SHOP has re-opened after the winter break. The new opening hours are Friday to Sunday, 10am-4pm every weekend and, during school holidays, Tuesday to Sunday 10am-4pm. For all other information about the Mill and its history, admission prices, volunteering opportunities, shop and products, or to book guided tours for school or adult groups, contact the Mill Office by phone on 01884 840960 (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm) or by e-mail: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk or view the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk.

Forthcoming Events

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016 – SPRING QUIZ NIGHT – our next very popular quiz night at Uffculme Village Hall, prompt 7.30 start. Teams of 4, please ring Kathleen on 01823 or Jenny on 01884 243071 to book a table. Admission £6. per person to include our renowned supper. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks, water, tea and coffee provided.

We will be holding a music night (Music for the Mill) at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th June 2016 – more details later.

By the time you read this we will have held our AGM and will have more plans for the year ahead to share with you next time.

Volunteers Needed

Please help to make a difference at this unique heritage site! Volunteers are always needed for a range of activities including, repairs, painting, gardening, sweeping, helping with school visits, working in the Mill Office and as part of the Steam Group.

For more information, phone or e-mail the Mill Office 01884 840960, info@coldharbourmill.org.uk.

- Two specific volunteers needed urgently are:
A Handy person to help out with odd jobs to keep the Mill looking its best. Jobs will include cleaning paths and bridges, small repairs, painting etc. If you enjoy being outside.
- A green-fingered volunteer is also needed to help with our gardens, weeding, planting, grass cutting etc. Contact details as above.

Commercial Advertising

Advertisements are renewed on an annual basis commencing with the April edition. However, we do accept advertisements with each edition, if there is space. The charge will be on a pro-rata basis for the remaining editions before the next annual renewal.

If you would like to include a commercial advertisement, please contact pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk.

Next deadline for enquiries: 30th April 2016 for the June 2016 edition.

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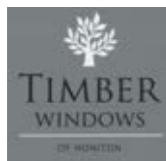
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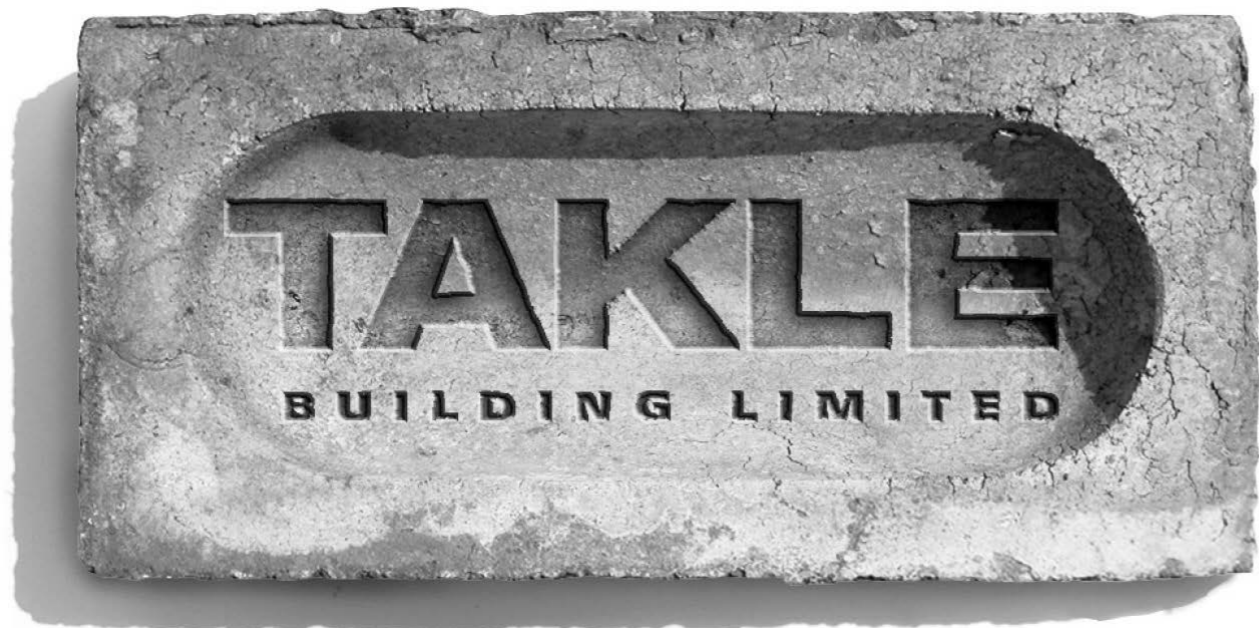
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