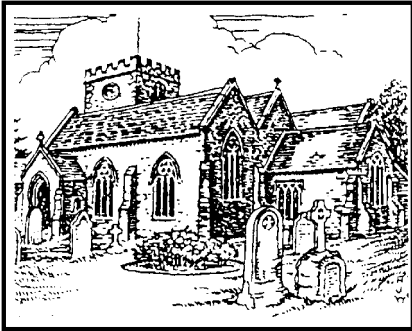
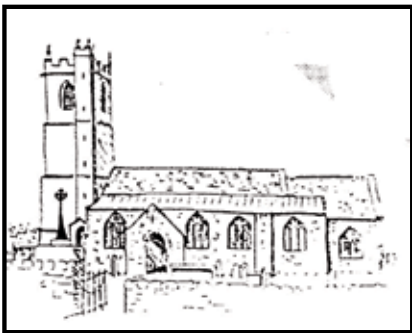


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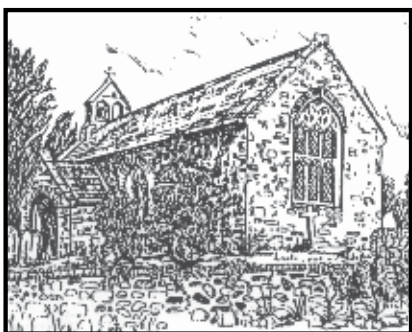
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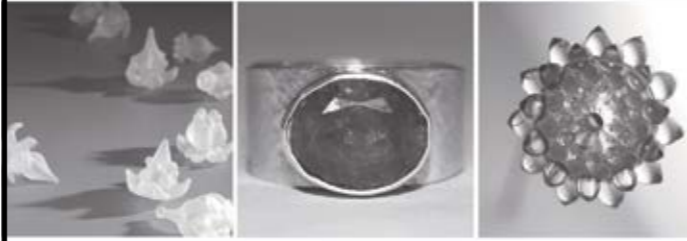
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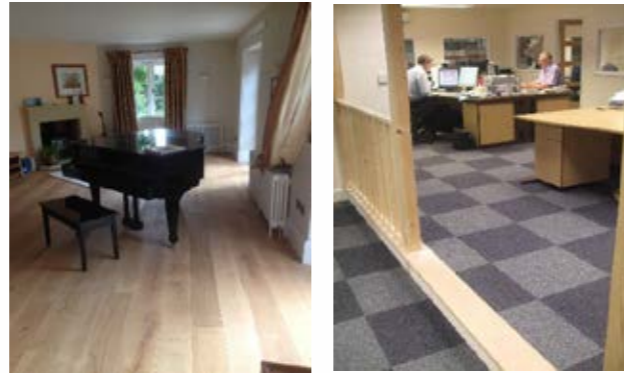
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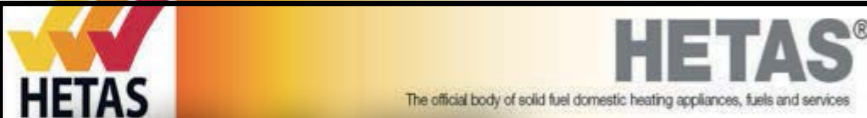
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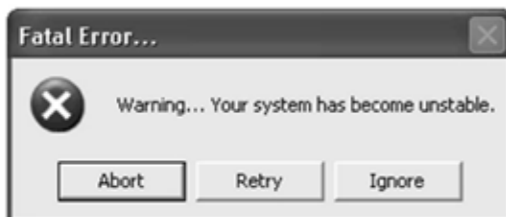
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June & July 2016

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FC = Family Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints
Thursday 2 nd June				10.30am HC Mothers' Union
Sunday 5 th June	10.30am FS	No service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC
Sunday 12 th June	11.00am Service for Queens 90 th Birthday	9.00am HC BCP	10.30am Service for Queens 90 th Birthday	6.30pm EP BCP Joint with Methodists
Sunday 19 th June	11.15am HC CW	No service	6.30pm EP BCP	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 26 th June	11.15am HC & Baptism of Lexie Kenny	3.30pm EP BCP	3.00pm Open Air Service at Fields Farm	8.00am HC BCP
Sunday 3 rd July	10.30 FS Teddy Bear's Picnic	No service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW
Sunday 10 th July	11.15am MP CW Sea Sunday	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW	6.30pm EP BCP Joint with Methodists
Sunday 17 th July	11.15am HC CW	No Service	6.30pm EP CW	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 24 th July	11.15am HC CW	3.30pm EP BCP	10.00am Cyclists' Service	8.00am HC BCP
Sunday 31 st July	10.30am Joint HC at St Mary's, Hemyock			
Sunday 7 th August	11am FS Joint Service at the Baptist Church	No Service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC

Regular Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays – Morning Prayer 10am at All Saints, Culmstock

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

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Seeing from a different perspective

All of us enjoy a change of scenery; and whether it is a day trip to the seaside or a longer trip abroad, getting away helps us to rest and relax and also see the world from a different perspective.

No longer are we caught up in the 'bubble' that represents 'home' and 'work', but we have escaped and can think about, and do, new things. For some this just means taking things easy and relaxing on a distant beach, for others it may mean exploring new places with their different history and scenery, observing how the locals live and sharing in new foods and customs.

But however we choose to take our time off, it enables us to become more detached from our normal day-to-day home life and able to see our lives from a new or different point of view.

As I write, I am about to go away on a trip to the Holy Land – somewhere I have not visited before. I am looking forward to being able to see a whole range of things from a new perspective. I know many people who have been to see the holy land find it does change the way in which they view the Bible.

As a minister I spend every week studying the Bible and preparing sermons – and would say I am pretty familiar with much of it, from the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament to the focus on Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Often I am trying to see well-known readings from a new perspective in order to shed new light on them.

However, being in the very places in which much of the Bible is set, will enable me literally to have a new perspective, and hopefully see and understand familiar things in new ways. It is an opportunity which I hope will not just breathe new life into my sermons, but infuse much else of what I do. But maybe that will be for congregations to judge!

But as well as looking at places infused with the holiness of millions of pilgrims' feet; ever present, there is the reality of the current situation – the Holy Land today – where we find a meeting place of three world religions: Judaism, Islam and Christianity, with all the tensions, religious and political, that that creates.

In a land where Christianity was born but Christians are a very small minority, we may be able to understand that Christians here in Britain have things much easier – so we need to remember and pray for Christians in Israel and the Occupied Territories – and the Middle East as a whole – Christians in Syria and Iraq have things much worse – as indeed do many others, Muslims and Jews often, as well – where faith can have real and dire consequences.

Emphasising divisions and differences leads to suspicion, fear and often violence – evident for all to see in the Middle East. As we cast our vote in the European Referendum, let us be influenced by concepts of co-operation, friendship and shared values. The Christian Gospel is about breaking down barriers – both, between us and God, and by extension between us and other people.

So as many of us set off to enjoy holidays and trips away, let it be a time to reflect on our own lives and perhaps see things from a new perspective, and be thankful for all the good things we enjoy.

May God bless you this Summer.

David

Easter Service

Once again the parish church at Hemyock was beautifully decorated in mainly yellow and white flowers to celebrate Easter. Amongst the flowers were those dedicated to loved ones as well as the traditional Easter garden featuring 3 crosses and empty tomb.

The service was conducted by the Rev David Burton with lessons read by the Rector and Cheyenne Jordan. The choir under the leadership of Ron White sang the anthem *This Joyful Eastertide*.



Easter Garden designed by Churchwarden David Bawler

At the end of the service flowers were presented to Mrs Jane Attlee who had recently retired as flower coordinator after leading the team of flower arrangers for around 15 years although she had been arranging flowers at St Mary's for many more years than this.

Happy birthday was sung to Mrs Ann Smith celebrating a special birthday and congratulations were given to Stewart and Monica Smith who had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the previous day. The couple, who had provided cake for all to enjoy, had been married at St Mary's and moved to Wellington returning to Hemyock a few years ago. Monica has now taken over the role of flower coordinator. She is a member of the choir and Stewart a Sidesman, Verger and Server.

Janice Bawler



Rev David Burton, Warden Jenny Doble, Mrs Jane Attlee

St George's Day Celebration

A wonderfully joyous service took place at St Mary's church, Hemyock on Sunday to celebrate St George's Day. The congregation were joined by members of the local Scouts, Cubs and Brownies who paraded, with colours flying, from the parish hall along with family and friends

The Rev'd David Burton welcomed the 130 strong congregation before handing over to leaders when Promises were renewed. Cheyenne Jordan (Explorer Scout) gave the reading; prayers were read by members of each organisation and David Bawler (Group Executive secretary) read the final message to Scouts by Baden-Powell.

