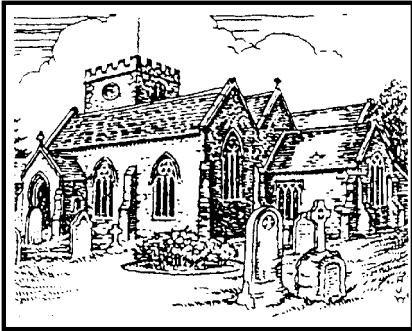
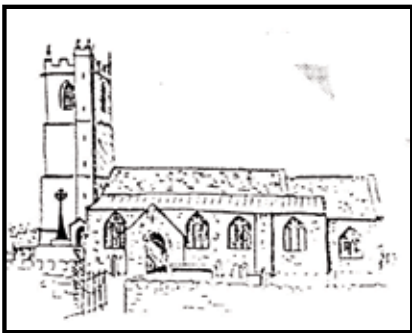


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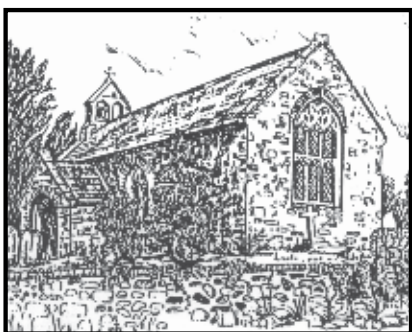
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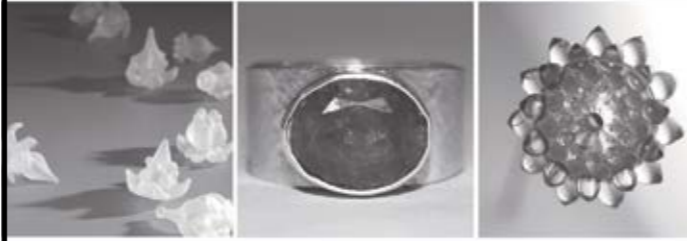
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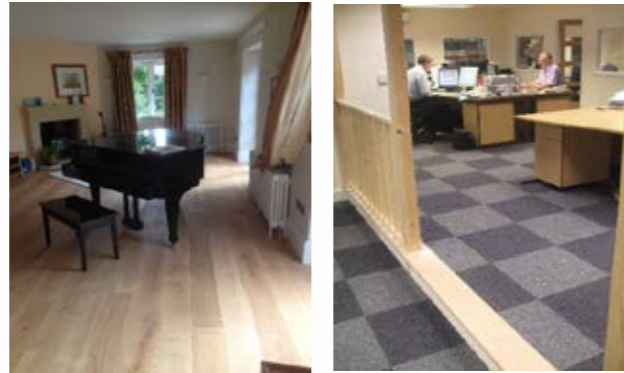
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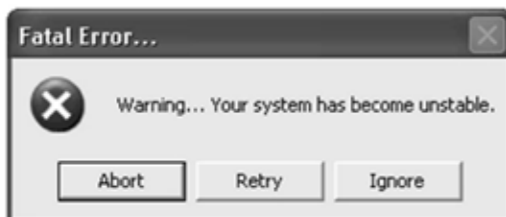
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October & November 2016

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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
Sunday 2 nd Oct	10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Iona Service	No service	8.30am HC BCP	11.00am HC CW
Friday 7 th Oct			6.30pm Harvest Service	
Sunday 9 th Oct	11.15am MP	9.00am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW	6.30pm EP BCP
Sunday 16 th Oct	11.15 am HC CW	No Service	6.30pm Service for St Luke	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 23 rd Oct	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP	10.00am FS & Baptism of Thomas Blackmore	8.00am HC BCP
Sunday 30 th Oct	10.30am Patronal Festival at Culmstock, Joint Mission Community HC			
Sunday 6 th Nov	10.30am FS & Baptism of Rose Turner	No Service	8.30am HC BCP	10.00am HC CW
Sunday 13 th Nov	10.15am Remembrance Service	9.00am HC BCP with act of remembrance	10.00am HC CW with act of remembrance	10.15am Remembrance Service
Sunday 20 th Nov	11.15am HC CW	No Service	3.30pm EP	9.30am HC CW
Sunday 27 th Nov	11.15am HC	3.30pm EP	10.00am FS	8.00am HC BCP
Sunday 4 th Dec	10.30am Patronal Festival at Clayhidon, Joint Mission Community HC 4.00pm Christingle Service at Hemyock			

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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Carpe Diem

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..."

We are all familiar with the poet Keats' description of Autumn. And we, too, are able, still, to look out on a misty October morning and see the fruitfulness of nature at this harvest time.

As well as the vegetables and fruit from our farms and gardens, we are aware of hedgerows with berries red and berries black, of the feasting of birds and beasts with the instinctive knowledge that all this - all this bounty, in a few weeks, will be gone. It is the case, that for them at least, they should seize the moment - for if they don't they will starve through the dark coldness of winter.

And this, maybe, is something that Keats infers in this poem, that it is the case of carpe diem - of seizing the moment - literally 'seizing the day' - for in an age beyond that of Keats, filled with prospects of global warming and the consequent potential catastrophic effects, not to mention continuing arms escalation and threats of terrorism and nuclear war - we are only too aware of the possibility that this wonderful and glorious creation, that we both enjoy and on which we depend, may come to a premature end.

We are so fortunate to live in an area where the wonders and beauty of God's creation is so evident all around us. We can look out on a misty morning or a golden Autumn afternoon, we can see the birds and berries of the hedgerow and the wildlife in the woodland, and our hearts are lifted to the Creator in adoration and praise.

And we, too, must seize the day.

We must let ourselves be drawn to Him, without whom it would not be. And, at the same time, we recognise that it is not ours to mess up.

It is easy to say that we will resolve to do all in our power to look after it and preserve and conserve it, but if we don't do at least our small part, then the consequences are cumulative, and the future is at stake.

If we believe in a Creator, then our responsibility is not just towards our fellow earth-dwellers, but to God to whom our hearts may be lifted in this golden season.

May you glimpse something of his glory this Autumn.

David

Ode to Autumn *John Keats*

SEASON of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease;

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twin'd flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barr'd clouds bloom the soft-dying day
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river-sallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

Heritage Sunday

To celebrate Heritage Weekend the Friends of St Mary's at Hemyock organised an exhibition on Sunday afternoon entitled **Transport in Hemyock through the Ages**. Another apt title could have been From the Cradle to the Grave with items on display going from a pram to a bier which was used in the past to take coffins from the church to the cemetery.

Thanks to the landlord of the Catherine Wheel a pony and trap was in the car park with an Austin 7, Austin Cambridge and Ford Escort Mk1 alongside. The church itself was full of memorabilia with numerous photos, paintings, books, model vehicles, and a DVD of The Culm Valley Railway as well as bicycles, wheelbarrow, scooter, roller boots and skates. The Tower Room was also open.

One item attracting attention was a folding parachute bike from WW2. British paratroopers carried the bikes in gliders and other aircraft to be dropped with them in France. Although they helped personnel to quickly leave the drop site they were unpopular as uncomfortable and it is believed many were simply discarded.

Local travel company Redwoods first began trading in 1932 with a 14 seater 1927 Chevrolet. Their display included photos of the various vehicles used since then and explained how the company had expanded from regular trips to local towns to holidays both in UK and abroad and of course many young people have travelled on Redwoods coaches to and from schools and continue to do so.

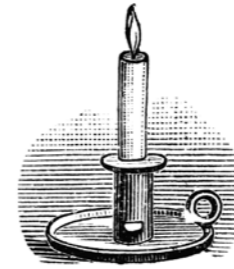
The Friends are well known for the delicious refreshments served at their fund raising events and Sunday's teas were no exception. Live music was supplied throughout the afternoon with the event raising £268 towards the upkeep and special projects at the parish church.

A number of people also took the opportunity during the afternoon to visit Hemyock Castle kindly opened by the Sheppard family.

Janice Bawler



*A chance to remember and
light a candle for those we
have loved*



Sunday November 6th at 4.00pm

A Service for All Soul's to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those we have known and loved who may have died recently or longer ago.

There will be the opportunity to submit names beforehand to be read out at the service.

Please add names to the sheet which will be provided at the back of St. Mary's or submit them in writing to the Rector.

Tea at 3.00pm

Service at 4.00pm which will include the opportunity to light a candle for those we have loved.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

As Christmas approaches I am once again organising a **shoebbox appeal** for Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee). Those of you who have so generously contributed in the past will know that the Devon charity takes humanitarian aid to Moldova. The boxes can be any size but need to be labelled whether for a girl/boy/adult/elderly/family and all **contents must be new**. Adding a photo of yourself and a Christmas card before wrapping in festive paper is welcomed.

A recent newsletter from the charity tells of a family in Moldova who they have helped – the 65 year old father and his late wife have 3 children aged 13, 10 and 4 years. Working incredibly hard, even the children when not at school, there were times, when first visited, they spoke of occasions when they had nothing to eat. The father, who has a wooden leg, works on the land and has now managed to build himself a small tractor. This family, who work so hard to support themselves, is typical of those helped by cr2ee.

If you feel you would like to support this charity please ensure your box is with me at 4 South View (bottom of the Recreation Field) by **6th NOVEMBER**. If you have any queries please email me on jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you in anticipation.

Janice Bawler

St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

We will be open in

October

Saturday 1st

Tuesdays

11th & 25th

November

Saturday 5th

Tuesdays

8th & 22nd

10am – 12 noon

in the Church Room, Castle Hill

St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Monthly Winter Lunch
Hearty winter soup, pudding & coffee

**Thursday, 20 October and
Thursday, 17 November**
in The Church Rooms, Hemyock
(serving at 12.30pm)

Donations towards
Building Projects at St Mary's Church

**Guardians of Ancora Holiday week
August 8th – 12th 2016**

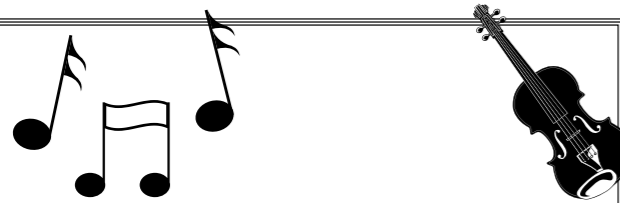
We had a GREAT week with an average of 45 attending each day but throughout the week we had contact with 63 different children, 26 of whom came all the 5 days.

Many, many thanks to all who helped in any way to make everything run so well. Much fun was had by all, with games, craft, face painting, making fantastic edible joys which were representations of each days' story, team challenges, jokes, prayer requests, memory verse activities, the drama and Steve's very own version for the puppets - all reinforcing the theme for that day.

We are praying that more will avail themselves of this sort of fabulous week and be able to hear more about our fantastic God. We hope they continue to have loads more fun and enjoyment at any of our local Churches with continuing Family Services and Friday night groups (Seekers / Venturers).

Dates for the diary

HBC Messy Church: Sep 9th, Nov 11th, Dec 11th
48th Holiday Club: Jul 31st – Aug 4th 2017

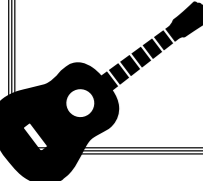


**Fundraising concert at
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**7PM ON FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER,
WITH REFRESHMENTS.**

Musicians performing include Christian guitarist and songwriter **David Edwards** (www.davidedwardsmusic.org), **Nigel Atkinson** (violin, accordion and piano) and **other local performers**.

No charge, but donations please for repairs to Abbey Church and the Asaph Worship Trust.



Contact Richard and Alison on 01823 680931 for more information.

**Friends of St. Mary's present
The Wyndham Singers
(men's singing group)**



**in concert
Friday, 11th November, 7.30pm
in St. Mary's Church, Hemyock.
Free Admission
Retiring Collection
Interval Refreshments**

*Chapel Café
at Hemyock Baptist Church*




Chapel Café re-opens on Wednesday 21st September and we'll be introducing some exciting new developments from October. We'll be open fortnightly, on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** every month, at the usual times – from **9am until 11:30am**. Everyone is welcome to drop in for good company and light refreshments, with any donations received going to support our mission partners around the world who do such a wonderful job helping those in need. In October we'll be introducing a regular theme for each of our opening days:

First Wednesday (from 5th October): **The Crafty Coffee**
Come along and join in with a craft activity as you enjoy a drink and a chat (a nominal charge for materials may apply).

Third Wednesday (from 19th October): **The Games Room**
Games old and new will be available should you wish to play. Why not try something different and give the grey matter a bit of a workout!

We look forward to seeing you...



Iona service exploring the theme of pilgrimage
Sunday 2 October at 6.30 pm
St Mary's Church, Hemyock
"Pilgrimage is a Circular Route"
Reflection, prayer and songs in an informal setting

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Autumn Show

Our autumn show was very successful again and thanks to Barbara and Marie for all their hard work. Exhibitor numbers were up on the last couple of years and the hall was very colourful, especially the corner for the members competition – a huge splash of orange Begonias.

Trophies went to:

Kathy Jones	Willaim Pike Cup
Kathy Jones	St Ivel Gold Cup
Kathy Jones	HGA Shield
Sandra Featherstone	G & P Pring Rosebowl
John Butterworth	Carnival Salver
Gillian Hawkes	William Griffiths Cup
Karen Pinder	Clayhidon WI trophy
Monica Smith	Eden Cup
Sandy Coe	Gwen Lowman Cup
Henry Farrant	Tony Spiller Trophy

In October we have David Lucas from Chelston Nursery coming to talk to us about winter containers, also in October we will be competing for the Pottinger Cup. Hemyock have won it for the last four years – can we win again? Volunteers needed for the team.

Judith Major, Secretary – 680746

Blackdowns Mothers' Union

Sunday August 7th at holy Communion in All Saints Culmstock. Our branch celebrated 140 years since Mothers' Union began. A member made a special cake decorated in blue and white, the colours of the MU.

Thursday 1st September 10.30 am we met for Communion at St Mary's Hemyock followed by coffee and a chat. Many items were donated for the womens' refuge.

Sunday 11th September at Evensong we said MU WAVE OF PRAYER. Prayers said all over the world on these 3 days. We prayed especially for our link countries.

Thursday October 6th in All Saints is the next meeting at 2pm with a talk by one of our members about her visit to the Holy Land.



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in your Community??*

There are almost one million lonely people in the United Kingdom at any one time. Many people live alone out of choice, necessity or circumstance and being alone does not necessarily always signify loneliness

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A "neighbourhood" approach could bring about a meaningful change and one such organisation devoted to bringing about such change exists in this area. It is the *Blackdown Support Group*. This Group was formed in 1991 and it reaches out to support and provide friendship to anyone in need within the Blackdown Hills area. This help and friendship includes assisting people who are suffering from illness, disability, advancing years, frailty or simply needing to know that there is someone out there who cares.

Could you get involved?

Would you like to reach out and volunteer to assist those in your community who may require help with shopping, transport to a doctor's appointment, advocacy in filling out forms, attendance at social events or even just popping in for a cup of tea and a chat? Half an hour a week can make significant difference!

The Blackdown Support Group needs YOU!

01823 681036 (ask for Barbara)

Thursday 3rd November we have our Christmas lunch. We are not sure where we are going yet.

Thursday 1st December All Saints 2pm is our Advent Service. Do come along and enjoy this quiet time before the Christmas rush.

As you can see as far as is possible our meetings are held on Thursday afternoon in either Hemyock or Culmstock followed by a cup of tea and biscuits and sometimes cake. You are invited to any of them. We usually have a good time and some fun as well.

God Bless.

Peggy Whitcombe

The Lights Brigade presents

THE LIGHTS PARADE

Sat 3rd December 2016
From 6pm

Village Procession and Lights Switch on

Come along and get on board
enjoy the spectacle, join the lantern parade
with music, mulled wine & more

Look out for further details around the village

www.lightsbrigade.org.uk
The Lights Brigade Hemyock
Tel 01823 680351

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The Lights Brigade presents

Lantern Making Workshops Drumming Workshops

12th - 13th November
19th - 20th November

The Garages, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock

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Remember the date:
THE LIGHTS PARADE 3rd December 2016

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valley arts and social society PRESENTS

TREASURE ISLAND

Almost a pantomime
By Stewart Auty

In Hemyock Parish Hall
7.30pm 26th - 28th
October

Pre show and
Interval BAR
AVAILABLE

Tickets on sale at Spar Hemyock £7.50

Valley Arts and Social Society

Rehearsals are in full swing for "Treasure Island Almost a Pantomime" and tickets will be on sale to the public on Monday 3rd October, the show will be in Hemyock Parish Hall at 7.30pm on the 26th, 27th & 28th October – a preshow and interval bar will be available.



This year we have decided to go for an almost Pantomime, which has lot of jokes, some fine characters and plenty of songs which the audience are encouraged to join in with, so something for everyone, we have an added bonus because the play is published by a local publishing house not far away in Axminster. Gillian Hawkes is producing the show, she retired in February and is already being kept very busy with all the demands of being a producer, Musgrove's loss is Valley Arts gain!

The cast are :- Long John Silver Geoff Taylor, Mrs Hawkins Caroline Pinder, Jim Lard Andy Pulman, Ms Jobsworth Alison Robson, Billy Bones Chris Poole, Doctor Livesey Ben King, Ruby O'Riley Jo Tottle, Captain Smollett Tony Curtess, Squire Pegg Bob Hawkes, Cut Throat Katy Sally Cartledge, Pretty Pearl Plank Hillary Moles, Handbag Jones Mo Anderson, Chorus: Lynn Pulman, Julie Bailey, Kath Jones, Colin Mitchell, Gillian Hawkes.