Sandra Aldworth enrolled three Brownies and presented a badge to a leader and badges were presented to 3 Scouts by Andy Batten (Group Scout leader).

Rikki's (John Northam's) amusing talk saw an imitation campfire in the main aisle with him and Andy Batten wearing their camp blankets covered in badges gained over their years in the organisation and a camp fire game was played. After this songs involving the congregation were sung.



Group Scout leader Andy Batten and Ricki (John Northam) during talk

A prayer for The Queen's 90th birthday was given by the Rector and the national anthem sung before the flags were carried out.

The retiring collection of £130 will be divided between Children's Hospice SW and Brainwave Bridgwater.

Janice Bawler



1st Hemyock Scout Group and Brownies

We, at St Mary's Church, Hemyock, have two more Special Services to tell you about.....

On June 12th in St Mary's at 11am, we shall be joined by the Baptist Church for a service to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday

This will be followed by nibbles and something with which to raise a toast to Her Majesty!

You are very welcome to join us.

Instead of our usual Family Service in August, we shall join the Baptist Church for an all age service explaining the work of the

'Open The Book' Team

who go into the Primary School. We may also be given an insight into the forthcoming Hemyock Children's Holiday Club.

Join us all at the Baptist Church, Hemyock, on August 7th at 11am.



Everyone is welcome

to our short



Family Service

Sunday 5th June, 10.30 am,

St Mary's Church, Hemyock

Singing, story, craft, snack and more.

Toys welcome, too!



Who was St Boniface and what has he to do with Christmas trees?



Organised by St Mary's and Culm Davy

Everyone is welcome to join us for our short

Family Service

Followed by a teddy bears' picnic



Sunday 3rd July, 10.30 am

St Mary's Church, Hemyock

Singing, story, craft, snack and more.

Bring along your teddy and your picnic!



Organised by St Mary's and Culm Davy

St Mary's Church Summer Fair & Scouts Open Afternoon

**At the Parish Hall Recreation Field, Hemyock
(inside if wet)**

Saturday, 9th July from 2pm to 5pm



**Scouting Activities,
Cream Teas, Cakes and Savouries, Produce,
Barbecue, Bouncy Castle, Books,
Children's Craft, Pocket Money Toys,
Side Shows, Raffles, Plants,
Second Hand Goods and More!**

We welcome stalls from other organisations or individuals. Only £6.
Phone Jenny Doble 01823 680174

Come and have tea on the village green

Foodbank thanks you!

A sincere "Thank you" to everybody who has been supporting our efforts for the local Food Bank in Wellington. The staff there are very appreciative of what gets brought to them from Hemyock. If you wish to help by donating some non perishable items you'll find a collection box in St Mary's Church and also in the Church Rooms. The Food Bank also report that some elderly people on low incomes have been going hungry in order to feed their pets, who might be their only companion. So cat and dog food are also acceptable as donations.

The Food Bank staff also wish to remind people that Hemyock is within their catchment area, so people can be referred there at time of need. They open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 to 4pm in the Hall of the United Reformed Church in Fore Street, Wellington.

Also in our village church at the moment is a collection point for clothing items to be forwarded to Syrian refugees via an organisation in Taunton. We were asked if we could do this by the Parish Council, and we are pleased to be able to help. Our thanks go to everyone who has contributed. Obviously refugees, like us, come in all ages, shapes and sizes so clothing is needed for babies and children as well as adults. At the time of writing we had sent about 20 bags of assorted clothes and had about another 20 waiting to go. If anyone wishes to add to the donations you'll find the collection point at the back of the pews on the north side of the church (that's the side furthest from the door). Thank you in anticipation.

Brian Samuels

Information request

As we said in the last issue, the staff at the Charity and Coffee Shop try to make sure that every item that is donated to the shop is used constructively. Normally this means we sell it but as we said other methods are sometimes used, and this may involve one of several avenues.

We may answer a request from other charitable groups for specific items. Likewise we may donate items where we've learnt of a particular need.

We have answered appeals from the Disasters Emergency Committee and similar bodies. We are currently helping with the Parish Council's appeal to aid Syrian refugees. And we try to ensure that anything left over is recycled and not sent to land-fill.

Sometimes though we find an item which stops us in our tracks and ask questions. Very occasionally it might be an item we feel should be in a local museum, or as recently, be with someone else.

St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

We will be open in

June

Saturday 4th

Tuesdays

14th & 28th

10am - 12 noon

We will be open in

July

Saturday 2nd

Tuesdays

12th & 26th

10am - 12 noon

in the Church Room, Castle Hill
and at the Church Fair on the 9th

A little while ago we had a small metal mug which when cleaned gave us the impression that it might be a prize item or a Christening Cup. It has an inscription of "H R Morrow, 23 November 1902". Whilst we haven't gone back to Exeter to check the Baptismal records, we do know from the Bellringers' records that there were "Morrow's" in the area in the first half of the last century. If anyone can shed light on Mr/Master/Miss/Mrs Morrow we would be pleased to hear from you. Pop into the Shop when we're open or contact the PCC Secretary.

Brian Samuels

Clothes Collection for Refugees from the Syrian Civil War

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated clothing and shoes to the *Refugee Aid from Taunton* appeal. Thanks also to Brian Samuels and everyone involved at St. Mary's Church Charity and Coffee Shop for sorting and bagging the contributions.

The donated clothes are sent to refugees throughout Europe. Details of *Refugee Aid from Taunton* can be found on their website: <http://refugeeaidfromtaunton.org.uk/>.

To date I have been able to take two full vehicle loads to the Taunton collection centre. Further donations are very welcome.

Jocelyn Pritchard

St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Summer Lunches

Thurs, 16th June

in The Church Rooms, Hemyock
(serving at 12.30pm)

Donations to Fabric Fund towards
Church building improvements

Friends of St. Mary's, Hemyock

The Organ Builder Entertains

Michael Farley will explain the
workings of our organ and play it



Sunday, 3rd July 3.00pm

in St. Mary's Church, Hemyock

Free Admission

Retiring Collection



Tea and Cake

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comprising the Churches of
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available by email from Helen Lang
ucvmission@gmail.com

Closing date: Mon 27th June 2016



HEMYOCK'S 47TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

BASED ON THE AWARD-WINNING APP, GUARDIANS OF ANCORA!

Calling all helpers, young and young at heart! If you're willing and able to help out during Holiday Club week, why not come along to one of our planning meetings at 7:30pm in Hemyock Baptist Church on 9th June or 7th July...
It's where the fun starts!



The Bells, The Bells, The Bells...

Do you fancy hanging around in the Bell Tower?

Quasimodo and Notre Dame are not a patch on Hemyock! Seriously though, the Bells of Hemyock have rung across our village for hundreds of years. They have called the faithful to St Mary's Church, rejoiced at Weddings and rung out slowly to mark the passing of our villagers.

They have also joined in with bells across the country to mark joyful and memorable occasions, and are part of England's great traditions. Do you want our bells to hang silent and unloved in the Tower? Some will say 'Yes' as the ringing bells wake them on a Sunday morning. But most of us will say 'No, let the tradition continue'.

We need more ringers in Hemyock Bell Tower. Your Bell Tower Needs You!

You do not have to be particularly strong, or musical or religious, or young, or able to ring every Sunday. You need to be able to work as part of a team of enthusiastic ringers, and the existing ringers are more than happy to teach you. It's not that difficult, it really isn't.

What do you have to do? Well, that's not difficult either. Just contact the Captain of the Tower, Lin Holway on 01823 681522 and ask for details.

Lin Holway

Hemyock Singers

Hemyock Singers AGM has been held at the Baptists Church. I would like to say a very warm and heartfelt thank you to Hemyock Singers for the totally unexpected beautiful floral bouquet I was presented with at the end of our Spring concert.

Singers was formed from the village Leisure Centre Music Group to which I belonged. Things progressed, new folk joined for a concert and before we knew it we found ourselves giving a full stage production of HMS Pinafore followed by other Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

Over the years many of you will have enjoyed the concerts and musicals the group presented including My Fair Lady, Annie get your Gun, Scrooge, Calamity Jane and my personal favourite Fiddler on the Roof. As with many things the group has changed and now there are two concerts a year one followed by a Christmas meal.

Sadly all good things must come to an end and in my case after 45 years and a severe loss of hearing the Spring concert was my last. Thank you to all those past and present members who have given me so many very happy memories which I will treasure.

Janice Bawler

Quiet DAY

Saturday 20th August
10am – 3:30pm
Grays Farm, Grays Hill, Hemyock, EX15 3SZ

"Quiet Days are an ideal way of redressing the balance in your busy life. To take time out at a peaceful location. To listen, to reflect, to be silent and to pray, drawing closer to God." (BRF)

Everyone is welcome to come along to Hemyock Baptist Church's next Quiet Day on Saturday 20th August. A theme for the day will be introduced by our leader and there will be plenty of time for everyone to reflect individually in a way that is helpful to you – reading, writing, walking or simply resting in this beautiful setting. We look forward to welcoming you – there is no charge and a light lunch will be provided.