It is lovely to be able to welcome four new members, they are Tony Bennett, Jo Tottle, Kath Jones and Colin Mitchell all of them are proving to be a great asset to the show. We have now got Graham Tottle on board, to take over the sound, this will be fantastic, also Bob has been busy over the winter, buying our own sound equipment and a third bank of lighting bars, this is so much easier for us and will reduce the hiring costs considerably.

We are always grateful for any help; we still need some backstage crew, scenery painters, front of house (programme selling, raffle, checking tickets, serving behind the bar).

If you fancy helping out with any of these things please contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartlege@hotmail.co.uk, it is always great fun and a chance to meet new people.

Our Christmas meal is booked for Friday 16th Dec 7.30pm at the Catherine Wheel.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

The Lights Brigade presents... The Lights Parade!!!

So here we go again folks - the temperature is dropping (boo) the nights are drawing in (boo) and we're starting to get ready for the next Lights Parade (hurrah!!!).

Last year (was it really a year ago?) hundreds of people came onto the streets of Hemyock to take part in a fantastic lantern parade. We had a marching band, illuminated tractors, scores of lanterns, and huge images projected onto buildings. Trees were lit up through the village as we went, and the finale was the lighting of the brand new star on the church tower.

This year, we're doing it again, and we want as many people as possible to join in with the fun. Our theme is a celebration of the old Hemyock Light Railway, and we're inviting everyone to get on board! We're delighted to have the primary school already signed up, and the Parish Council is once again supporting our efforts.

In the run-up to the event, we'll be organising lantern making workshops where you can come and make your own railway lantern to carry in the parade. And by the way, if you still have your star lantern from last year, you can bring that to the parade as well! (Just remember - no naked flames!)

If you fancy joining in with the samba drumming band, you can come to drumming workshops. All abilities welcome, including complete beginners, and if you don't have a drum or percussion instrument, we'll lend you one!

The lantern making and drumming workshops will be running on the weekends of 12th/13th and 19th/20th November. To book a place, call Clare Sibley on 680763.

We need helpers, so if you can lend a hand with putting up lights, or stewarding the parade, or litter picking afterwards (let's keep our village tidy, folks!) please call Clare, as above.

Last year's Lights Parade was brilliant, thanks to all the wonderful people who helped out, joined, in, or simply came along to watch. Everyone is invited to this year's parade, so put the date in your diary - Saturday 3rd December, 6pm onwards, finishing with the lighting of the church star, and food and drink in and around the pub.

Look out for more information nearer the time - and to find out more about the Lights Brigade, visit our website www.lightsbrigade.org.uk and Facebook page: The Lights Brigade Hemyock.

Thank you

I would like to say a very warm thank you to all those who have recently supported my fund raising events toward an A level geography field trip to Iceland either by a donation or attending my fund raising events. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated.

Cheyenne

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

NEEDS YOU



Can you spare a couple of hours to help with the
Poppy Appeal Collection
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from
27th October – 11th November
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Parish Council Business Update October 2016

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

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, defibrillator fund monies and sale proceeds from Old Station Yard.
Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, water at cemetery, audit fee, insurance

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

Volunteers are urgently needed to help on Friday evenings, please call Karen Pinder 01823 681034 if you can help. 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

Old Station Yard

The sale of the council-owned land at the Old Station Yard site has now been completed. The council sold the land for £40,000 and after legal and other costs £28,000 has been earmarked for future land purchases (allotments, community orchard etc.).



New BMX Track

Have you seen it? The village has a new BMX track located at Longmead, designed and built by professional BMX rider Kye Forte and his team. The track will be officially opened by the council on Saturday 22nd October at 11am – so tell your children to come along then and try it out.

Defibrillator

Following overwhelming support from the community, the parish council has ordered 3 defibrillators from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. They will be located at the Parish Hall, the Garages and Longmead. Once installed, training will be available to interested parishioners. Details to follow.

Housing Needs Survey

By now you should have all received a Housing Needs Survey through your letter box. Please complete the form and return it to Devon Communities Together by 5th October. The results of this survey will help the parish council to formulate a Parish Plan and assist the council when considering planning applications.

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 5th October 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

Hope the summer was good for you, although sometimes the weather was not reliable.

The month of August is always quiet for Council business, now it will be picking up towards the end of the year, and we have to start looking at next year's budgets, it will be tough.

From next April, things will look different from the highway's point of view. We will not see South West Highways doing County work as they have lost the contract with County. A Swedish company will be taking over. Whether this will be better is debatable, we will have to see.

The more up to date figure needed to keep all the roads and infrastructure (and we have 8000 miles of roads, the longest highway network in the Country, 3500 bridges, 3000 miles of public rights of way and 2000 retaining walls) from deteriorating any further is £102m per year. The total funding for the current year is £46.5m. The difference we have been allocated to spend and the money we have been allocated to spend has resulted in an increasing backlog. Every year that we are unable to spend what we need means that the highway network condition will deteriorate, this will be really noticeable on minor roads.

Therefore we are having to develop a Needs Based Budgeting approach, where we maintain A & B class roads to a high standard at the expense of minor roads.

Councillors who represent rural wards do not like this approach, because our communities are suffering, and we are setting up a task group to look into this and make our representations to the Cabinet in time for the budget.

County already support apprenticeships and the Government is introducing a Apprenticeship Levy for large employers, of which County would be, from April 2017. This introduction will cost County c£1.31m per year. There is then a scheme, do not know the detail yet, that the employers can claim back from the scheme, depending upon the level of apprenticeship they support.

Phase 2 of the £39.5m broadband funding package will target areas with high business density to deliver broadband speeds in excess of 100Mbps. The CDS team are also working with DCLG to finalise the full application for £4.6m European Regional Development Funding and this has been submitted in September.

Anyone within the CDS area that currently has a broadband speed of less than 2Mbps can qualify for a voucher for £500 to go towards the installation cost of a new broadband connection.

I am allocated a budget for any local organisations for their community, I still have some unspent funds, if there is someone that could make use of small amounts, please email me, I can then send you an application form.

Ray Radford, Devon County Councillor, 01884 820000

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Churchills Rise
The Square/High St
Parklands
Logan Way
Prowses/Higher Mead

Redwood Close
Prowses/Churchills/Eastmead
Eastlands
Castle Park
Longmead

Millhayes/Pencross Hill
Lower Millhayes
Hollingarth

Station Road

Culmstock Road
Lower Castle Hill
Upper Castle Hill
Ashculm
Culmstock
Madford
Westown
Tedburrow
Lemons Hill
Whitehall
Culm Davy
Withy Lane
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Ruth Tartaglia
Mrs Ashton
Jenny Doble
Brian Samuels
Judy Barton
Neil McLean
T & J Courtenay
J Churchill
Di Whiteley
Anthea Edwards
Sandy Coe
Diana Cooper
P Butterwith
Judith Ward

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If you know of someone in the parish who doesn't receive a copy of the Parish Pump, or if you have any other queries about distribution, please contact Clare Sibley on 680763.

Update on Paul Moralee

We would like to thank everyone who supported our fund raising auction and music evening in July for Paul Moralee. We raised over £2000 which will enable Paul to continue to train and compete with the GB snowboard cross team. Paul returns to Austria in October for training in the mountains and the races begin in December until April 2017.

We will be having a Christmas raffle with lots of exciting prizes. We will also be holding a quiz night in January.

Your support has been fantastic and we all wish Paul lots of luck in the forthcoming season.

Many thanks from Elaine Moralee.



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

The rustle and crunch of leaves as we walk along, with the acoustic sounds of this season are as crisp as autumn air (E Sloane).

The Pump sends very late congratulation to Brian and Mavis Clist who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on 28th July. The couple have been instrumental in so many aspects of village life from which many of us have benefitted and we apologise for missing this very special anniversary.

Harvest, when we celebrate all good things around us, will have been enjoyed by the time this issue reaches us. A time when we have given thanks and distributed donated goods used to decorate our churches to those in need. Many people's thoughts will now be turning towards Christmas and gifts for our loved ones but hopefully we won't forget those who remain in need locally and afar throughout the year. Whether it is clothes for Syria, food for our local food bank, donations to a favourite charity or shoeboxes for those in Eastern Europe there will always be those in greater need than ourselves.

During November we have the opportunity to support the Royal British Legion by buying a poppy as well as remembering all who have fought for our freedom.

A regular date in the village calendar for many years has been the Scout Group sale held at the Parish Hall. It never ceases to amaze the amount of goods which fills the hall, the car park and usually a tent or two. People come from far and wide and often a queue forms long before the doors open – this year at 2pm on Saturday 1st October. Many of the youngsters who attend the local groups have been able to enjoy a visit from their Danish friends again

this summer and thanks to the leaders of 1st Hemyock an exciting winter programme lies ahead for our young people.

During the coming weeks Valley Arts will once again be entertaining us with a stage show and Hemyock Singers will be holding a coffee morning at the Forbes Lounge (Parish Hall) when tickets for their Christmas concert will be on sale.

Heritage weekend saw a large number of people visiting Hemyock Castle (thanks to the Sheppard family) and the parish church on the Sunday afternoon. The display at the church, organised by the Friends of St Mary's, featured the various modes of transport found here over the ages and caused a great deal of interest. Personally I never knew that folding parachute bikes were dropped into France with personnel during WW2 so to see one was intriguing.

We send all good wishes to those who have moved away including **Helen Williams** who is now in Richmond as their Children and Youth Ministry leader. In welcoming all those new to the parish we hope you will soon realise what a lovely area surrounds you as you settle into village life – we look forward to meeting you.

Those villagers who have lived here many years will have seen shops disappear, change hands and have refurbishments. No longer are there 2 butchers, 5 grocery stores or 2 branches of well known banks let alone a factory or egg packing station but we do have, and are thankful for, 2 village shops which cater for many of our needs. The latest to have a makeover is Hemyock Stores and Post Office and our thanks to the staff for being so helpful it what must have been a difficult time for them. Meanwhile patients are getting use to the self service sign-in at the surgery – rather different to those long ago days when Dr Logan had his Practice

at his home which is now Ploverfield! **Emily Pring** has recently branched out leaving Snippets to have her own hairdressing salon along Culmstock Road.

It looks as if there is a new look at the Baptist Chapel. **Chapel Cafe** is now held on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month** – alternate weeks to St Mary's coffee mornings (held at the Church Room). Members of the Baptist Chapel invite one and all to join them between 9a.m.- 11.30a.m. Newcomers to the village are especially welcome – it is a great way to meet new folk

We are all aware of friends and neighbours who are or have been unwell and we remember **Margaret Sheppard, Joan Dadds, Anne Sworn, Richard Lister, Claude Caple and Gordon Cooper. Stuart Webb** remains in Birmingham hospital but hopes to be home in a few weeks following a successful heart transplant.

Sadly some people have lost a loved one and we very especially remember the family of **Paul Cross, Joan Spalding, Keith Root and Sheila Salter**. Love and condolence are sent to all.

Keith Root will be remembered by many both here and further afield as a friendly and generous past publican of the Catherine Wheel.

Keith and his wife Jane were both London Eastenders who met in 1966 marrying 2 years later. They moved to Rainham, Kent where their three children, Martin, Stuart and Suzanne, who Keith adored were born. He was a great dad. During 1978 Keith decided on a career change and the couple took their first public house – The Globe, Chulmleigh where they stayed for 4 years, Keith at 31 being the youngest landlord in the area.

Keith and Jane first came to Hemyock in 1982 to view a very pink and blue public house which by then was quite uncared for as the then landlord, Don Chidgey and his wife Joyce wanted to retire after 29 years as hosts.

Jane says when they came to view Don didn't want to let them in but did so begrudgingly and on entering a dark room a figure stood up frightening them – it was Joyce. Jane continues - we soon learnt from customers that the lights were mainly kept off – in fact as a customer left Don would turn a light out! However she says they could see the potential of the lovely public house and could see their family being very happy there.

The family loved their new home and village life at one time winning a cup at the carnival. Keith sponsored the local men's football club, the school team and arranged outings to his beloved West Ham United. Keith also played cricket for Hemyock and loved watching matches at Taunton.

The pub became well used bringing people together with Sunday lunches being very popular and Christmas raffles great successes. The family made great friends and when they left the Catherine Wheel they decided to stay in the village as they felt it was a truly great place to live and bring up a family.

It was well known that Keith had been ill for some years following a knee operation. Serious complications came from this and after 25 years of many ups and downs with his health he lost his fight on 24th July 2016 in Derrisford Hospital, Plymouth surrounded by his loving family.

The family would like to thank Rev Tony Grosse who took the service and spoke so fondly of Keith. They would also like to thank all the family and friends who attended the funeral, sent cards full of such kind words which have been such a comfort at a very difficult time and donated money in Keith's memory – an astounding £766.26 has been sent to the British Liver Trust.

Sheila Salter passed away peacefully, but unexpectedly on 16th August. She will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends in and around Hemyock.

Originally a Spiller from Chapelhayes Farm, Upottery, Sheila spent 60 years living in Hemyock, after marrying the late Perce in 1956. They set up home in the house nearest the river at Lower Westown, which they purchased for the princely sum of £950! As well as raising their three sons, Trevor, Keith and Andrew, Sheila was tasked with looking after the smallholding's flocks of hens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and also the pigs and commercial rabbits.

The family moved to The Gables, Station Road in 1970, but in 1983 the lure of Westown took them back to Culm View until Perce passed away in 2002.

Sheila worked in Marl pits Hospital for 23 years, mainly as an auxiliary midwife. She was involved with many village activities, including Keep Fit and the Blackdown Support Group.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words of condolence, and to thank all those who attended Sheila's funeral service with us. We are grateful for your generous donations, and the sum of £638 will be shared between the Blackdown Support Group and Musgrove ITU.

Those with an interest in music may have been watching BBC's TV competition *All Together Now: The Great Orchestra Challenge*. One of the five amateur group featured is the North Devon Sinfonia in which Hemyock Singers Musical Director, Matthew Bale plays cello. The winning orchestra was due to play at Proms in the Park – will it have been them we wonder.

Elsewhere in the Pump I have given details about the Christmas Shoebox appeal – please give it some thought as your contribution would be welcome.

If you have any news you would like to share on this page in the next issue of the Parish Pump please send to **jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk** or drop through the letterbox at 4 South View (which is at the bottom of the Recreation Field) by 12th November.

Janice Bawler

Music in the Valley 2016

Thanks to everyone who supported this years event. We raised a fantastic £5012 for our charities; CLIC, St Margaret's Hospice, Devon Air Ambulance and many Hemyock children's groups.

Thanks also must go to all the helpers for setting up and running the night, and to all our sponsors for their generosity.

Thanks again and see you next year,

Jon Pring & Phil Oaten

Sat 1	Ch'Ford and Wellington Farmers' Markets	1 st Hemyock Annual Scout Show	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00
Sun 2			
Mon 3			
Tue 4	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10.00		WI FL 19.30
Wed 5	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30		Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 6	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	Mothers' Union, Fav. Bible Story, All Saints 14.00
Fri 7	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00		
Sat 8	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's	Coffee Morning, 1 Pencross View 10.00-12.30	H'yock Cricket Club Concert Evening
Sun 9			
Mon 10			Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 11	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 12			Gardeners Meeting FL 19.30
Thu 13	Taunton Farmers' Market		History Group CR 19.30
Fri 14	Fundraising concert <i>Dunkeswell Abbey Church</i> 19.00		
Sat 15	Hemyock Market PH 10.00	Wellington Farmers' Market	
Sun 16			
Mon 17			
Tue 18			
Wed 19	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30	
Thu 20	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets		
Fri 21			
Sat 22	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Mobile Library, Hemyock	
Sun 23			
Mon 24			Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 25	Valley Arts Show	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 26			
Thu 27	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 28			
Sat 29			Halloween Party, Hemyock Pre-school
Sun 30	British Summer Time ends		
Mon 31	Halloween		

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Fri 11	Armistice Day		
Sat 12	Cullompton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets		Hemyock Singers coffee morning FL 10.00-12.00
Sun 13	Remembrance Sunday		
Mon 14	PUMP Deadline		
Tue 15			Young Farmers FL 19.30
Wed 16	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30	
Thu 17	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets		
Fri 18			
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Sun 20	Longmead Field Community Pruning Day 09.30		
Mon 21			
Tue 22			
Wed 23			
Thu 24	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 25	BLOOD DONORS		
Sat 26	Uffculme Farmers' Market		
Sun 27	Advent Sunday		
Mon 28			Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 29			
Wed 30			

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

	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
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	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) 1 st and 3 rd / 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		

Forthcoming Events

December

Thu 01	Mothers Union, Advent Service, All Saints
Sat 03	St Mary's Christmas Fayre
Fri 09	Hemyock Singers Concert & Dinner
Sat 10	Parish Hall Coffee Morning and Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 17	Taunton Vale Harriers Christmas Bingo

January

Wed 05	Mothers Union, AGM, Hemyock C.Rooms
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If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 680664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

Parish Pump Deadline

December – January issue: 14th November

Editor: James Winrow
 pump@lickham.co.uk
 01823 681424

Commercial advertising:
 pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk

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

The Phoenix Group

For our August meeting The Phoenix Group for Carers enjoyed an outing to Cadhay House, an Elizabethan manor house set in parkland near Honiton. We spent time visiting the house which was originally built in 1550. The present owner has substantially refurbished the interior so that it can be offered as self-catering accommodation for guests. We had time to wander in the gardens with their medieval stew ponds, 120ft herbaceous borders and newly laid out shrubbery and ornamental grass bed. As the weather was fine and we sat together on the terrace of the tea room, with views of the walled garden and immaculate allotments, finishing the afternoon with delicious tea and cake.