Blackdowns Mothers' Union

Meet on the first Thursday of the month.

On 2nd June we shall be at All Saints Culmstock for a 10.30am Holy Communion Service with Coffee afterwards.

On 7th July we shall be at the Church Rooms Hemyock for 2pm with Speaker Mr John Vinton. Visitors welcome. There is no meeting in August

Meg Palmer

Hemyock.org

The parish website has been revised and updated and now includes the Parish Pump magazine as a pdf document.

To Secretaries and Chairmen of Local Groups - This is your website!

If your details, including links, are not shown or are not up to date please let us know. We will also be delighted to help you update your own information; please contact Paul Steed steedpaul53@gmail.com or phone 680787.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Despite our worries our members – as usual – provided a wonderful display of spring flowers, numerous culinary delights and some absolutely amazing floral art displays for the Spring Show. The Ploughman's Lunches were more popular than ever and Brenda and her happy band of helpers found it increasingly difficult to find space for everyone!

Show Secretary, Barbara Heaton, now has this event running like clockwork and all the Committee were on hand to ensure the judges were able to get their work done in record time. The results in the various classes were as follows:-

PHYL KALLAWAY ROSE BOWL

Best Exhibit in Classes 1-5: *Gerry King*

VAL WAKELING CUP

Most Points in Classes 1-29: *Kathy Jones*

WEBBER VASE

Best Exhibit of Cut Flowers: *Brenda Calcraft*

CARNIVAL CUP

Best Exhibit of Pot/Bowl of Growing Bulbs: *Jane Attlee*

HGA SHIELD

Awarded for the best Pot Plant: *Brenda Calcraft*

HGA CUP

Best Exhibit of Flowering Shrubs: *Jane Smith*

PERCY & OLIVE SALTER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best Exhibit in Hobbies and Handicraft: *Gillian Hawkes*

HGA ROSE BOWL

Best Exhibit in Floral Art Classes: *Sandy Coe*

CARNIVAL SHIELD

Most Points gained in Floral Art Classes: *Monica Smith*

HEMYOCK WI SHIELD

Most Points gained in Culinary Classes:
Kathy Jones / Colin Mitchell

MAC'S TROPHY

The Peoples' Choice in Class 42: *Edith Butler*

THE UTTERWITH CUP

Awarded to the Exhibitor with the most points overall:
Kathy Jones

As you will see for the first time, as far as we can recollect, there was a joint first in the culinary classes for the Hemyock WI Shield. Congratulations to Kathy Jones and Colin Mitchell for achieving this! We don't have monthly meetings during the summer months – everyone too busy gardening – but we aim to visit some local gardens

instead. Following on from our speaker in May, our first visit will be to Lydeard House on 19 June. The gardens are open from 2 – 5 pm so we plan to meet in the Parish Hall Car Park at 2.00 pm to organise car sharing. The cost of entry is £4. We also propose to visit Yeo Valley at Blagdon nr Bristol on Friday 12 August. Opening times are 11.00 am to 5.00 pm so we plan to leave from the Parish Hall Car Park at 10.00 am – again car sharing if possible. Entry to this garden is £5.

At the beginning of July we have our usual members BBQ at Lower Leigh Farm – fingers crossed for a fine evening for a change! Please let me know if you are planning to attend so that we have the correct number of beef burgers and sausages!

At the end of June over 40 of us will be heading to Kent to sample, amongst others, the delights of Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and Chartwell House. To date we have always enjoyed great weather so let's hope this year is no exception.

An early reminder that the Autumn Show is on 10 September, at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall to which all are welcome. I hope to get the schedules out to everyone during June/July and there will be more details in the next issue of The Pump as there are one or two classes which are open to non-members. It would be lovely to see entries from the wider community in Hemyock. As before, Ploughman's Lunches will be available from 1.00 pm.

Enjoy the summer – both gardening and also taking a break and maybe visiting other gardens, for inspiration!

Judith Major, Secretary – 680746

GARDENS OPEN at REGENCY HOUSE

for the National Gardens Scheme

Sunday June 12th
2 - 5.30

with a

SCARECROW COMPETITION

and Croquet on the lawn

Contact Jenny Parsons on 01823 680238 if you would like to bring a scarecrow

Adults £4.50 Children & Scarecrows free

Regency House is the original Hemyock Rectory, built in 1855 with a traditional Blackdown Hills barn and yard dating back to the 1700s. Over the last twenty five years the garden has been sensitively restored and brought back to life; it is now mature, tranquil and interesting, bursting with interesting plants and wildlife and once again the walled garden produces copious quantities of delicious fruit and veg for the house.

There are ponds and meticulously-trimmed yew hedges, a blue and white garden, bog garden, winter garden and many other interesting areas to explore or just sit in.

Do come and visit this wonderful garden, only a five minute walk from the Catherine Wheel on the Dunkeswell Road and there's plenty of parking space too. For plantaholics there is a very comprehensive plant list to help with identification.

Tea & delicious cakes on the terrace

All proceeds go to Charity, the principle one being Macmillan Cancer Support
In 2015 we were thrilled to raise £2,348

Parish Council Business Update June 2016

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

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Mrs Heather Stallard was elected as Chairman and Mr Simon Clist elected as Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/00364/FULL – Erection of an agricultural livestock/fodder building. Blackdown Hill Road, Hemyock
- 16/00414/HOUSE – Erection of an extension. Langley, Hemyock
- 16/00452/FULL – demolition of farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling to incorporate existing stone farmhouse. Byes Farm, Hemyock.
- 16/00390/FULL The Barn, Lickham Bottom, Hemyock. Conversion of agricultural building to single dwelling.
- 16/00482/HOUSE. 31 Castle Park, Hemyock. Erection of single storey rear and side extensions.
- 16/00463/FULL. Conigar Farm, Hemyock. Formation of manege for private equestrian use.

Finance

Income – included cemetery payments, interest, VAT reclaim, Gun Club donation, wayleave, precept and footpath grant.

Expenditure – included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, tree work at the cemetery, photocopying and subscriptions.

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

Website

Have you seen the new re-vamped website: www.hemyock.org ? Please see separate notice in the Pump. If anyone has any Hemyock memories, anecdotes, or photos that they would like to share on the website, please send them to: memories@hemyock.org or phone Councillor Penny Lawrence on (01823) 680595. Prints will be scanned and returned.

Defibrillator

Hemyock Parish Council has been working in conjunction with Clayhidon & Culmstock Parish Councils and has been successful in a joint bid for funds towards the purchase of a defibrillator in each parish. The parish councils are meeting with a representative from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust later this month to receive advice. The parish council is delighted that many groups in the village are fundraising towards this project and more news is expected shortly.

Housing Needs Survey

The parish council plans to distribute a Housing Needs Survey to all parishioners later in the year. The last Housing Needs Survey was issued in 2011. The results of this new survey will help the parish council help formulate a Parish Plan.

Car Park

In order to secure the long term future of the village car park, the Parish Council is negotiating a purchase from Mid Devon District Council.

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 are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Clerk.

3-ACRE PLOT WANTED!

Hemyock Parish Council is looking to purchase a plot of land near to the village for a Community Orchard.

**Please contact the clerk:
01823 680968 or hemyockpc@gmail.com**

Commons Management Group

The Commons Management Group plans to install a name sign at the entrance to Hemyock Common and a new bench. Shuttleton Common will be topped again this year to continue the maintenance under the supervision of Devon Wildlife Trust.

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.

Footpaths

Footpath 21 Conigar Lane – Following a recent public inquiry, the planning inspectorate has ruled in favour of the footpath and this will be added to the definitive map. Footpath 35 Oxenpark – There is a proposed diversion on part of this footpath. The diversion is being made in the interests of the landowner but the parish council supports the proposal as it creates a new, alternative footpath which is as or more enjoyable than the existing path.

Queen's 90th Birthday celebration

Everyone is invited to bring a picnic for a grand village picnic to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen. The Recreation Field (Parish Hall, if wet) on Sunday 12th June, 2.30pm. Entertainment and drinks will be available. Raffle for village defibrillators.

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

And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st June 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 with all local Authorities, we all have our annual meeting to start a new year. There has been a few changes at County Hall for me. I am now the Chairman of the Place Committee, which basically deals with all environmental issues, which include waste management/highways/libraries, etc... But my main responsibility is to look after the residents in my division, Willand, Uffculme, Culmstock, Hemyock and Clayhidon in the Culm Area, as well as six other Parishes north of the M5.

The Government have allocated a pothole action fund of nearly £2m for the whole of County. It will only enable us to deal with a limited number of sites. I will be invited to work with our local Neighbourhood Highway Officer, Willy Pike, on prioritising schemes in our area.