Our speaker as I write for the meeting on 6th September will be Angela Dawson. We will also talk about a new Dementia Advocacy Service called Swanadvocacy.

Further meetings on Tuesday, 4th October, 1st November and 6th December.

For further information please call me on 01823 680175.

Diana Cooper

Longmead Field Community Pruning day

Come and join us at Longmead with your family for your bacon roll on the **20th November 2016 from 9.30am onwards**. All we ask in return is you bring some energy to help with trimming and clearing the shrub beds. You can spend an hour or all day: whatever you can do will be helpful.

If you can, bring some gloves, loppers or secateurs, fork and/or wheelbarrow.

Operators of any power tools, such as chain saw or hedge trimmer must have the appropriate protective clothing, including strong footwear, safety trousers, helmet and ear protectors.

We look forward to seeing you there, Longmead Management Group.

Contact Ian McCulloch on 01823680365 for more details.

WI

In August Hemyock WI enjoyed a lovely Barbecue at Yellingham Farm. The food was superb and despite recent surgery on her foot, the hostess, Janet East, was able to give a small sheepdog demonstration. She was warmly thanked by the President, Lyn Taylor.

The September Meeting found WI Members back in Forbes Lounge where they were entertained by the Dunkeswell Handbell Ringers. In the absence of the President, Brenda Calcrafft welcomed everyone and Sue Hollow acted as secretary. The business was sorted as far as was possible and the competition winners were Annette with an amazing 'Prince William' rose and Marie with her Victoria sandwich. There were only three entries for this, so Brenda and Wendy deserve a mention for second and third place.

The next Meeting will be on October 4th when Jocelyn Benson comes to talk about 'A Fascinator for All Occasions'. The competition will be 'a Hat for Special Occasions' plus your Favourite Flower. In November Russell Roe will talk about Devon Free Wheelers. The main competition is for a key ring and a 'Favourite Flower'.

Brenda Calcrafft

The Garages – Youth Club

£1.00 per session – For more information contact Lynn 680104.

Activities include, pool, table tennis, PS3, games, TV, music, football and ball games in the large hall. There is also a tuck shop.

If anyone is willing to volunteer on Youth nights please contact us, we are always looking for extra help:

Judith Major 01823 680746
davidmajor@btinternet.com.

Other regular activities

Keep fit Mondays 11.00am
Zumba Mondays 6.15pm
Insanity (circuit training) Mondays 7.30pm
Insanity (circuit training) Wednesdays 7.45pm
Hemyock Cubs and Scouts – hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk

The Garages are available to hire for sports related activities and children's parties. Contact Karen on **01823 681034** or email **kazapinder@hotmail.com.**

1st Hemyock Scout Group Lottery

Would you like to join our Monthly Lottery? £5 per month. Monthly draw of 1st prize £100, 2nd prize £50 and 3rd prize £25. If you would like more information please contact David on 07773579809 or email bawler1952@hotmail.com.

Information will also be available at 1st Hemyock Scout Group Annual Sale, 2pm on Saturday 1st October at the Parish Hall.

David Bawler
1st Hemyock Scout Executive Secretary

History Group Report

The new committee met in June to agree the series of talks for the year and the membership procedure. Our first meeting of the year was in Wellington when Colin Spackman led a group of 12 around significant building sites of historic importance. The long gardens of high street properties originate from Saxon times when the layout of the original Burghal Hidage was created. The site of the Wellington Poor House and the many passageways off the main streets were viewed.

The talk in September was given by Mrs Elizabeth Stonex, a descendant of the original owner of Otterhead House and Royston House, large Victorian Mansions which have subsequently been destroyed. However the gas acetylene equipment used for lighting, and the ram pump used to supply water to the house automatically from the reservoir are still extant. The estate is now owned by Wessex Water who manage the water supplies while the gardens are leased and looked after by the Otterhead Estate Trust.

As with so many other large country estates providing sport for the Victorians, the man power required to maintain these estates did not return in 1919 and the financial situation on the estate farms was also failing due to the large scale importation of food from the Empire.

Hemyock Singers

Coffee morning on Saturday November 12th, 10.00–12.00 in the Forbes Lounge, with sale of tickets for the December concert which will take place on December 9th in the parish hall.

The current gardens at Otterhead and Royston provide wonderful nature walks with sightings of dippers, otters, kingfishers and an indication of life in the Victorian era with hints of the original layout. The Estate Trust are always looking for volunteers to help maintain and manage the land.

The next two talks will be Richard Fox, our local historian, and hopefully David Rabson after his spell in hospital on the Nynehead Estate.

Mike Cooper

Longmead

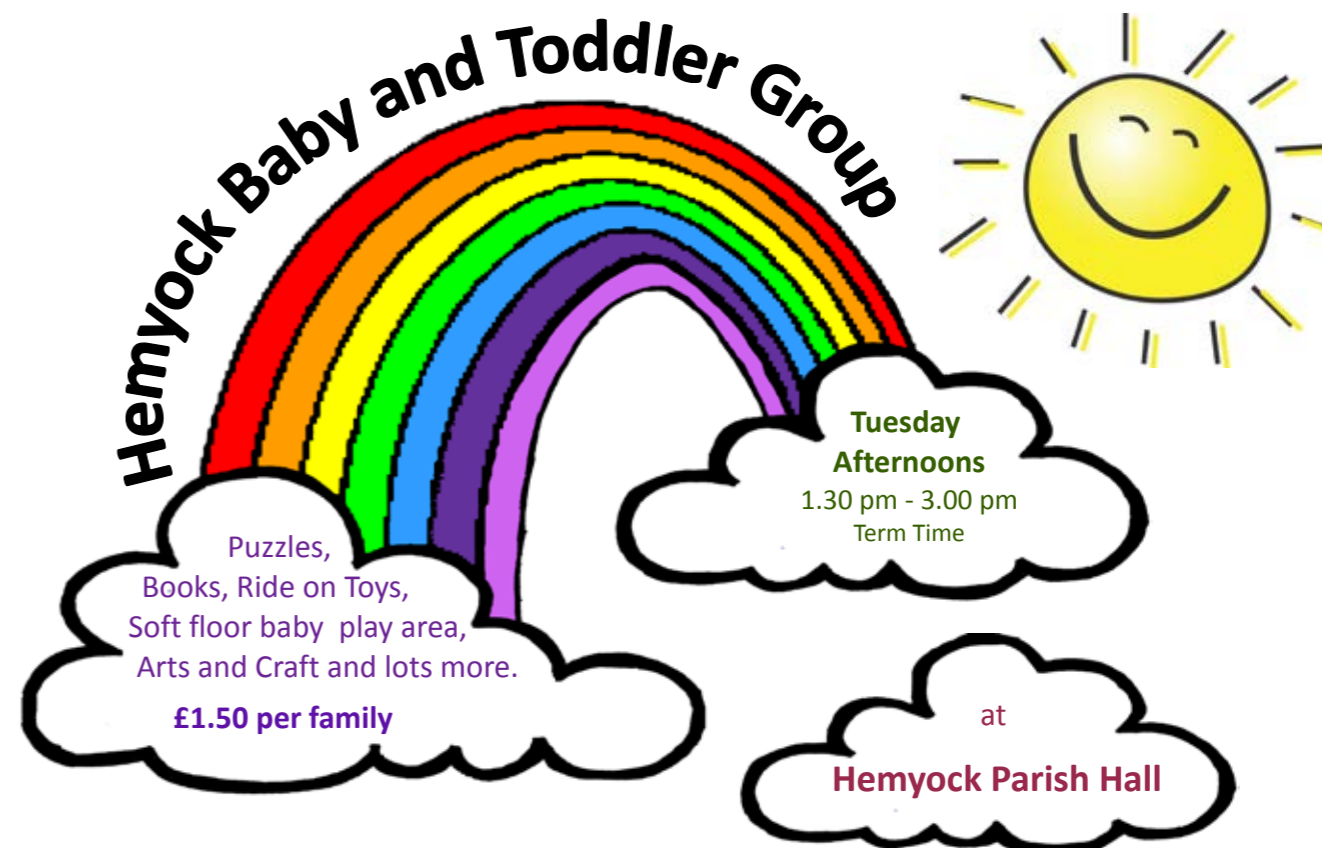
The Pavilion is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings, the building is licensed to sell alcohol and has a large screen TV and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use.