South West Highways contract comes to an end now and work on a new contract for interested parties continue. Initial Tenders have been received and are currently being evaluated. The work is taking place with partner authorities, Devon, Somerset and Plymouth. A report is due to be presented to Cabinet in September which will update Members on the tender process and seek approval to award the contract soon after, so that the contractor has 6 months to mobilise prior to taking on responsibility for works delivery in April 2017.

Delivery of the current year programme is going well. Information on programme of work has been published and you can use; Roadworks.org; to see planned works for Devon Highways and work by other organisations in your area.

We are trying to get a Road Warden Scheme up and running for fixing minor carriageway potholes etc. with volunteers. Whilst a small amount of funding is being made available for Community Warden work, the scheme is to allow communities to do work themselves that because of budget cuts from Central Government the highway service can no longer afford to deliver. Training will be available.

Please keep the recycling going, this helps reduce our land fill cost while at the same time brings in revenue for what we recycle. We in Devon have the 2nd highest quantity of residual waste, for a County, in the Country – 31st out of 32 Counties. The average for a County is currently 7% lower than Devon, which, for us equates to around £3.25m in collection and disposal costs. We need to try and do a little better.

Always here to help, just give me a call or email.

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor, 01884 820000



BLACKDOWN
HEALTHY LIVING &
ACTIVITY CENTRE

Riverside Hemyock EX15 3SH

What's On at The Healthy Living Centre?

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 (over 60)	10 – 11am Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Yoga	10 – 11am Rose Buchanan
	Zumba	11 - noon Elena Duffin
	Meditation	2 – 3pm Ollie Stamp
	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, Foot Care, Homeopathy, Hypnotherapy Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment	

Around Hemyock

Hemyock, like many communities, has its share of traditions. As I am Cornish I particularly enjoy the celebrations held at my hometown of Padstow and also Helston at the beginning of May. Perhaps you will have memories from the previous places you have lived – worm charming, cheese rolling, well dressing and carnivals spring to mind.

Over the coming two months we will see the school and church holding fetes both now regular traditions in our calendar – no doubt there will be details elsewhere in the Pump. Both events bring the community together and support two important parts of our village.

Equally important are the traditions and friendships built up over more than 40 years between our Scouts and their Danish counterparts and more latterly our twinning with French friends. Many local families will also have built lasting friendships through the exchange visits that take place at Uffculme School.

This summer will again see young Danes joining our Scouts for almost two weeks but no doubt Rikki will have more to say about this in his article. We wish them well and look forward to seeing the Danish flag flying once again from the church tower during the visit.

The Scout Group along with the Brownies (with Ron White playing accordion) led many of their families and supporters through the village to celebrate St George's Day with a service at the church. This light hearted service also has its more solemn moments as the young folk and leaders renew their Promises, read prayers they have written and sing the National Anthem. At this year's service there was also the enrolment of Brownies along with badge presentations throughout the different sections.

This time of year also saw many young people taking part in the traditional Exmoor Challenge – well done to the primary school – and 10 Tors ... did anyone locally compete? Those taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme will also have completed a range of activities with some older teenagers soon to be spending 5 days walking and camping on the Brecon Beacons at the beginning of July. Clearly our young people have to be eager to take part in these events but special thanks must go to all the leaders who give considerable commitment and energy to ensuring most youngsters have wonderful memories within the various groups.

A huge amount of commitment has been given to karate by Sophie Graham, an Uffculme school student, who recently gained her Black belt Dan 1. Many congratulations to her.

Jan and John Lewer are very happy to say that they plan to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a family and friends' Garden Party on Saturday, 9th July. They first bumped into one another on a ski-ing holiday in Scotland centred in a Holiday Fellowship Home called Altshellach.

Jan stumbled as she came off the chair lift and sprained her ankle. John took pity on her and in her room bathed her ankle to soothe the pain. This meeting was the start of a love story which led to buying an engagement ring twelve days later and their wedding three months later at midday on the 9th July 1966! They would like to send warm wishes to all their friends and acquaintances in Hemyock who have helped them to feel so at home in this village. Jan and John's story sounds like a piece of real old romance... just like the movies!!!

During the evening of The Queens goth birthday our church bells rang out as part of a national event whilst earlier in the day the regular lunches held at the Church Room saw a number of people enjoy and celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. Very patriotically the room was awash with red, white and blue with the toast given by Ron White. The lunches are open to all so if you feel like meeting up with a few friends or making new ones do look out for details of the next dates – this of course is becoming another village traditional place to meet as are the Baptist chapel coffee mornings.

There will always be those known to us who are unwell or recovering from illness thinking of Audrey Lowman, Gordon Cooper, Tony Soley, Cora Doble and Barbara Bowden. We very especially remember at this time the Webb family. Many will know that Stuart is in a Birmingham hospital awaiting an urgent heart transplant.

Sadly there have been families who have recently lost a loved one and love, prayers and condolences are sent to them. Marjorie Bright, Joan Hart, Ray Pike and Leonard Manley are names that have been made known to us.

Older residents will remember Patricia Ewins (known to all as Pat) who used to live at Castle Park, who has passed away in recent days. Alice Leighton will be fondly remembered by many and news has reached us that she died at her care home in Exmouth. Alice was a very gentle, caring soul who loved to cook She had been a member of the Blackdown Support Group, Hemyock Singers and the Gardeners Association. A lifelong Methodist she and Pat shared a great love of music with their late husbands – Norman was a very accomplished violinist and was a past Musical Director of Hemyock Singers whilst Bill Ewins, another accomplished musician played piano for the local ladies keep fit groups as well as composing music.

Joan Hart peacefully passed away on 4th May at Lindon House where she spent the last six months of her life. Joan was born at Upton on the Brendon Hills and was the youngest of six children. In her twenties she met her future husband Denis and settled in Hemyock. Joan lived at 1 Broadway for most of her married life. Then in 1983 Joan & Denis moved to Orpington House. Joan was a good cook and her Sunday roasts were her signature dish. Joan was a keen gardener and a member of the gardening club, her speciality was flowers especially hanging baskets. Anyone who knew Joan will know that she was a spick

and span housewife, she could spot dust at 100 yards! She would always make you welcome if you visited her, tea or something stronger if it was an evening visit. Joan and Denis loved their holidays and probably the most memorable holiday was a cruise on the QE2 to New York returning on Concorde. In the last few years of her life she suffered with declining health but despite these problems she never lost her sense of humour. Joan leaves not only Sandra & Stuart, Stephen & Shirley but also five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by all who loved her.

Fund raising for Paul Moralee continues as he needs to raise a great deal of money to enable him to take part in further snowboarding competitions in the hope he can fulfil a dream of taking part in future Winter Olympics for which we wish him well.

If you have recently moved to Hemyock we look forward to meeting you at some of the events you will read about in this and future issues of the Parish Pump.

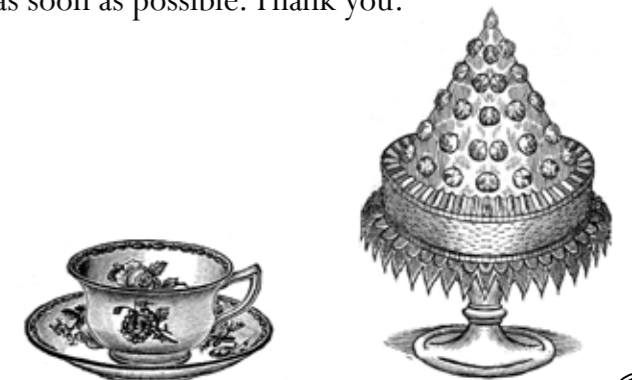
Your news is always welcome – please email jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk or drop details through the letterbox at 4 South View which are the red brick houses at the bottom of the Recreation Field. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Janice Bawler

Cream Tea Afternoon

This year's cream tea afternoon at Prings Farm, Madford will be held on Sunday 26th June 2016, 2-5pm. Everyone is welcome and as usual there will be a wonderful selection of homemade cakes & traditional cream teas along with a cake & plant stall, raffle and a small charity auction. This year, we will be raising money for Dunkeswell Abbey Church and local cancer charities.

If you can support the event in any way please get in touch with Judy Barton (680975) as soon as possible. Thank you.