The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour
MUGA - £15.00 per hour

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



Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers we look forward to seeing you soon...
For further details contact Karen 01823 681034 or Lisa 01823 680468

The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA)

The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA) is a not-for-profit membership based organisation supporting the fantastic array of businesses that operate within the Blackdown Hills and the surrounding market towns and villages of East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all the visitors, traders and wonderful supporters who helped make the Blackdown Hills marquee at the Honiton Show such a huge success. This year was the second best year for the Honiton Show with over 20,000 visitors – many of whom came into our decorated marquee, where we were proud to showcase some of our members and their fantastic array of businesses. On the day the BHBA team were raising awareness of the Blackdown Hills area and the great work of the Devon Wheelers #BloodBikes in Honiton. Thanks to everyone's support we raised £280 for the Devon Wheelers, which will help the local charity continue to deliver great services across the West Country.



News

We are delighted to welcome new members; C&C Home Crafts www.candchomecrafts.co.uk who specialise in making handmade fabric lampshades. As well as Just The Right Image; a fun packed mobile photo booth, ideal for entertaining your family and friends at weddings, parties and celebrations. To discover more visit their Facebook pages.

Events – everyone is welcome!

We host a range of events throughout the year, including monthly networking events encouraging anyone and everyone to come along and join in! On Tuesday 18th October we have our **AGM and Skittles Evening** at the Catherine Wheel. On Wednesday 16th November we are hosting a **FREE Social Media Masterclass for Businesses** at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre. Discover how businesses of any sector can best utilise Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to reach their customers, prospective customers and target audience. For full details on all our events and how to book your place(s) visit www.bhba.org.uk/events.php

Our vision has always been to help achieve a vital, vibrant, successful and sustainable economy within the Blackdown Hills, with the purpose to provide a relaxed and supportive environment in which businesses serving the Blackdown Hills can learn, connect and grow together. If you know a business that could benefit from the support we provide, please do get in touch!

Follow on Twitter @BHBAcoordinator or LIKE our Facebook page. BHBA Co-ordinator: Claire Stepney Tel: 07826 581365, email info@bhba.org.uk, visit www.bhba.org.uk. We are pleased to share our news, events and opportunities to local residents and businesses.

BHBA Co-ordinator: Claire Stepney

Hemyock Pre-School Report

The children have settled back into the Pre-School very quickly, after the long summer break. We would like to welcome fourteen new children to the setting this term. We hope they will enjoy learning in our fun, safe environment.

This half term we are learning about 'Goldilocks and the three bears' as this narrative encourages children to understand size, numbers, emotions and allows them to act out the story which helps to develop their confidence. We will be looking at where bears live, hibernation and acting out 'Going on a bear hunt'. Children will have the opportunity to make porridge and bear biscuits. We will also be singing many favourite nursery rhymes and songs that incorporate fingers to represent numbers. Staff will be promoting good turn taking, sharing and discussing our rules and boundaries. We will be talking about harvest and reading stories relating to harvest such as 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The enormous turnip'. In small groups, discussions will take place to make children aware of the importance of helping others less fortunate than themselves.

A big 'thank you' to John Pring and Andy Brooke for constructing a roof to our extended play-area, during the school holidays. Also a 'huge thank you' to Brookridge Timber for donating all the timber for this area. If there is anyone in the community that could knit some newborn size doll's clothes, we would be very grateful.

Fundraising Events

Duck Race – 25th September 2016, 2.30pm at the river bridge, proceeded with a cream tea at the garages.

Full Moon Ball on Saturday 29th October 2016 at the village hall, 8pm till midnight. £10 a ticket, available at the Spar. Local band Area 52 will be performing.

If anyone in the village would like to join our fundraising team, we would be extremely grateful to hear from you. Please contact melanie.augias@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

Afternoon Tea at Prings Farm, Madford

The Cream Tea Afternoon has been running for over 5 years and this was the first year when the weather let us down with persistent rain throughout the day. However, this did not dampen our supporter's spirits with over 300 scones and 120 slices of sponge consumed.

It simply would not be possible to run this event without the dedicated support of EVERYONE who helped, both before and also on the day. Together we raised £2900, an AMAZING sum of money. This has been donated to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, The Beacon Centre, Exeter Leukaemia Fund and Dunkeswell Abbey Church.

We hope that you will be able to join us next year, on Sunday 25th June 2017.

If anyone has any china tea sets which they would like to donate to the event, please let Judy Barton know (680975).

Thank you once again.



Are your Children aged between 2 and 5 years?

Hemyock Pre-School is providing opportunities for Pre-school aged children to learn through play, and to prepare them for the transition to primary school

With a warm, fun, well equipped environment and a team of fully trained friendly staff working towards The Early Years Foundation Stage.

We can provide, morning sessions, lunch clubs and afternoon sessions, for your children to attend. All children are entitled to 15 hours of government funding, starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

For more information or to arrange a visit to Hemyock Pre-School, please call 680240 or email hemyockpreschool@btinternet.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Play Leader
Denise Wood**

Hemyock Pre School
Parklands, Hemyock
Devon. EX15 3RY

Member of The Pre-School Learning Alliance

Registered Charity No: 1030985

Historic Vehicle Show – 21.08.16

Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our event in Uplowman on Sunday 21st August.

Unfortunately the rain did bring the show to an early close, but despite this we did have an amazing display of craft stalls and vehicles, and as a result were able to donate around £1,300 to our designated charity, Devon Freewheelers EVS.

We will soon be busy making plans for the 10th anniversary so if you could get involved in any way please contact me on 820527.

See you next year!

Lindy Astbury
Secretary – Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicles

Hemyock Tennis Club

Summer may be over but the tennis goes on

This summer has seen a steady stream of new members taking up or rediscovering the social and health benefits of tennis and the enjoyment of playing. Many have taken advantage of the continuing offer of HALF PRICE MEMBERSHIP for all those new to the club. Details may be found on the Hemyock website at www.hemyock.org.

The evenings are drawing in but social tennis continues throughout the year with floodlight facilities to two of the courts for evening play. 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

New members and fresh faces are very welcome at social tennis sessions. The usual format is that on arrival players arrange themselves in pairs and play five games of doubles. The pairs then split (splitting the winners and the losers) and move courts to play against other pairs who have done the same. If there are more than twelve players at any session the rotating of pairings means that players only sit out for a very short time and pairings change continually throughout the session. The club has an automatic ball machine for the use of members.

Through the summer months the club runs a Tennis Ladder competition which is great fun and encourages additional social play and practice. Pairs may be ladies, gentlemen or mixed. Each pair plays against the pair above them in the ladder and the pair below them. The results are collated and a new ladder produced for the following month.

Some of this year's new members have put themselves forward for team play thus enhancing the teams and choice of players for fixtures. The mixed B Team has finished its summer league ending in fourth position but with very tight scores between the second, third and fourth teams.

Summer coaching camps for juniors were successfully run again by the club coach Dan Sizer. Coaching sessions for the juniors continue on Thursday afternoons,

Red (under 8's)	from 4.15 – 5.00
Amber (under 11's)	from 5.00 – 5.45
Juniors (under 16's)	from 5.45 – 6.45

The sessions for the reds and ambers may take place in the Millhayes Garage complex if the weather is unsuitable for court play. Adult coaching sessions will recommence in April 2016 but in the meantime private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dstenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dstenniscoaching.co.uk>.

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).

Suzanne Besant, Secretary
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1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello again. We are now into our Autumn programmes. But first a quick word about our summer camp with our

friends from Tonder in Denmark. I mentioned last time the sort of things that we would be doing and it all went wonderfully. The weather was fairly kind to us both for camp and home hospitality. We had a great gathering at Longmead on the middle Sunday, lots of people and a marvellous hog roast. Rikki did get wet but they forgot to tell him that there was flour involved as well. No matter it eventually washes off. I must add that all of our leaders looked worse than me! The final evening was held at The Garages, which is traditionally organised by the visiting group. The Danes laid on a splendid evening which was enjoyed by all. Then it was sad farewells until we meet again in Denmark in 2019. We have had our invite! I must add from our GSL that as a group we were complimented on our behaviour and enthusiasm at all the venues that we attended with discounts or donations back to our funds from the camp site owners, Exeter Cathedral, paintball organisers and the Exeter Underground Tunnels. Thankyou letters have been sent to these and other donors. Well done to all our young people and their excellent leaders.

Onward. I have some reports from our leaders. Group Scout Leader Andy tells us that all sections are running well with an increasing interest from adults willing to be active either as leaders or helpers. Excellent news. He also tells us that inquiries have been received about restarting the Beaver section (for young people pre cub age). Our wise old GSL says he will only support this if it has a long term leader plan as once started it cannot be allowed to fail. I agree with our wise GSL.

Our scout numbers are around twenty with twelve explorers. These two sections which run in tandem will be camping at Forest Glade in September and next year summer camp will be in the Peak District. Planning has already started. Our cub scout numbers are now thirty and all are working towards the Our World badge. I have mentioned their no sleep sleepover at Exeter University previously. Apparently there will be over 1000 attendees from all over the County. No wonder they wont sleep! I look forward to reporting back next time.

Autumn term programmes are now well under way, including – cooking, swimming, bonfire night, Spanish cooking (sounds good!), hikes, wide games, archery, high ropes and of course much more.

We also have our famous annual sale on 1st October. Hope to have seen you there. Tell you the result next time. We will also be with you on Sunday 13th November for Remembrance Day Service. We will parade from the Parish Hall and join you at St Mary's for the Service.

That's about it for this time, but finally: from Camp Fire Yarn no.21: Good temper and cheeriness. BP laid great stress on never being out of temper. He thought it bad form to lose your temper and to show anger. If you do your work cheerfully then it becomes much more of a pleasure and of course it makes other people cheerful too, which is part of your duty as a scout. So briefly if you make others happy, you will be happy yourself. All part of being a scout.

So, bye from Rikki for now.

Old Rikki

Apples and Somerset

Coming into the autumn, I suppose that we would mostly associate the humble apple with Somerset, especially with the wonderful drinks it can make and also eating them too! However it is interesting to look back on the origins of apples and how they came to the United Kingdom.

The apple tree originated in Central Asia and it's wild ancestor can still be found there today. Apples were found in Turkey and Kazakhstan and were reputed to have made their way to our country with the Romans.

The Romans cultivated apple orchards throughout the occupied country and after the Norman conquests, new varieties of apple from France were introduced and new varieties cross-pollinated in the grounds of Monasteries.

There are now over 7500 apple varieties throughout the world and apple production exceeds 80 million tons annually. Whilst the UK only produces 5% of this volume, it is home to many interesting apple that are used for cooking, food production and making ciders and other beverages.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group are helping to run a number of Apple Pressing Days in Buckland St Mary Village Hall car park (Sunday 9th October 1230-1630), Upottery Glebe Park Ex14 9RH (Sunday 16th October 1200-1700) and Stentwood Farm at Dunkeswell (29th & 30th October 1100-1700). So if you have any apples or windfalls, why not bring them along to one of these venues and turn them into wonderful juice!

It will also be a good opportunity to meet like-minded people who take an interest in looking after their environment, and also reaping the rich benefits of the wonderful Blackdown Hills.

We look forward to meeting you all!

Neil Arnold
Blackdown Hills Transition Group
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Poets' Corner

Autumn Wind

Once soft, green Summer leaves,
Browning, now rattle dryly,
In the Autumn breeze,
Which bows the blush
Of copper, red and brown
through once-green trees;
Berried hedges, live with chatter of the feeding birds;
And in the quiet garden,
The last roses dry, brown and withered on the stem,
Swayed by the wind that carries this years end.

David Palmer

Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

Timetable valid from 25/07/2016 until further notice.

Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

Mondays to Fridays						Saturdays					
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0850	1115	1415	1715		0850	1115	1415	1715		
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	0900	1125	1425	1726		0900	1125	1425	1726		
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	0911	1136	1436	1736		0911	1136	1436	1736		
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	0920	1145	1445	1745		0920	1145	1445	1745		
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	0924	1149	1449	1749		0924	1149	1449	1749		
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	0930	1155	1455	1755	0729	0930	1155	1455	1755	
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	0939	1204	1504	1804	0738	0939	1204	1504	1804	
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	0942	1207	1507	1807	0741	0942	1207	1507	1807	
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	0944	1209	1509	1809	0743	0944	1209	1509	1809	
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	0950	1215	1515	1815	0749	0950	1215	1515	1815	
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	0954	1219	1519	1819	0753	0954	1219	1519	1819	
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	0957	1222	1522	1822	0756	0957	1222	1522	1822	
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	1004	1229	1529	1829	0803	1004	1229	1529	1829	
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	1841		
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841	0820	1020	1245	1545	1841	
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	0824	1024	1249	1549		0824	1024	1249	1549		
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	0830	1030	1255	1555		0830	1030	1255	1555		
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	0839	1039	1304	1604		0839	1039	1304	1604		
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	0846	1046	1311	1611		0846	1046	1311	1611		
Colyford, opp The Elms	0850	1050	1315	1615		0850	1050	1315	1615		
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	0852	1052	1317	1617		0852	1052	1317	1617		
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	0857	1057	1322	1622		0857	1057	1322	1622		



Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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

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BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham

REDWOODS 697

Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0910	TIVERTON, Bus Station Stand 6	1315
HEMYOCK, Square	0912	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1321
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0920	CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1323
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0922	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1325
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	0930	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1332
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	0934	STAGG MILL, Cross	1337
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	0942	HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1342
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0944	HOCKFORD WATERS	1348
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	0950	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1350
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0952	HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	1352
HOCKFORD WATERS	0954	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	1358
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1000	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	1400
STAGG MILL, Cross	1005	WESTLEIGH, Shelter	1408
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1010	BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	1412
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1017	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1420
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1020	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1022	HEMYOCK, Square	1430
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1028	HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1432

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St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

August Bank Holiday weekend was a very busy time for the church. On Saturday in sunny weather, there was the annual Fete organised by the Friends of St Andrew's. We do thank them so much for all their hard work and organisation. We particularly want to thank Nicola Bendle, who has been the chief organiser for so many events during the last ten years, or more, and who now feels that she would like to take a quieter role. Thank you, Nicola. We do appreciate all your work and fund raising.

On Sunday, the weather had changed, but we still had a good BBQ, sitting in the marquee. This time we owe our thanks to Heather and Mervyn who have been so good in doing this for countless years. We appreciate everything you do for us.

For the three afternoons, we had a splendid exhibition in the church, arranged by the Local History Group. This year it was a tribute to Joan Harris who would have been 90 this August. Her daughter, Sue and Brian, organised a tremendous array of Joan's quilts, cushions etc and together with a display of Maisie's work, it was a spectacular display. In the church chancel were the writings and photographs about people and events that had involved Clayhidon people during the 90 years of the Queen's lifetime. This too was most interesting.

Two very unexpected events took place this summer when we were able to welcome to St Andrew's, visitors from thousands of miles away. The first people were from New Zealand. The man was so delighted to come in and see the font where his great-grandfather had been christened more than a century ago. Later, there were two visitors from Australia who included the grandson of a previous rector, C.B.Nicholl, who was Rector from 1917 – 1939. He was thrilled to be able to climb into the pulpit where his grandfather had stood; another occasion in the church's long history.

There was also a Thanksgiving service for Diana Betts who lived at 'Hardings' for 23 years before moving to Spain, and who died recently.

At the end of August, it was time to say Farewell to dear Helen Williams. She has now moved to Richmond in Surrey where we are certain she will be most welcome in the community and church and where we know that she will be able to provide considerable expertise and guidance among the young people there.

As we look forward to October and November, we start with the Harvest celebrations on **Friday 7th, 6.30** service, followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets are available from Casey Blackmore, 681331. Family Service will be at **10** on **Sunday 9th October**. The celebrations for **St Andrew** will be at **10.30** on **4th December** with a joint service here for all the churches.

On Bible Sunday, 23rd October, Family Service at 10am will also be occasion for a Blackmore baptism.

We are holding our **Christmas Coffee Morning on 3rd December**, in the **Church Room, 10-12**. Please come and start off the festive mood for the Christmas season. There will be many stalls to delight you. Any contributions are very welcome.

Pam Reynolds



Helen leaves us



Joan and Maisie's work on display

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH CLAYHIDON

**Harvest
Thanksgiving
& Supper**

FRIDAY 7TH OF OCTOBER

Service at 6.30 pm

SUPPER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AFTERWARDS

BY BOOKING WITH CASEY BLACKMORE 681331

TICKETS £12.00

St Andrew's Flower Rota

7th October Friday...HARVEST FESTIVAL

Flowers on Thursday 6th October at 10.30 please – reds, yellows, browns, fruit and veg and greenery very welcome.

For Sunday: October

16 th	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
23 rd	As above
30 th	Saranna Cogswell and Julie Bullett

For Sunday: November

6 th	Saranna Cogswell and Julie Bulleth
13 th	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith
20 th	As above

Advent starts on Sunday 27th November through until Christmas (SUNDAY 25th December). If everyone can do the festive flowers on Friday 23rd December at 10.30... that would be great!

Clayhidon Parish Hall

We have lined up a great autumn season of films, live gigs and other entertainment at Clayhidon Parish Hall. Here's the full programme. We hope there is something for you.