Thu 2	Mother's Union, Holy Communion, All Saints, C'Stock 10.30	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 3	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00	
Sat 4	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Mobile Library Wellington and Churchinford Farmers' Markets
Sun 5		
Mon 6		
Tue 7	Reminiscence Learning FL 10.00-12.00	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10.00 WI FL 19.30
Wed 8	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 9	Taunton Farmers' Market	History Group CR 19.30
Fri 10		
Sat 11	Cullompton, Yarcombe, D'well FM's	Street Party for Queen's 90 th Birthday, Clayhidon
	Hemyock School PTFA Summer Fete	
Sun 12	Celebration for Queen's 90 th Birthday, Hemyock Rec. Field & PH	Open Gardens, Regency House
Mon 13	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 14	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLC 10.30 Tuesday Group visit to Alpacas
Wed 15	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 16	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library
Fri 17		
Sat 18	Hemyock Market PH 10.00	
Sun 19	Fathers Day Fun, Hemyock Pre-school, Longmead, 14.00	
Mon 20		
Tue 21		
Wed 22		
Thu 23	Honiton and Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 24		
Sat 25	Uffculme Farmers' Market	
Sun 26		
Mon 27	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 28	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 29		
Thu 30	Taunton Farmers' Market	

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2 nd and 4 th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group / Dance Exercise, Over 50's (GS) 11am-12pm / Dance Exercise (GS)
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	9.30-12.30 Reminiscence Learning every 1 st ends Aug 2017 7.15-9.45 WI every 1 st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2 nd 7.30-9.30 Family History Group every 3 rd	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 st 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 st 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 nd 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 rd	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 st
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2 nd / History & Archiving 2 nd / Clayhidon History Group 3 rd
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 3 rd		

Fri 1	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00	
Sat 2	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Mobile Library Auction of Promises, fundraising for Paul Moralee
Sun 3	Michael Farley 'The Organ Builder Entertains' SM	
Mon 4		
Tue 5	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10.00	Reminiscence Learning Music & Memories
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	
Thu 7	Taunton Farmers' Market	Blackdown Mother's Union CR 14.00 Speaker John Vinton
Fri 8	Blood Donors PH	
Sat 9	St Mary's Church Fete Hemyock Rec. Field	
Sun 10		
Mon 11	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 12	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Memory Café BHLC 10.30 Tuesday Group (Hats) FL 19.30
Wed 13		
Thu 14	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library History Group CR 19.30 PUMP Deadline
Fri 15		
Sat 16	Hemyock Market PH 10.00	
Sun 17		
Mon 18		
Tue 19		
Wed 20	Acorns FL 14.30	
Thu 21	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 22		
Sat 23		
Sun 24		
Mon 25	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 26	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 27		
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 29		
Sat 30	Mobile Library	
Sun 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

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

Thu 01 Mothers' Union, Communion, St Mary's
 Sat 10 Gardeners' Autumn Show, P Hall

October

Sat 01 Scout Annual Sale, P Hall
 Thu 06 Mothers' Union, Fav. Bible story, All Saints, 2 pm
 Sat 08 Hemyock Cricket Club Concert Evening
 Tue 24 – 28 VASS Show
 Sat 29 Hemyock Pre-School Hallowe'en Party

November

Thu 03 Mothers' Union, Christmas Lunch
 Sat 12 Hemyock Singers Coffee Morning, FL

December

Fri 09 Hemyock Singers Concert

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 (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

Parish Pump Deadline

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Valley Arts and Social Society

The AGM was held in April, this was well attended and the new committee was voted in, we are very pleased to welcome new committee members, Bob Hawkes and Paul Featherstone.

New 2016 Committee:

Chairman Caroline Pinder

Vice Chair Sally Cartledge

Treasurer Alison Robson

Secretary Lynn Pulman

Noda rep and membership secretary Gillian Hawkes

Junior rep Andy Pulman

Also Alice Martin, Hilary Moles and Stuart Summers.



Our Autumn show "Are you being served" was financially successful, this has allowed us to purchase our own sound equipment, which should be a big bonus for rehearsals and show week. We enjoyed a social evening with a meal and games; it was lovely to meet up with lots of people who help out with our shows in all sorts of ways.

We have met several times and we are in the process of choosing our next show, this should be finalised next week, in June there will be a read through with refreshments, if you are interested in any way please contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk, we look forward to seeing you in June.

Brightside!

We are off on a 'jolly', would you like to join us?

Where: World of Country Life, Exmouth

With drive along the sea front.

When: Friday, 17th June.

Cost: £16 inclusive of entrance/coach.

Pick up: Dunkeswell, Hemyock and Culmstock.

Lots to see and enjoy, accessible facilities. For further details or to book call Janet Elworthy, Monday & Thursdays on 01823 680687.

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

Thank you from the Lights Brigade...

Our Spring Dance in April saw the fantastic 'Tankus The Henge' play an energetic set to a village hall packed with happy revellers. DJ Phil the Room had already got the floor jumping, and by the time the band had finished, the hall was steaming! Check out the pics and films on our website and Facebook page (details below).



As well as having a great night, we managed to raise over £2,000, which was a brilliant result. All the money will go to this year's Lights Parade and more Christmas lights, for which the planning has already begun!

We'd like to thank everyone who came along on the night, and made it such a great atmosphere. Also for your dedicated drinking, which helped us towards that amazing fundraising total.

Our helpers were excellent, selling tickets (thank you Spar!), manning the door, making cocktails, running the bar, setting up the hall, and clearing it all up afterwards. And we'd like to give a big shout out to our sponsors – Batchelor & Co., Blue Sky Electrical Solutions, Richard Carman Ltd, Hemyock Post Office, Piers Pepperell, Emily Pring, Geoff Taylor, Redwoods Travel, VTG Cloud Ltd and Your Plaice or Mine.

This year's **Lights Parade** will be on **Saturday 3rd December**. Put it in your diary!

If you want to see what it's all about, visit our website: www.lightsbrigade.org.uk or check in to our Facebook page: The Lights Brigade Hemyock. Helpers are always welcome, as are sponsors for December's big event, so if you fancy getting involved (or for any other queries) call Liz on 680351.



Happy Birthday Your Majesty!



Sunday 12th June 2.30 p.m.

Parish Hall and Recreation Ground

Celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday weekend and help us to purchase **heart defibrillators** for Hemyock.

Bring your own picnic.

Drinks, tea and cakes available for purchase.

Raffle

Entertainment

See You There!

Hemyock Youth Football Club

May 2016

As another season draws to a close, we turn our attention to celebration and reflect once again on the enthusiasm shown by our young footballers as they turn up regularly for weekly training sessions and enjoy games with other teams in the Exeter League on Saturday mornings. We say a very fond farewell to John Hurley who has coached the outgoing U16 team for 9 years and welcome Matthew Williams who has taken on the training of our newly recruited U7s. The cycle of football continues to thrive in Hemyock.

A number of important events are coming up and we invite you to make a note of them in your diaries:

End of Season Presentation and BBQ

We hope as many players and their families and friends can join us on **Friday 17th June** from 6-9pm at Longmead. We run a BBQ and drinks bar and there will be games on the field and music. Come and hear what has been happening during the season and see our young footballers presented with their trophies. There will be awards for the player's player, most improved and Manager's player. **Can teams turn up in full kit please for team photos.**

A.G.M

Our A.G.M. will be held on **Friday 24th June** at 7.30pm in the Catherine Wheel meetings room. All warmly invited to attend. If you want to get involved in helping in any way (however small and infrequent), we'd love to hear from you. Would you be interested in helping behind the scenes or assisting with training? Please let one of the committee members know.

Signing on Night

We are already preparing for next season. Registration forms will be emailed out via Coaches and the deadline for submission is **1st August**. If you would prefer to register in person, we are holding a signing on night **Monday 1st August**, 6-8pm at Longmead Pavilion. Registering on time is important to prevent delays in being accepted to the Exeter & District League. Players not registered in time will be unable to take part in matches at the beginning of the season in September. Tell anyone who you think may be interested in playing for HYFC to come along. This year we are entering teams in the following age groups: Under 7s, 8s, 10s, 12s and U15s.

Chairman Mark Jordan 01884 841030, Secretary Anne Persey 07834 277856.

Hemyock Pre-School

This term we are learning about different occupations and our play area was initially transformed into a builder's yard, with the children having the opportunity to build with different size blocks and other construction resources. It has recently been changed into a vet's surgery, where the children have been exploring with medical kits, bandages and learning how to look after animals.

A 'What we need to do before writing' demonstration was held after Pre-school, to show parents how to strengthen parts of the children's' bodies to promote writing. Staff showed different exercises to strengthen their core, shoulders and upper arms.

We would like to say a huge thank you to John Pring, Andy Brooke, Ross Oaten, Josh Essex and Brookridge Timber for extending our garden area over the Easter holidays and also for building a new sand pit. The children love their larger digging area.

We have been singing many different number rhymes, encouraging the children to use their fingers to represent numbers and playing many different games with the parachute, to promote gross motor movements. We are now preparing for a hectic few weeks of Summer Term as we have many events taking place, which include 'pedal and push', sport's day, our annual outing, Summer Show and graduation.

So far this year our fundraising team have raised a **MASSIVE £2500**. We would like to send special thanks to Gundenham Dairy, Worth Estate Agents, Mr Marc Jerem, Mr Tom Elson, Mr Scott Elsley, Mr David Lynch, Miss Sophie Cleo, Mrs Avril Webb, Mr Darren Moon, Miss Mel Augias, Mr Raymond Pipe, The Catherine Wheel, SPAR, Mr Daniel Wood, Monkton Elm Garden Centre, Highfield Stores and many more for all their kind donations. We hope to receive more support for our upcoming events later this year.

Denise Wood, Pre-school Manager

WI

Hemyock have had another busy two months. The Lunch Club have eaten well at the Beam Bridge Hotel and also at the Globe in Sampford Peverell. The Reading Group has read and discussed 'The Girl on the Train' and are now struggling with 'The Wilderness' by Samantha Harvey. Lyn Taylor was re-elected as President at the Annual Meeting in April when Sue and Karen gave an excellent presentation of their visit to the W.I. College in Oxfordshire. It was their first visit and they used their Hemyock WI Bursary to help with the cost.

Lyn, Judith and Brenda attended the Federation Spring Council Meeting at Torquay. It was a lovely day out with excellent speakers. John Mee spoke about the purchase of Dartmoor Zoo which led to the writing of his book, followed by the making of the film. There were also informative talks on Torre Abbey and the Calvert Trust.

The Sausage and mash lunch raised enough money for another Bursary to Denman and the skittles team were delighted to beat the very experienced Bishops Wood Ladies.

Heidi Lyon gave an excellent talk about her work with blind children. Heidi is a Habilitation Specialist and works with children from birth to the age of 25 years. Her aim is to help with mobility, orientation and independent living skills.

In June the subject will be 'From Farm to Fork' by Tesco Stores. Members meet in the Parish Hall Car Park at 7pm so no competition. However, in July, the competition is for a scarf knitted by the competitor and there will be a demonstration of 'Cathedral Window Patchwork' by Brenda Calcraft. So bring along a sewing needle and some scissors and have a go. In August we are on the road again as we go to a sheepdog demonstration and BBQ.

Most WI Meetings are held in Forbes Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. More details from Lyn on 01823 680104.

Dare to Climb Your Family Tree with Hemyock Family History Group

You've seen the TV programmes like 'Who Do You Think You Are?' and you would love to find out who your ancestors are – but isn't it complicated? Don't you have to pay expensive subscriptions? How do you know you have the right people? What can you find out? You would like to know what your great grandfather did for a living, is that possible? Oh, so many questions....

You know what? Family History is made easy here in Hemyock. Our group is quite new, and we meet every third Tuesday evening in the Forbes Lounge, we already have some very keen local family historians who are happy to show you the way.

We are an informal group sharing what we know. There are free handouts and lots of material for sale at very modest prices – and guess what, each evening session charge is more than modest – it's downright cheap, because we are passionate about what we do. For only £2 you could come along, see what it's all about, and find out something about your ancestors.

If there is nothing worth watching on TV on the THIRD TUESDAY of each month at 7.30pm – why not pop along to the FORBES LOUNGE and join in? And even if there is something absolutely riveting on TV, you could always watch it on catch up, and come to the Forbes Lounge anyway – go on, you might enjoy it. Enquiries Mary Hyland 01823 680991.

Mary Hyland

The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM

The Annual General Meeting of The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 28th July at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH. All are welcome. Friends of the Healthy Living Centre are entitled to vote.

Business to be conducted will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman's report and election of trustees. There will also be two resolutions – one to simplify the appointment of trustees and the other to update the remit of the Centre. Full details will be available from the Centre nearer the time. (Please call 01823 680687.)

Before the meeting you are very welcome to tea and an informal tour of the Centre from 5.30pm.

Angela Dawson

History Group Report

The April meeting was a talk from Colin Spackman of Wellington Museum on Wellington and its Dukedom. Prior to Colin's research on the subject there was no proof that the Duke had actually visited the site of the Monument in any local archives or newspaper reports at the time. There were newspaper reports that he visited Taunton and Wellington when he was en route to Plymouth to be awarded the Freedom of Plymouth in 1819. He travelled in a coach and was mobbed wherever he stopped. Although Mr Fox was the local Lord of the Manor, William Kinglake was the estate manager and there was a report of Kinglake accompanying Wellington on his travels towards Plymouth. Colin searched through the family archives and found nothing new. However when he travelled to Southampton University and searched on the name Kinglake he found an original letter from Kinglake to the Duke asking for a favour and reminding the Duke of their visit to the site of the proposed Wellington Monument. The group are proposing meetings in Wellington during the summer months led by Colin around the historical attractions of the town.

The May meeting was a fascinating talk from Julian Hewitt on his field work in the South West over the last 25 years with his trusty metal detector which has found artefacts across some 3,000 years of history. Many Celtic burial mounds were searched but the hundreds of items that Julian has found include many Roman coins, a Viking metal stirrup mount, and many 18th and 19th century artefacts. Julian shared many tips on where to look and how to grid a field and proceed with the detection process. His latest work has been focused on canon shell cases from the Battle of Britain from which he has proved that a specific pilot in a hurricane shot down Goring's nephew which crashed into Portland Harbour.

There are no open meetings during the summer months only the committee meeting on June 9th. The new season program of events will be published in the next issue.

Mike Cooper

Garden Party at Spiceland Quaker Meeting House

There will be a Garden Party at Spiceland Quaker Meeting House on Saturday 18th June, between 12 noon and 4p.m. The Meeting House, dating from 1815, was renovated in 2014-15 and has a beautiful garden and historic burial grounds. You are welcome to bring a picnic, hear a talk on the history of Spiceland, wander in the garden, explore the grounds and the natural environment, and learn more about Quakers. We also offer the opportunity for people to sing, play or listen at the music tent.

Families and children are welcome and refreshments will be available all day.

For directions, see <http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/find-us/>

FATHERS DAY FUN DAY!!

19th June 2pm
Longmead Pavilion

BEER, BBQ AND FOOTBALL!!!!!!

5 A SIDE FOOTBALL MATCH (FREE PINT FOR BEING A GOOD SPORT)

KIDS CAR WASH £3 PER CAR BRING YOUR CAR DOWN

ALL THE FAMILY WELCOME!

BOUNCY CASTLE

LICENSED BAR

FACE PAINTING

FUN AND GAMES



Friends of Coldharbour Mill

The WORKING WOOL MUSEUM and MILL SHOP is now open every weekend and every Bank Holiday Monday!!!

The new opening hours are Friday to Sunday, 10am-4pm every weekend and, during school holidays, Tuesday to Sunday 10am-4pm. The Waterside Café is now open (in the old shop) enjoy a coffee or more in our beautiful leatside setting. 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.

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SATURDAY 18th JUNE - MUSIC FOR THE MILL

Uffculme Village Hall 7.30pm start. Bands confirmed so far are Jim Watts and Foxwillow. Admission £8 to include a finger buffet with tea/coffee. Ring 01884 920225 or 01884 243071 for tickets. Bring your own soft drinks or alcohol.

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Hemyock Bowling Club

First and foremost I must say a big thank you to all of you who came along to our open day BBQ and coffee morning; I believe we raised £100 which will go to Devon Free Wheelers. Some came just for a drink and a bite to eat whilst enjoying the sight of so many people on the green. Others came and had a go, many for the first time and were pleasantly surprised at how much they enjoyed the experience. I have to say it was an idyllic setting – the sun was shining, the cricketers were playing on the village green, the bar was open and the bowls were flying! As a follow on we are holding coaching sessions on Friday evenings, officially until June 3rd, but as it is our club nights on Friday where people come down to practise, play club competitions and have a bite to eat and a drink you are most welcome to come and join us. Like many clubs in the village we really do need new members. I can appreciate you may not have the time at present but please do come along and have a go now so you know where to come in the future. Just a final note before I move on – bowling is a great way to meet new people whether you are half of a couple or on your own, there are not many activities that can be done where you can so quickly become part of a group finding yourself visiting other clubs and meeting new people.

Although the season is only five weeks in we have already ready started to play County competitions with the ladies rinks winning through to the last sixteen of the county finals and many individuals and mixed teams winning their first round comps; good luck to all. I will report on the progress. Friendlies have also been played and one which sticks out in my mind was at Dunkeswell which has an artificial green (carpet) – most outdoor bowlers dread this as they see their bowls flying into the ditch – but I have to say it was a most enjoyable experience – I will stick to real grass though but won't be so worried about playing there next year, oh, and the tea was lovely.

Sue Risdon



Bowling Along on a Motorbike

Daniel Lavery, founder of the Devon Freewheelers, was presented with a cheque for £400 by Sally Clist, Captain of Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club.