THANKSGIVING AND HARVEST SUPPER: 6.30 pm Friday 7 October.

LIVE GIG: 7.30 pm Friday, 14 October
After a great concert here earlier this year The Thunderbridge Bluegrass Band are back by popular demand.

FILM NIGHT: 7.30 pm Friday, 21 October.
Money Monster (15) is a riveting thriller directed by Jodie Foster, with George Clooney as a TV financial show host whose programme is hijacked by a gunman. Also stars an on-top-form Julia Roberts as show director.

LIVE GIG: 7.30 pm Wednesday, 9 November
Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo, who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition.

FILM NIGHT: 7.30 pm Friday, 18 November
Kate Beckinsale gives a mesmerising performance as a scandalous widow in the hit British period comedy Love and Friendship (U). "Excellent cast, delicious, witty – simply great fun," wrote one critic. "Terrifically fresh and oh-so wonderfully wicked," wrote another.

QUIZ NIGHT: 7.30 pm Saturday, 3 December
More details soon at www.clayhidon.org.uk.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 7.30 pm Friday, 16 December.
Sing along with mulled wine, mince pies and handbells.
More details soon at www.clayhidon.org.uk.

St Andrew's Cleaning Rota

Month	Dates	Names
Oct	3 – 8	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew
	10 – 15	Mrs Scott and Mrs Roberts
	17 – 22	Mrs Persey
	24 – 29	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones
Nov	1 – 5	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew
	7 – 12	Mrs Scott and Mrs Roberts
	14 – 19	Mrs Persey
	21 – 26	Dr Heaton and Mrs Jones
	28 – Dec 3 rd	Mrs Bendle and Mrs Drew

Clayhidon Friend's

September

Applehayes Studio in Clayhidon was the venue of our meeting this month, and Philip and Claire Simmonds had planned a superb event for us. Phil creates the most strikingly statuesque and classically shaped pots which grace elegant gardens all around the country, and it was the development of his career, his business and the subsequent move to Devon which he talked about initially, with the help of laptop photos illustrating the pots themselves and the building of his studio. Phil then demonstrated how he prepares the clay, which looked very hard work, and then on the potter's wheel he "threw" the base of a pot, then to give us an idea, began the building of the body of the pot with coils of clay. Once the pot is made, it is fired in a kiln, which Phil had built himself.

Phil is very enthusiastic about his craft, and he and Claire were happy to answer any questions.

We were offered some lovely refreshments, which we enjoyed enormously. A big thank you to Claire.

There was an opportunity for us to look at and buy small pieces of pottery (attractively decorated by Claire) which we appreciated.

Our grateful thanks go to Phil and Claire for giving us such an enjoyable and interesting evening.

Anne Langford

Clayhidon Friends'

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th November 2016

10.30am – 12 noon

ACRE RIDGE CLAYHIDON

For directions call Anne on 01823 680086

(Situated off the top/ridge road, between Red Lane and Smeathy Lane)

Cake, Bric-a-Brac, Books, produce stall and Raffle

Clayhidon Local History Group

During the August Bank Holiday weekend, we held our Local History Group exhibition, once more in St Andrew's Church. Joan Harris, who had started the group in 1983, would have been 90 this August and it was her hope that she would be able to also put out a display of writings and photographs, not just about Clayhidon events and people during the life time of the Queen, but also people who had the opportunity to visit a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, or to meet the Queen in other circumstances.

Donations from the weekend were for the Church and for Cancer Research and amounted to almost £700 for which we thank all those who contributed.

We start our new season with a visit to Fenix Carriages in Clayhidon, where they have recently been visited by HRH Prince Philip. Although some of us have made this visit on previous occasions, we know that Mark Broadbent will not only make us welcome, but will have such an excellent display to show us once more.

In October our meeting will be back in the Church Room when we will be given an illustrated talk by Peter Fisher, on Clayhidon and the Home Front during the WWI.

November is when we introduce our new speaker, a very senior lawyer Nicholas Gerasimidis, from our own community, who will be able to speak to us, perhaps about legal situations of which we cannot possibly imagine. We wait with eager anticipation to hear.

By December it will be time for our Christmas party and annual quiz which always has some very surprising questions and answers.

If you would like to join us, our meetings are on the third Thursday of the month and usually, are held in the Clayhidon Church Room. You are very welcome.

Pam Reynolds

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Comments about the weather are never far from our British conversation but for once we can speak of a good summer especially compared with last year. The average max and min temperatures are not too different but the rainfall - in 2015 we had 237mm and this year only 51mm !! It has resulted in a good year for both camps and holiday clubs. In Hemyock, for the latter, although the numbers were down on last year a good time was had including drama and games as they entered into the challenge of the 'Guardians of Ancora' led by pastor Steve Williams (HBC) and pastor Jonathan Hillman (RML) ably assisted by Revd. John Stone (St. Mary's) and a team including some enthusiastic youngsters - see the two pics. We trust that this will help to bring encouragement as the autumn youth work gets under way in our various churches.



A number of our folk attended what is known as the Bush Conference for families across the south west. This had its beginnings in a barn on a farm near Churchinford in the early 1980s and has grown significantly, moving on eventually to near Tiverton and now regularly at Bow near Crediton where some 200 gathered this year over the weekend 2nd-5th September.

Writing this article early this time means that we are not able to report on the Barn Praise at Kerswell on 11th September (for which we close our evening service at the chapel), our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday morning 18th September followed by a Sing-along Tea in the afternoon (including folk from the RML Lunch and Tea Clubs) or the Ploughman's Praise supper on the following Tuesday when we expect Mike Britton as our speaker.

Other plans for the future include a new Winter Bible Study series entitled "Changed from Inside Out" based on Ephesians Chapter 4. The first two this year will be on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on 18th October (Walking in the way of Christ) and 15th November (What are we Becoming?) - a warm welcome is extended to all who are able to join us. Then our Bonfire Night Celebration with the traditional soup and bangers will be on Friday evening 4th November.

One matter of particular note is that our chapel has been approached with the view to have a defibrillator attached to the outside wall for the help of anyone in the vicinity experiencing a cardiac arrest - this is in conjunction with the South West Ambulance Service.

Although the Blackdown Hills Churches have not had a Fun Day this year some of you may remember three years ago when the Anglican priest and clown, Roly Bain, entertained and challenged us - sadly he has recently passed on following a battle with cancer. A quote for our October/November article in 2013 says "Apart from many other balancing acts and tricks he walked on a 'slack rope' focusing his eyes on the opposite pole which had a cross on top - signifying the importance in the Christian life of keeping our eyes on Jesus."

We trust that we all will have an encouraging autumn doing just that.

On behalf of the Leadership Team,

Geoffrey Dearlsey

Clayhidon Parish Council Update August 2016

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

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/01233/HOUSE - Graddage Farm, Clayhidon. Erection of extension to garage.
- 16/01334/HOUSE - Higher Heazle, Clayhidon. Alterations and erection of extension.
- 15/00075/NBRE - Wiltown Mobile Home, Clayhidon. Appeal against enforcement notice.
- 16/00841/FUL - Mill View, Clayhidon. (Revised drawings). Erection of an agricultural building following demolition of 2 exiting agricultural buildings.

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.

Defibrillator for the Parish

The parish council has ordered 2 defibrillators from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. They

will be located at Rosemary Lane Chapel and the Half Moon. Once installed, training will be made available to interested parishioners. Details to follow.

Housing Needs Survey

You will shortly receive a Housing Needs Survey through your letter box. Please complete the form and return it to Devon Communities Together by 5th October. The results of this survey will assist the council in considering planning applications.

Gigaclear

Gigaclear is hoping to bring ultra-fast broadband to some areas of the parish. It will shortly be holding a public meeting to inform residents of the opportunity for some in the parish to receive ultra-fast broadband. Please see Gigaclear.com for more information and look out on the village website for details of the forthcoming meeting.

Alex Hill

Councillor Alex Hill has resigned from his post as Parish Councillor. Due to changes in his personal circumstances he can no longer commit to the role. The Parish Council thanks Alex for his time and efforts and wishes him well. The clerk has informed MDDC and a Notice of Vacancy will be posted shortly.

Parish Hall - Parking

The Parish Hall Committee is taking this initiative forward on behalf of the council. Russell Bendle has kindly agreed to allow the parish council to use his land to form additional car parking spaces adjacent to the Parish Hall. The parish council will resolve any planning, highway and drainage issues, manage the removal and reinstatement of a hedgerow and pay any legal fees.

First Aid Training

Would anyone be interested in attending a first aid training course? The parish council would sponsor the event, typically a half-day course covering Primary Survey, Basic Life Support, Choking, Wounds & Bleeding, Shock, and Hearts/Stroke/Seizures. Please let the clerk know if you are interested.

Parish Lengthsman work

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

And Finally...

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