Honiton based Devon Freewheelers is a registered charity of volunteers who provide a free, emergency, out-of hours motorcycle courier service of medical supplies for the NHS. The donation was the proceeds of the club's 2016 Gill Lyon Charity Tournament contested by 12 short mat bowls clubs. This was the third successful tournament organised by the Hemyock club.

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club meets Mondays and Thursdays. Details from Club Secretary Terry Wetherfield on 01884 840677.

Terry Wetherfield

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Tuesday Group

Our two meetings have been very different – in April we had a wonderful display of Birds of Prey. It was fabulous to see these beautiful birds swooping over the heads of those present as they flew from one side of the Forbes Lounge to the other to take food from Judy's outstretched arm!!!

In May the Tuesday Group had a day trip out, the first stop was at the Quince Honey Farm in South Molton. It is a working honey farm with viewing galleries of the bees coming in and out to many different hives, including an old post box. We had a short illustrated talk on bumble bees and could also sample different types of honey. Many honey based products were available in their shop.

In the afternoon we headed to Cheristow Lavender near Hartland. First we were shown around the traditional beef farm of prize-winning Devon Red Ruby cattle and then went to the gardens which are wild and informal with lavender, roses, wild flowers, shrubs and trees to encourage wildlife. The original lavender beds have only a few plants but new ones have been planted for the future.

We ended with a lovely cream tea with cakes and lavender shortbread and then made our way home after a most enjoyable day out.

The Tuesday Group meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge of the Parish Hall and our meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

New members are always made very welcome and if you would like any further information on the Tuesday Group please do call Diane Denman on 01823 680139.

Judith Major

Thanks

Golden Wedding

Monica and Stewart would like to thank everyone who attended their golden wedding celebrations. We had a wonderful day among friends and relations. Also a big thank you for all the cards and presents. This was very much appreciated. Once again a very big thank you.

Marjorie Bright

Monica, Stewart and family would like to thank you for the cards of sympathy and those who attended the funeral. A big thank you to the Blackdown Surgery for the care given to her over the last few years, and all the carers.

Monica and Stewart



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello again, nearly summer. At least it is getting warmer.

We all thoroughly enjoyed St Georges Day Parade and Service with you. We had an excellent turnout of cubs, scouts, explorers and brownies. I must also add that we were pleased to see lots of you in the congregation. I hope that you all enjoyed our camp fire and being honorary members of 1st Hemyock for the day. As you saw Warden David had no need to worry – it wasn't a real fire!

After the service we all went down to the Garages to hold our AGM, which is a requirement of the Scout Movement. Our leaders gave their reports and stated that we are probably the best Group in the District. I think that I agree with them. Our scouts and explorers have at least three camps planned for this year, including the Danish visit. The Danes arrive for camp on 23rd July and will be seen around the village with us until they depart at the beginning of August. Our cubs are doing really well, with numbers being consistently in the 30's As I have reported earlier it is Centenary year for the cubs and special events have been organised which include a county camp at Torquay and a no sleep sleep over at Exeter University. I think that they may be quite tired after that! But I bet they will have fun.

Only a short report this time but I think that you will get the gist, that we are out and about, having fun and enjoying scouting.

And so finally. At the St George's Day Service, Warden David (who also is our group secretary) read to us our Founder Baden Powell's last message to scouts before he died. I wont repeat the whole message but just the last paragraph which probably sums up scouting and life:

"But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy. Stick to your Scout Promise always – even after you have ceased to be a boy – and God help you to do it.

Signed, Your friend, Baden Powell"

We all, of course renewed our promises at the St George Service, young and old.

Enjoy summer, Rikki

Old Rikki

St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

There was a glorious dawn on Easter morning but as the time approached for the Sunrise Service to start at Gollick Park, the clouds had appeared and it was chilly as we stood round the glowing fire to sing praises. A lovely breakfast was to follow, for those who went down to Hemyock Church Room.



Rogation Sunday was another outdoor service, commencing in church, walking through the Half Moon where we received sustenance, on into the Beer Garden, then Garlands Bower, the Old Rectory and finally back to the churchyard. Yet another opportunity to sing praise for our beautiful environment and our peace and tranquility.

Stephen Bullett has been appointed as a Churchwarden, so once more there two of us to listen to your concerns and help whenever we can.

There have been people in hospital, Bob, John, Margaret P. Patrick, Corinne and David who have needed our prayers and we send them our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our very good wishes go to Margaret Blackmore who has just celebrated her ninetieth birthday. We hear that there was a great celebration for her which she so richly deserves. Margaret has done so much for St Andrew's as a past churchwarden and afterwards in all her work and enthusiasm for the needs of Church Room activities.

We send good wishes too, to the two brides and grooms about to be married within the next months. There will also be little Wilfred about to be christened at a Family Service. The 24 **JULY Family Service**, will be a **Cycle Sunday**, so do try and come on your bike and enjoy a ride after the service before enjoying a packed lunch together.

A very, very important service will take place on **12th JUNE at 10.30**. This is to celebrate the 90th birthday of **Her Majesty, the Queen**. We will be joined by Rosemary Lane Chapel and we do hope that all the parish will come and join with us for such an important anniversary.

Pam Reynolds

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News Around Clayhidon

Just now Clayhidon looks at its best. The leaves are just unfolding that special acid yellow-green which only lasts a day or two.

Farmers are finding the grass is not growing as fast as usual, but I am finding my vegetables are coming along nicely!

Three of our number were in hospital at the same time. John Law and Bob Brien are home and having good and bad days.

Patrick Redwood had to have emergency back treatment and is making steady progress. All his family are helping were they can.

All three and their families need our prayers and good wishes.

Margaret Blackmore

St Andrew's Flower Rota

For Sunday: June

5 th	Saranna Cogswell and Julie Bullett
12 th	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith
19 th	As above
26 th	Nicola Bendle and Sue Annett

For Sunday: July

3 rd	Nicola Bendle and Sue Annett
10 th	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
Friday 15 th	Wedding Flowers for Saturday 16th... All flower ladies please at 10.30. Flowers and greenery will be there.
24 th	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
31 st	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes

For Sunday: August

7 th	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
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St Andrew's Cleaning Rota

June 6 - 11	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew
13 - 18	Mrs Scott and Mrs Roberts
20 - 25	Mrs Persey
27 - 2 nd July	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones

July 4 - 9	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew
11 - 16	Mrs Scott and Mrs Roberts
18 - 23	Mrs Persey
25 - 30	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones

CLAYHIDON COMMUNITY WEEKEND.

This very special weekend in June includes a Street Party at the Parish Hall on Saturday, 11th June; a special Parish service at St Andrew's, 10.30 on 12th June; together with an exhibition in church, of events which have happened in Clayhidon during the Queen's 90 years. Refreshments will be served on Sunday after the service.

News From Clayhidon

One of the busiest years ever for hall

Adding monthly Film Nights to a full programme of live events made 2015/16 one of the busiest years ever for Clayhidon Parish Hall.

The hall committee's "highly committed" members were thanked at their AGM for all their hard work in ensuring the success of a packed schedule.

From October to April the hall committee and a subcommittee of movie buffs, led by Val Slabbert, organised six live events, two of which were supported by Villages in Action, and six film nights.

All were well received. Two gigs – the Thunderbridge Bluegrass Band and the Irish folk band Dallahan - attracted audiences of around 90 and raised nearly £500 each for hall funds. Film Night audiences were smaller, between 30 and 55 – "more than you would normally find in the commercial cinema", said hall chairman Gareth Weekes, "and with a terrific social atmosphere".

Volunteers sold ice creams, snacks and drinks. Moviola provided a high quality projector and screen and a man to operate them. There were some early problems with sound, but these have been largely solved by new equipment. All the Film Nights and live gigs made a profit for hall funds and the total made in the year was around £2,000, thanks to generous support from helpers, donors and audiences.

Rosemary Jones, giving her last financial report after 13 years as treasurer, said the hall's income was £8,346 – 23 per cent higher than in the previous year. Once again funds were boosted by a £2,000 grant from the parish council. This left a surplus of £3,388, which Gareth Weekes said would be swallowed up in the maintenance and improvement of the hall. A presentation of flowers and a garden voucher was made to Rosemary and to Ted Pitt, who was also retiring from the committee, in thanks for their many years of service.

Plans for an extension have been worked on during the year, with help from John Shore. There have been meetings with Mid Devon planning and building control officers, and it is hoped a planning application can be submitted soon.

The proposal is for a highly insulated and energy efficient building, housing new toilets, a room that would serve as both a small committee room and a dressing room for visiting performers, with a loft to house the parish archives. The existing toilets would be insulated and adapted for storage of chairs and tables. Once permission has been granted the committee plans to explore sources of funding, and they may seek to include other improvements, such as the roof, stage, heating and kitchen in one big project.

Sandra Aldworth was elected treasurer. The chairman, vice chair (Lucy Ball) and secretary (Caroline King) were re-elected. John Sparks, of the Country and Western Club, was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

Gareth Weekes

Everyone is invited to a
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Clayhidon Local History Group

The day I met the Queen

It may come as a surprise that several people, with Clayhidon connections, have had the opportunity to meet the Queen, not just at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, but on other prestigious occasions. Now, the Local History Group would like to collect together any photographs or your writings about such occasions.

We are intending to put out a display about anything concerned with Clayhidon or its people, past and present,

who have memories to share about activities which have happened here during the Queen's 90 year lifetime.

There were very many who took part in World War II. There were farmers who had prisoners-of-war working on their farm. There surely must have been parish events to celebrate the end of war; or the coronation of George VI or Elizabeth II. Do you have photographs of community celebrations? Would you be prepared to lend them to us?

Why did the Village school have to close? Who was present on the last day? When were the houses built up Battle Street? When did the dairy close? What was the Mill like before it closed? Was there a resident blacksmith?

Please tell us about our community and show us the pictures we so rarely see. We want to put it on display in St Andrew's Church in readiness for the parish celebration of the Queen's official birthday on **Sunday, 12th June**. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there. If you want to inform us beforehand, you can ring 680481, or email lhgclayhidonex15@waitrose.com.

Pam Reynolds

 In June 2006 Lynda & Dorian Higgins took over the Half Moon, Clayhidon, three weeks before their son Roland was born. They would like to invite you to celebrate their 10 years at the helm with a weekend of festivities commencing Friday July 1st with a barbeque and mini beer festival in the beer garden that has the best view for miles around. Saturday July 2nd they'll have a great 70's inspired menu in the evening with a 70's disco. (70's fancy dress ideal) Topping off the weekend will be a jazz trio after Sunday lunch with cream teas. Do call to book on 01823 680291

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Clayhidon Friend's

April meeting

We were privileged to have Geoff Rickson, retired headmaster, to come and talk to us about his experience as a volunteer for the Samaritans. Although we all know of this charity whose workers talk to distressed people on the phone, it was good to get an understanding of the history and development of the organisation. Geoff also spoke of some of the issues which their callers have to battle with, including relationship and money problems, self-esteem and mental problems, and of course some with suicidal thoughts. The volunteers guarantee total confidentiality, apart from bomb threats, the need to call an ambulance and persistent hoax callers. The volunteers are made of special stuff – they have to be non-judgmental, good listeners, yet able to prompt and guide the callers towards a possible solution – and they come from all walks of life, and of a wide age range. Geoff also talked about how the volunteers have a off-loading session at the end of their shift with a supporting manager. This is an important aspect, because the work can be intense and stressful. We learnt about the training programme for new volunteers which particularly interested some members.

Everyone found this an absorbing evening, and our grateful thanks go to Geoff for giving us his time.

May meeting

Our evening was a fascinating education in driftwood, charmingly presented by Emma Duke, an artist who creates sculptures in wood which she collects from Somerset's beaches. Emma brought many beautiful pieces of wood with her which she used to describe the three sources of driftwood: the streams and rivers of Exmoor and the Quantocks which eventually give up their fallen trees to the sea, the numerous shipwrecks of the Bristol Channel from centuries ago, and off-cuts of wood lost from boatyards along the coast. We also learnt about the shipworm, a shell-less mollusc, which is responsible for ruining ships as they bore into the wood, but also produces interestingly carved driftwood which Emma is always pleased to find. (Ships were eventually built with copper on their hulls, hence the term "copper bottomed".)

Emma left her career in the retail world in 2009 and began her business in sculptures. She also creates lovely gift items, and paints pictures of animals in acrylics, some of which she uses in her greetings card range (www.emmaduke.co.uk).

It was such a pleasure to hear about the success of someone who turns her lifelong hobby into an artistic enterprise, and our thanks go to Emma.

Anne Langford

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Facebook asks the question "What's on your mind?" and of course the traditional British answer is "The weather". Recently we seem to have burst out of winter into spring and typically the leaves are appearing on the trees and the hedgerows are replacing primroses with bluebells and in some places an edging of dandelions! And on the spiritual side we have just celebrated 'Ascension Day' when we remember our Lord Jesus returning to Heaven to sit at the right hand of His Father with a promise that He will return again.



Our young people's work continues to be both an encouragement and a challenge. As well as the Sunday School and Bible Classes we are highlighting in this issue the three main activities during the weekday. The Toddlers Group (averaging about twenty) meet on Friday mornings and our first picture shows a group of mums enjoying time together while the children play. Every other Friday evening during term time the Venturers Group (primary school age about twelve on average) meet for a time of fun ending up with a suitable talk and sometimes including an outing such as shown in our second picture when they had a campfire at the Wildside Experience on the Blackdown Hills. Then on alternate Friday evenings the Teenscene Group meet (secondary school age averaging around eight). They too have various activities followed by a relevant epilogue and ending up their season with an outing (this year going to the beach at Exmouth). The third picture shows them 'messing about' with various activities involving a lot of cardboard boxes!



The preparations for the summer events are well under way and some of our folk will be involved again in the Devon Christian Youth Camps at Blackpool Sands including helping with setting up the camp site. Senior Mixed Camp (23rd-30th July) : Junior Mixed Camp (30th July – 6th August) : Girls Camp (6th – 13th August) : Boys Camp (13th – 20th August) and the Bliss Camp for families (26th – 29th August). We also look forward to the annual Holiday Club in Hemyock where this year's theme is Mission Rescue (Guardians of Ancora) – 8th-12th August.

We expect our annual united service with our friends at St Andrews Church in Clayhidon to be in June. Our other united activities continue with Street Pastors, Torch Fellowship for the visually impaired, Tea and Luncheon Clubs in association with the Blackdown Support Group, Gideons and Open the Book in Hemyock Primary School. Also the Blackdown Hills Christians had their Barn Praise at Kerswell on 8th May which included the Culm Valley Choir and a report on the work in Sierra Leone following the Ebola crises – it is hoped to have a meeting later in the year with a former Premier League Christian footballer inviting the local clubs.

Our Anniversary services will be held on Sunday 3rd July which will be taken by our pastor, Jonathan. The media are often reminding us of special anniversaries such as Shakespeare recently. The Bible too gives us many things to remember from the past of God's goodness to His people through His Son, Jesus, with the assurance of the continuing everyday help of His Holy Spirit – as we write this article we are about to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. May we all experience God's many blessings in the coming days.

On behalf of the Leadership Team,

Geoffrey Dearlsey

Clayhidon Parish Council Update June 2016

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

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Richard Kallaway was elected to Chairman and Sue Hay elected to Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/00402/CLU – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing residential dwelling and associated garden for a period in excess of 4 years. Hill Farm, Clayhidon.
- 16/00404/CLU – Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a dwelling in non-compliance with an agricultural occupancy condition. Heazle Farm, Clayhidon.
- 16/00559/FULL – Change of use of part of agricultural land to manage, replacement of buildings with barn and erection of an additional barn. Opposite Heazle Farm, Clayhidon.
- 16/00587/HOUSE – Erection of two storey extension to west elevation and first floor extension to rear. Lower Garlandhayes, Clayhidon.

Finance

Income – included P3 footpath grant, precept and VAT reclaim.

Expenditure – included insurance, clerk's wages and expenses, Annual Parish Meeting expenses, Wiltown wall repairs and subscriptions.

Highways

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Police

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Defibrillator for the Parish

Clayhidon Parish Council has been working in conjunction with Hemyock & Culmstock Parish Councils has been successful in a joint bid for funds towards the purchase of a defibrillator in each parish. The parish councils are meeting with a representative from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust later this month to receive advice. The parish council is delighted that the Parish Hall Committee is considering a donation towards this project and that Richard Drew's 'Drewfest' has kindly agreed to make a contribution towards this project. More news is expected shortly.

Parish Hall – Parking

The Parish Council is working with the Parish Hall Committee and Russell Bendle to pursue the idea of creating additional car parking spaces adjacent to the hall, on the edge of Russell's land.

Mary Waldron Trust

The Mary Waldron Trust has not received any applications for funds this year. This fund assists students in higher and further education (including Richard Huish College) with purchases of books and equipment, including computer requisites. Those applying should normally be resident in Hemyock or Clayhidon and must have received full time education at one or more of: Hemyock Primary School, Uffculme School and PETROC (East Devon College). More details can be obtained from the Secretary, Mike Reynolds, Hidon Mill, Clayhidon, EX15 3PL. Phone 680481 email osprey31@waitrose.com. Please see village website for more information.

Queen's 90th Birthday celebration

Everyone is invited to a Royal Tea Party to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen. Clayhidon Parish Hall, Saturday 11th June, 3pm-5pm.

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 13th June 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.

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